

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
March 11, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on March 11, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

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

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Josh Taylor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell.

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell 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 February 25, 2025, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for February 2025. The report was as follows: 33 incidents investigated; 7 accidents; 67 traffic citations; 100 traffic warnings and 71 arrests.

Police Chief Danny Jenkins also reported that one of the police cars that was declared surplus in December, did not sell. He requested the reserve amount on the vehicle be reduced to \$1,250.00. Councilmember Herring moved the reserve on the surplus police vehicle be reduced to \$1,250.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

POLICE OFFICER STEP INCREASE

Police Chief Danny Jenkins recommended to the Council that Officer Roger Morrison receive a step raise increase in his hourly rate of pay from Patrolman Grade 1 to Patrolman Grade 2. Councilmember Nichols moved Officer Roger Morrison receive a step increase from Patrolman Grade 1 to Patrolman Grade 2. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

FCHS UPDATE

Principal Jennifer Sanford spoke to the Council concerning Fayette County High School. She updated them on certain projects at FCHS and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. She also thanked the Police Department for their support as well.

Junior City Mayor Sean White, who is also Senior Class President, reported to the Council that the students were studying and preparing for the upcoming ACT test. He said at FCHS there are many student clubs and organizations that can help a student grow and expand their knowledge.

Mrs. Susan Ingle spoke concerning the three technical programs that are offered at FCHS.

FCHS Football Coach Jarrod Porter thanked the Council for their support of FCHS athletics. He said Gutherie Smith Park hosts FCHS tennis matches. He reported there were eight boys sports programs and nine girls sports programs.

FCHS Band Director Sebastian Dobbins spoke concerning the band program and choral program. He said the Symphonic Band recently received all superior marks at the Alabama Bandmasters Competition at the University of Alabama.

FCHS Librarian Wendy Canterbury, who is also the Future Teachers of America sponsor, reported that FTA currently has forty members, and they job shadow at Fayette Elementary School.

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell and the Council presented an appropriation of \$10,000.00 to Fayette County High School.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS PROPOSAL

Mrs. Dana Gilliam, Executive Director of Ministries at Fayette First Methodist Church, spoke to the Council concerning her proposal to use a portion of the City's opioid settlement funds to support their Recovery Room Program. She said her church funds the program, but some of the individuals in the program need to go to a detox facility before they can then enter a sober living facility. She stated most individuals who need to go to a detox facility do not have insurance or the resources to pay for it and that the funds would be used for this. Mrs. Gilliam said that the funds could also be used to pay, if necessary, some of the fees to get individuals into a sober living facility.

AQUATIC CENTER SPLASH FOUNTAIN

Park Director Chris Champion spoke to the Council concerning the splash fountain surface installation. He said he had received two quotes that are as follows: (1) Baynum Solutions - \$29,900.00; and, (2) Safe Slide Restoration - \$39,634.52. He recommended the City accept the quote of Baynum Solutions in the amount of \$29,900.00. Councilmember Herring moved the Council award the contract for the installation of the splash fountain surface to Baynum Solutions in the amount of \$29,900.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

AQUATIC CENTER RATES

Park Director Chris Champion addressed the Council concerning the rates to be charged for the upcoming season at the Aquatic Center. He did not recommend any changes to the rates for private parties. The consensus of the Council was to leave the rates for private parties the same as the past year. There was also a discussion of the admission rates and the price of seasonal passes. Mr. Champion said the Council may want to consider increasing the price of the seasonal passes. After discussing the possibility of increasing the price of the seasonal passes no change was made.

Mr. Champion also said that he would like to eliminate the Certified Pool Operator (CPO) positions, which would save \$11,000.00. He said if they have a problem, they can call Mr. Lance Holliman who is a CPO and maintains the pool and lazy river at the Aquatic Center.

PARK & RECREATION REQUEST TO PURCHASE GOLF CART

Park Director Chris Champion requested the Council allow the Park & Recreation Department to use the excess funds from the purchase of the zero-turn mower to purchase a 2016 Yamaha golf cart from Frank's Buggies at a cost of \$4,200.00. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council authorize the purchase of the 2016 Yamaha golf cart from Frank's Buggies at a cost of \$4,200.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for February 2025. The Fire Department received 17 calls.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell reported the Planning Commission had requested Ms. Kim Dodson be appointed to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Williams moved the seven-day notice period for nominations be waived. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved. Councilmember Herring moved the Council appoint Ms. Kim Dodson to the Planning Commission. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

ALDOT REQUEST

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell reported to the Council that the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) had requested that the City allow ALDOT to pave the eastern part of the old runway and then paint a course layout on the new pavement. He said the course would be used for their equipment rodeo which is held every year. Councilmember Williams moved the Council approve ALDOT's request. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF 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 Herring, 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 Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell said there is a Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell reported that there will be a Storm Spotters training class at the Civic Center on March 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell said there will be a work day at the Healing Zone on May 22nd at 8:00 a.m.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of February 2025, the City received \$274,153.92 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$30,637.72 for a combined total of \$304,791.64. She reported that the City received \$7,565.19 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$42,428.68 in online sales tax.

REPORT OF JUNIOR MAYOR

Junior Mayor Sean White reported the Fayette Junior City Council will be taking applications soon for the upcoming school year.

Junior Mayor White said the Autism Awareness Basketball Tournament will be held on May 10th.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk