

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
JULY 11, 2023

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee, met in an open, public session at the regular meeting place of said Board in the Municipal Building of said City at 5:00 p.m. on July 11, 2023. Mayor Donna Hartman was present and presiding. The following named Aldermen were present:

Jeff Alder, Tonya Allen, Roger Martinez, Jacob Painter and Dorothy Small.

Vice Mayor Danny Bryant was absent.

Kevin Owens, City Administrator, and Johnny D. Hill, Jr., City Attorney were also present.

The prayer was led by Matt Tidmore of The Rock Worship Center, and the pledge was led by Mary Gentry Byrd and Charlie Byrd.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion was made by Jacob Painter, seconded by Jeff Alder, to remove items “9.M. FPU Board appointment (City appointee) – Mike Keenan” and “9.N. FPU Board appointment (County appointee) – Nolan Tallman” from the agenda. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

Jeff Alder, Tonya Allen, Roger Martinez, Jacob Painter, and Dorothy Small

Nay:

None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Motion was made by Dorothy Small, seconded by Jacob Painter, to adopt the agenda as amended. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

Tonya Allen, Roger Martinez, Jacob Painter, Dorothy Small, and Jeff Alder

Nay:

None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Approval of Minutes:

The Public Hearing Minutes of June 13, 2023 for the Fayetteville City Schools Budget were approved as presented.

The Public Hearing Minutes of June 13, 2023 for the City of Fayetteville Budget were approved as presented.

The Regular Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2023 were approved as presented.

The Public Hearing Minutes of June 30, 2023 for the City of Fayetteville Budget and Tax Rate were approved as presented.

The Special Called Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2023 were approved as presented.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Reports:

Fayetteville/Lincoln County Library:

Meghan Murr, Fayetteville/Lincoln County Library Director, reported that during the month of June, 2023, two thousand, nine hundred thirty six (2,936) patrons visited the Library. These patrons checked out a total of three thousand, four hundred sixty-nine (3,469) materials. There were seventy-nine new library cards issued. The five (5) weeks of the summer reading program has recognized one thousand, eight hundred thirty-two (1,832) hours of reading time logged. During the month of June, the library hosted forty-five (45) programs with seven hundred eighty (780) patrons participating in these programs. Many more programs are planned for the month of July. The Storybook Trail is now open at the library. Director Murr expressed her appreciation for the Governor's Early Literacy Foundation grant that helped fund the project.

Fayetteville City Schools:

Eric Jones, Fayetteville City Schools Director, stated that as the new director he is excited to serve the students of our community in this capacity. In his opening statements, Director Jones pledged to do his best to be a good steward of the schools' resources and the trust that our community instills in the city school system to take good care of our students and provide them with what they need to get the best education and the best preparation they can possibly receive. The Class of 2023 had ninety (90) graduates. Students from this graduating class were offered scholarships valued in excess of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00).

Fayetteville Public Utilities:

Britt Dye, Fayetteville Public Utilities (FPU) CEO/General Manager, reported that FPU has received a letter from the State saying they have met all the financial requirements for the State Revolving Fund loan in the amount of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000.00). Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) of this in loan forgiveness. In addition to this, two (2) more forgiveness loans have been applied for. Plans are to make the current four million, five hundred thousand (4,500,000) gallon water plant into an eight million (8,000,000) gallon water plant which is a large increase in capacity for the future. The new cyber security policy went into effect on July 1, 2023. FPU has also met all the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) requirements for power system capacity and reliability throughout the system. FPU's three (3) year strategic plan for years 2023-2027 was recently adopted by their board of directors. Construction is ongoing for the broadband telecommunications build of "fiber to the home" in the rural communities of county. Eleven (11) street repairs for water and/or wastewater were recently done which completes all the holes patched inside the city.

Fayetteville Health:

Mary Beth Seals, President of Fayetteville Health, stated that Lincoln Health is now celebrating their one (1) year anniversary and will host a rolling ribbon cutting to rededicate of all their facilities. All the new signage indicating the relationship with Huntsville Hospital is now installed. The board now consists of fifteen (15) community members. Updates to the Patrick Rehab-Wellness Center are underway and plans are to complete the work in four (4) stages. Donaldson Care Center and Lincoln Medical Center will be updated as well within the next one (1) to two (2) years. Fayetteville Health now employees approximately four hundred thirty (430) employees and has forty-nine (49) positions open at this time. Recruitment for primary care physicians continues as a priority. President Seals is working to begin a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program in place by the fall of this year through the local Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) facility.

Fire Report:

Chief Tony Kimbrough reported that the Fayetteville Fire Department responded to one hundred seventeen (117) calls for service in the month of June 2023 to include thirteen (13) fire calls, eighty-six (86) EMS assists, and eleven (11) accidents with injuries.

Police Report:

Chief Barry Pendergraft reported that the Fayetteville Police Department responded to one thousand, one hundred fifty-one (1,151) events in the month of June 2023 to include fifty-one (51) traffic

accidents with seven (7) injuries, made fifty-eight (58) arrests on seventy-one (71) charges and issued forty-five (45) citations from sixty-two (62) violations.

Finance Report:

Jamey Owen, Finance Director, reported that for Local Option Sales Tax, this month we received three hundred nine thousand, nine hundred eighty-five dollars and sixty-six cents (\$309,985.66). We have received two hundred sixty-four thousand, nine hundred fifty-three dollars and seventeen cents (\$264,953.17) more than this time last fiscal year. We have received over one hundred four percent (104%) of the projected three million, two hundred thousand dollar (\$3,200,000.00) budget. For the Occupancy Tax, this month we received fifteen thousand, three hundred nine dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$15,309.87). We have received thirty-one thousand, nine hundred eighty-six dollars and sixty-four cents (\$31,986.64) more than this time last fiscal year. We have received over one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the projected one hundred sixty thousand dollar (\$160,000.00) budget. For the Property Tax, this month we received eighteen thousand, seven hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$18,738.00). We have received one hundred thirty-five thousand, three hundred seventy one dollars and eight cents (\$135,371.08) more than this time last fiscal year. We have currently received over ninety-two percent (92%) of the annual budgeted amount.

Recreation Report:

Brian Carter, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that Don Davidson Park has been energized and the new lights are working. The drainage project at the park will begin once the softball season ends. The fence work at the parking lot adjacent to the soccer field has been done. Once the inspector grants approval the tile will be placed to grant access to the lot. Kids Park is open and being evaluated by staff daily for potential issues. Repairs were recently made and the purchase of equipment to renovate has been requested. The recent fireworks show was a great success despite rain. Softball season has begun with five (5) women's teams and eight (8) men's teams playing this year. July is Parks and Recreation month; therefore, several special events are being planned at the pool, Stone Bridge Park, and Farmers Market.

Public Works Report:

Eddie Plunkett, Public Works Director, reported that two hundred forty-nine (249) tons of trash and one hundred thirty-four (134) tons of brush were collected for the month of June. The Public Works Department currently has three (3) open positions.

Planning and Codes Report:

Kristi Gentry, Planning and Codes Director, reported that twelve (12) permits were issued and three thousand, eight hundred fifty-two dollars (\$3,852.00) in permit fees were collected for the month of June 2023. The total project valuation was two million, eighty-four thousand, ninety-three dollars (\$2,084,093.00). Four new commercial businesses received their Certificates of Occupancy in June. Sixty-five (65) property maintenance violations were written in the month of June. There is a court hearing scheduled for July 13th. Five (5) condemnation hearings are scheduled for July 26th. The Planning Commission passed two (2) minor plats in their June meeting. The Home Grant projects are ongoing. The building inspector and assistant fire chief will be visiting several city facilities with a Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Administration (TOSHA) representative where safety inspections will be performed. The next community clean-up event is tentatively scheduled for August 5, 2023.

City Administrator's Report:

Kevin Owens, City Administrator, provided his monthly report to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. The downtown sidewalk project bid date has been extended to July 25, 2023. We are in the process of applying for the Multimodal grant for additional sidewalks and met with a consultant earlier today. The grant application due date is July 18th. Plans are to send out the animal control invitation to bid within the next week with hopes to have a contract for animal control services signed by October 1st.

Resolution R-2023-10 Request to apply for Governor's Grant to fund SROs:

Resolution R-2023-10, a resolution entitled, "A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fayetteville Police Department to Apply for Statewide School Resource Officer (SRO) Program Grant" was considered. Said resolution is as follows:

Motion was made by Roger Martinez, seconded by Jacob Painter, to approve the resolution as presented. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:
Roger Martinez, Jacob Painter, Dorothy Small, Jeff Alder, and Tonya Allen

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Resolution R-2023-11 Acceptance of FM Global Fire Prevention Grant:

Resolution R-2023-11, a resolution entitled “A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fayetteville Fire Department to Accept FM Global Fire Prevention Grant” was considered. Said resolution is as follows:

Motion was made by Jacob Painter, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve Resolution R-2023-11 as presented. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:
Jacob Painter, Dorothy Small, Jeff Alder, Tonya Allen, and Roger Martinez

