

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
December 10, 2024

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on December 10, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Rod Northam, Councilmembers Steve Herring, Tommy Williams and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor and City Attorney Dale Lawrence. Councilmembers Eddy Campbell and Aliska Hughes-Monroe were absent.

The opening prayer was given by Police Officer Skyler Reed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fire Fighter Ryan Howton and Police Officers Skyler Reed, Logan Wright and Chris Parson.

Mayor Northam announced a quorum was present and the meeting was open for the transaction of business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Nichols moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 26, 2024, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

FAYETTE TREE CITY DESIGNATION

Mr. Logan Fisher of the Alabama Forestry Commission spoke to the Council about the City becoming a Tree City again. He said there are currently 83 Tree Cities in Alabama. He said it would benefit the City. Mayor Northam said the Tree City Board would consist of one citizen from each ward.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for November 2024. The report was as follows: 19 incidents investigated; 8 accidents; 142 traffic citations; 124 traffic warnings and 13 arrests.

Chief Jenkins introduced the City's three new police officers. They are Officer Skyler Reed, Officer Logan Wright and Officer Chris Parson. They each recently graduated from the Police Academy.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for November 2024. The Fire Department received 11 calls.

Chief Taylor introduced to the Council Firefighter Ryan Howton.

MUNICIPAL HOUSING CODE ABATEMENT BOARD

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor said that he had spoken to some of the members of the Municipal Housing Code Abatement board and they had reported to him that they were no longer able to serve due to their health. Mayor Northam said it was important to get this Board active again.

2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported on matters concerning the upcoming 2025 Municipal Election. She said February 26, 2025, was the deadline to make changes to the salaries and benefits of the Mayor and Council. She stated June 5, 2025, was the last day to set qualification fees. Mrs. Clapp reported candidates could start qualifying on June 10, 2025, and that qualifying would end on June 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. She said August 26, 2025, was Election Day.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Mayor Northam reported to the Council that the following City Departments had requested that the following property be declared surplus: (1) Police Dept. (a.) 2014 Chevrolet Caprice #8118; (b) 2014 Chevrolet Caprice #6454; (c) "Watchguard camera system; (2) Park & Recreation Dept. (a) 2008 GMC Yukon with reserve of \$5,000.00; and (b) 2002 Chevy S-10 with a reserve of \$1,000.00; (3) Street & Sanitation Dept. (a) 2007 Ford F-150 extended cab, (b) leaf vacuum machine; (c) four post lift; and, (d) Santa Claus from old City Hall. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council declare the above property surplus. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR CITY

Mayor Northam said because the City is applying for a grant from ALDOT for operational, administration, planning and capital assistance for the City's local transportation service, it must hold a public hearing for the public to comment. Councilmember Williams moved the Council set a public hearing for Tuesday, January 14, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

2024 BUSINESS LICENSE REVIEW

Mayor Northam reviewed with the Council the number of business licenses purchased over the last two years. He said 1,261 business licenses were issued in 2023, and 1,257 were issued in 2024.

CIVIC CENTER BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS

Mayor Northam said he had received a request from the Fayette Civic Center Board that Mrs. Libby Kimbrell and Mr. Clyde Stevens be reappointed to another term on the board. He said the letter also reported Mrs. Beverly McCollum's term was also expiring but she did not wish to be reappointed. Mayor Northam said the two reappointments would be voted on at the next meeting.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

It was the consensus of the Council to hold the next Council meeting on December 23rd at 5:00.

APPROVAL OF CITY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Nichols moved the City's financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Nichols moved the Municipal Court financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Nichols moved the Park & Recreation financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam said "Christmas at the Park" would run through the night of December 31st. He said for the first twelve days, 2,128 vehicles had visited being an average of 177 vehicles per day.

Mayor Northam stated the retirement reception for local attorney, Mr. Theron Nolen would be held on December 12th.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month, the City received \$300,439.00 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$35,067.00 for a combined total of \$335,506.00. She reported the City received \$8,064.00 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$23,319.66 in online sales tax.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Nichols moved the Council go into executive session to discuss the general reputation and character of an individual. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council come out of executive session. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon the motion to adjourn being made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk