REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
JANUARY 9, 2024

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 January 9, 2024. Mayor Donna Hartman was present and presiding. The following named Aldermen were present:

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

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

The prayer was led by Vice Mayor Danny Bryant, and the pledge was led by Mattie Smith, Maddox Parker, and Bentlee Smith.

Adoption of Agenda:

The agenda for January 9, 2024 will stand.

Approval of Minutes:

The Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2023 were approved as presented.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Oath of Office:

Loretta Garner was sworn in as Finance Director.

Nathan Browning was sworn in as Parks and Recreation Director.

Lucas Edwards was sworn in as Information Technology Director.

Reports:

Fayetteville Public Utilities:

Britt Dye, Fayetteville Public Utilities (FPU) CEO/General Manager, thanked the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for their support in FPU obtaining SRF loans and related forgiveness amounts totaling eighteen million dollars ($18,000,000). FPU continues the deployment of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system which monitors all utilities throughout the service area. The community outreach efforts will begin again in March. The electric vehicle charging station is scheduled to be completed in February, 2024. FPU built in excess of four hundred (400) miles of fiber in 2023.

Fire Report:

Interim Fire Chief Davy Bergman reported that in the month of December 2023 the Fayetteville Fire Department responded to one hundred thirty-four (134) calls for service to include sixteen (16) fire alarm calls, three (3) fires, one hundred nine (109) EMS assists, and four (4) motor vehicle accidents.

Police Report:

Chief Barry Pendergraft reported that the Fayetteville Police Department responded to eight hundred eighty-one (881) events in the month of December 2023 to include thirty-three (33) traffic accidents with two (2) injuries, made thirty-eight (38) arrests and issued fifty (50) traffic citations.

Finance Report:

Loretta Garner, Finance Director, reported that Local Option Sales Tax received in November was three hundred six thousand, one hundred seven dollars ($306,107.00) which is an increase of eight percent (8%). Occupancy Tax received was thirteen thousand, one hundred ninety-seven dollars ($13,197.00), which is a decrease from last year.

Recreation Report:

Nathan Browning, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that sixteen (16) tables have been purchased for Stone Bridge Park. Baseball and softball signups are underway for the spring season. Press boxes and being built and signs are being installed on the fences at Don Davidson Park. This year's Easter Eggstravaganza egg hunt is scheduled for March 23rd from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Public Works Report:

Eddie Plunkett, Public Works Director, reported that eighty-one (81) tons of brush, thirty-eight (38) tons of leaves, and two hundred thirty-three (233) tons of trash were collected for the month of December. The Public Works Department will be closed on Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, therefore citizens on Monday and Tuesday garbage routes are asked to put out their trash Monday night for pickup on Tuesday.

Planning and Codes Report:

Kristi Gentry, Planning and Codes Director, reported that two (2) permits were issued and eighty-eight dollars ($88.00) in permit fees were collected for the month of December 2023. The total project valuation was eight thousand, two hundred dollars ($8,200.00). Thirty-seven (37) property violations were logged in the month of December. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2024. The application period for the Home Grant is open and plans are to gather information to present to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen with an intent to apply for this no-match grant.

City Administrator's Report:

Kevin Owens, City Administrator, provided his monthly report to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. The mid-year budget review is scheduled for February 6, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Owens advised that he had contacted Representative Pat Marsh to express the City's desire for a police training academy to be located closer to our location. Representative Marsh then contacted the State Department of Commerce and Insurance who informed him that this is already being addressed with hopes of having a facility operational in 2025. There is a meeting scheduled with the merchants to be affected with the first phase of the sidewalk project on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. Animal control facilitated their first adoption yesterday.

Additional funding – William D. Jones bridge ($20,086.84 from bond funds):

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Jacob Painter, to approve additional funding for the William D. Jones bridge in the amount of twenty thousand, eighty-six dollars and eighty-four cents ($20,086.84) to come from bond funds. Upon roll call, the following voted:

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

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Noregon software renewal ($1,999.00 from ARPA funds):

Motion was made by Tonya Allen, seconded by Dorothy Small, to approve the Noregon diagnostic software renewal for the Public Works garage in the amount of one thousand, nine hundred ninety-nine dollars ($1,999.00) to come from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Upon roll call, the following voted:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Curb on Edison St. E. at the Methodist Church ($8,000.00 from bond funds):

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Jacob Painter, to approve for a curb to be installed on Edison St. E. at the Methodist Church in the amount of eight thousand dollars ($8,000.00) to come from bond funds. Upon roll call, the following voted:

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

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Additional funding – Police training & travel ($23,800.00 from ARPA funds):

Motion was made by Tonya Allen, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve additional funding for police academy training and travel expenses in the amount of twenty-three thousand, eight hundred dollars ($23,800.00) to come from ARPA funds. Upon roll call, the following voted:

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

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Installation of electric service to soccer scoreboard ($2,000.00 from bond funds):

Motion was made by Roger Martinez, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve the installation of electric service to the soccer scoreboard in the amount of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) to come from bond funds. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:
Dorothy Small, Jeff Alder, Tonya Allen, Danny Bryant and Roger Martinez

Nay:
Jacob Painter

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

FCS and COF MOU for volleyball:

Motion was made by Jacob Painter, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Fayetteville City Schools and the City of Fayetteville for the use of Fayetteville Middle School gym for Junior Pro Volleyball League. Upon roll call, the following voted:

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

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Ordinance 2024-01 FY24 Budget Amendment #3:

Ordinance 2024-01, an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance of the City of Fayetteville, Amending the Annual Budget and Capital Program for Fiscal Year 2024" was considered. Said ordinance is as follows:

Motion was made by Roger Martinez, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve Ordinance 2024-01 as presented. Upon roll call, the following voted:

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

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

FCS FY24 GP Budget Amendment #3:

Motion was made by Roger Martinez, seconded by Dorothy Small, to approve the Fayetteville City Schools General Purpose Budget Amendment #3. Upon roll call, the following voted:

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

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

FCS FY24 Cafeteria Budget Amendment #1:

Motion was made by Jacob Painter, seconded by Dorothy Small, to approve the Fayetteville City Schools Cafeteria Budget Amendment #1. Upon roll call, the following voted:

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

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

FY25 Budget Calendar:

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Tonya Allen to approve the FY25 Budget Calendar. Upon roll call, the following voted:

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

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Personnel policy change – Police Dept hours & overtime pay (Effective 1/13/24):

Motion was made by Tonya Allen, seconded by Roger Martinez, to approve the personnel policy change for the Police Department hours and overtime pay to be effective January 13, 2024. Upon roll call, the following voted:

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

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Croy Engineering – Camp Blount drainage ($17,080.00 from Governor's Appropriation Grant):

Motion was made by Jacob Painter, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve the Croy Engineering proposal for bid administration and construction administration professional services for the Camp Blount Drainage Improvements project for an amount not to exceed seventeen thousand, eighty dollars ($17,080.00) to come from the Governor's Appropriation Grant. Upon roll call, the following voted:

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

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Revised purchasing policy (increase sealed bid requirement to $25,000.00):

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Jeff Alder, to revise the purchasing policy by increasing the sealed bid requirement to twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00). Upon roll call, the following voted:

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

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Cruz'n for Jr.'s House event permit – January 13, 2024:

Motion was made by Jacob Painter, seconded by Dorothy Small, to approve the Cruz'n for Jr.'s House event permit for January 13, 2024. Upon roll call, the following voted:

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

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday parade event permit – January 15, 2024:

Motion was made by Jacob Painter, seconded by Tonya Allen, to approve the Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday event permit for January 15, 2024. Upon roll call, the following voted:

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

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Chocolate Walk event permit – February 3, 2024:

Motion was made by Jacob Painter, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve the Chocolate Walk event permit for February 3, 2024. Upon roll call, the following voted:

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

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Easter Eggstravaganza event permit – March 23, 2024:

Motion was made by Jacob Painter, seconded by Dorothy Small, to approve the Easter Eggstravaganza event permit for March 23, 2024. Upon roll call, the following voted:

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

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment – Kaila Gentry (Term to expire 11/01/26):

Motion was made by Danny Bryant to approve the Board of Zoning Appeals appointment of Kaila Gentry. Motion failed due to there not being a second.

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

Donna Hartman
Mayor Donna Hartman

Kevin L. Owens
City Clerk