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Resolution R-2023-12 Request to Participate in the Safety Partners matching Grant:

Resolution R-2023-12, a resolution entitled “A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fayetteville to Participate in the Safety Partners Matching Grant Program” was considered. Said resolution is as follows:

Motion was made by Dorothy Small, seconded by Jacob Painter, to approve Resolution R-2023-12 as presented. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:
Dorothy Small, Jeff Alder, Tonya Allen, Roger Martinez, and Jacob Painter

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Resolution R-2023-13 Acceptance of Traffic Signal Mobilization Grant:

Resolution R-2023-13, a resolution entitled “A Resolution to Accept 2023 Traffic Signal Modernization Program Grant” was considered. Said resolution is as follows:

Motion was made by Dorothy Small, seconded by Roger Martinez, to approve Resolution R-2023-13 as presented. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:
Jeff Alder, Tonya Allen, Roger Martinez, Jacob Painter, and Dorothy Small

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Purchase of equipment repair items for Kids Park (\$17,849.73):

Motion was made by Tonya Allen, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve the purchase of equipment repair items for Kids Park in the amount of seventeen thousand, eight hundred forty-nine dollars and seventy-three cents (\$17,849.73) to come from the capital funds. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:
Tonya Allen, Roger Martinez, Jacob Painter, Dorothy Small and Jeff Alder

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

FCS FY23 Budget Amendment #6 General Purpose:

Motion was made by Dorothy Small, seconded by Roger Martinez, to approve the Fayetteville City Schools' FY23 Budget Amendment #6 General Purpose fund. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:
Roger Martinez, Jacob Painter, Dorothy Small, Jeff Alder, and Tonya Allen

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Friends of Fayetteville/Lincoln County Veterans (\$186.73 Additional for flags):

Motion was made by Jacob Painter, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve one hundred eighty-six dollars and seventy-three cents (\$186.73) to the Friends of Fayetteville/Lincoln County Veterans additional funding for the purchase of new flags. The County is to donate this same additional amount. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:
Jacob Painter, Dorothy Small, Jeff Alder, Tonya Allen, and Roger Martinez

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Resolution R-2023-14 Transfer of vehicle to Humane Society:

Resolution R-2023-14, a resolution entitled "A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of City-Owned Vehicle to Fayetteville-Lincoln County Humane Society" was considered. Said resolution is as follows:

Motion was made by Roger Martinez, seconded by Jacob Painter, to approve Resolution R-2023-14 as presented. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:
Dorothy Small, Jeff Alder, Tonya Allen, Roger Martinez, and Jacob Painter

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Animal Control/Humane Society building sewer emergency repair (\$4,500.00):

Motion was made by Roger Martinez, seconded by Jacob Painter, to approve two thousand, two hundred fifty dollars (\$2,250.00) which is one-half (1/2) of the total cost of the sewer emergency repair for the Animal Control/Humane Society building. The county will provide the funding for the remaining one-half (1/2). Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:
Jeff Alder, Tonya Allen, Roger Martinez, Jacob Painter, and Dorothy Small

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Back to School Square Crawl event permit – July 29, 2023:

Motion was made by Dorothy Small, seconded by Jacob Painter, to approve the Back to School Square Crawl event permit for July 29, 2023. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:
Tonya Allen, Roger Martinez, Jacob Painter, Dorothy Small and Jeff Alder

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Lincoln County Democrats Back to School Bash event permit – August 12, 2023:

Motion was made by Jacob Painter, seconded by Dorothy Small, to approve the Lincoln County Democrats Back to School Bash event permit for August 12, 2023. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:
Roger Martinez, Jacob Painter, Dorothy Small, Jeff Alder, and Tonya Allen

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Library Board appointment – Faye Hill:

Motion was made by Jeff Alder, seconded by Dorothy Small, to approve the appointment of Faye Hill to the Library Board. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:
Jacob Painter, Dorothy Small, Jeff Alder, Tonya Allen, and Roger Martinez

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Board of Appeals reappointment – Danny Shelton:

Motion was made by Dorothy Small, seconded by Tonya Allen, to approve the reappointment of Danny Shelton to the Board of Appeals. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:
Dorothy Small, Jeff Alder, Tonya Allen, Roger Martinez, and Jacob Painter

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Airport Authority appointment – Jeff Wilcox:

Motion was made by Tonya Allen, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve the appointment of Jeff Wilcox to the Airport Authority. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:
Jeff Alder, Tonya Allen, Roger Martinez, Jacob Painter, and Dorothy Small

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

There being no more business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.



City Clerk



Mayor Donna Hartman