

City of Fayetteville
Regular Mayor and City Council Meeting
Minutes
February 18, 2016

Call to Order

The Mayor and City Council of Fayetteville met in regular session on February 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Edward Johnson called the meeting to order, followed by Opening Prayer given by Det. Scott Israel, and then led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present were: Harlan Shirley, Kathaleen Brewer, Paul Oddo, Scott Stacy, and James Williams. Staff members present were Assistant City Manager Alan Jones and City Clerk Anne Barksdale.

Stacy moved to approve the agenda as presented. Shirley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Shirley moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 4, 2016. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognitions and Presentations:

The VFW Post 3560 presented the Department of Georgia VFW Public Safety Awards to Captain Keith Harris in the EMT/Paramedic Officer Division and to Detective Scott Israel in the Police Division. In his absence, Deputy Fire Chief Linda Black accepted the award for Captain Harris.

City Clerk Anne Barksdale read proclamation for GA Arbor Day. Brian Wismer, Director of Community Development was present to accept proclamation.

Public Hearings:

Mayor Johnson called Consider Beer & Wine License for Cobblestone Store, Inc. (Cobblestone BP) located at 775 East Lanier Ave. for Shabana Lalani.

Anne Barksdale, City Clerk said license application has been approved.

There were no public comments.

Stacy moved to approve Beer & Wine License for Cobblestone Store, Inc. (Cobblestone BP) located at 775 East Lanier Ave. for Shabana Lalani. Oddo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Johnson called Consider Ordinance #0-1-16 – Amendment to Health Rules and Regulations – Public Hearing and 1st Reading.

Alan Jones, Assistant City Manager stated Fayetteville’s Health and Sanitation Ordinance adopts the Rules and Regulations of the Fayette County Board of Health and assigns primary enforcement of those rules to that agency. The Fayette County Board of Health has requested the attached ordinance amendments to ensure the City has properly adopted the appropriate State regulations to permit such enforcement.

These revisions are contained in Article V – Health Rules and Regulations. There are State Code reference updates in Sec. 58-126 – Tourist Accommodations and Sec. 58-128 – Food Service. There are two new sections requested to adopt State Codes governing On-Site Sewage Management Systems and Portable Sanitation Contractors.

He added, we are requesting repeal of Sec. 58-127 – Personal Care Homes, Sec. 58-129 – Detention Facility, Sec. 58.130 – X-Ray, Sec. 58-131 – Environmental Health, and Sec. 58-132 – Laser Radiation. These items are no longer enforced locally or are otherwise no longer valid. Staff recommends approval of these ordinance amendments.

Robert Kurbes, Environmental Health County Manager discussed the ordinance amendment as well.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Johnson stated Ordinance #0-1-16 is posted for 1st Reading.

Mayor Johnson called Consider Ordinance #0-2-16 – Amendment for Collection/Payment of Fees – Fayette County Board of Health – Public Hearing and 1st Reading.

Alan Jones, Assistant City Manager stated Fayetteville’s Health and Sanitation Ordinance adopts the Rules and Regulations of the Fayette County Board of Health and assigns primary enforcement of those rules to that agency. The Fayette County Board of Health has requested an ordinance amendment to assist in the timelier collection of annual fees from area businesses (such as restaurants). Currently, the department is only authorized to issue written notice of late or unpaid fees, and must request that the State Board of Health suspend any permits for non-payment.

He added, the proposed ordinance would allow enforcement at the local level in the local courts. The ordinance was unanimously approved by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners on December 12, 2015. Similar adoption is required in the municipalities for enforcement within each jurisdiction. Staff recommends approval of this ordinance amendment.

Robert Kurbes, Environmental Health County Manager discussed this ordinance amendment as well, thanking City staff for their efforts to come on board with them.

Mayor Johnson stated Ordinance #0-2-16 is posted for 1st Reading.

There were no public comments.

New Business:

Mayor Johnson called Consider R-1-16 – Entrance Funding for The Ridge Nature Area.

Brian Wismer, Director of Community Development stated Southern Conservation Trust (SCT) has requested funds in the amount of \$20,200 to install the decorative entryway into the Ridge Nature Area. Lorber & Associates, Inc. will perform the work. This was the lowest bid that SCT received and they have an excellent history of work with the SCT.

He added, this project qualifies as an expense for the Tourism Product Development fund, per state guidelines. Funds are currently available to fully fund this project.

Pam Young, Executive Director of Southern Conservation Trust (SCT) described the building plans for The Ridge entrance.

Shirley moved to approve R-1-16 – Entrance Funding for The Ridge Nature Area. Oddo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager and Staff Reports:

Alan Jones, Assistant City Manager stated we will continue with work sessions however they will not be formal like regular city council meetings. We will make use of the two tables up front to gather.

Mr. Jones also stated we will hold another Town Hall meeting March 31st at 6:00pm at City Hall to discuss ideas with small businesses.

Mr. Jones stated invitations will be sent for the upcoming Fayette Forward event to be held March 7th.

Brian Wismer, Director of Community Development stated two more Town Hall meetings are planned for discussion of the Downtown Master Plan. They will be held at City Hall from 6:00 – 8:00pm on February 25th and March 24th. He added we intend to adopt the master plan at the April 21st City Council meeting.

Mr. Wismer also announced we will have the first annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Square March 20th from 3:00 – 5:00pm.

City Council and Committee Reports:

Councilmember Brewer stated we are working diligently on ways to retain millennials in Fayetteville, one way being to get them involved in our local government events. She added some are in attendance at our meeting tonight.

Councilmember Brewer also said she will continue to work with the community on art projects and events; bringing art to Fayetteville.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Johnson introduced Whitewater High School student Cameron Walker and thanked him for attending the council meeting, adding he has been involved in Black History Month at school.

Mayor Johnson discussed the tentative date for Council to walk The Ridge Nature Area this Sunday the 21st at 4:00pm, asking how many others could attend. He also asked Environmentalist Dennis Chase if this date/time would still work for him and Dr. Day.

Public Comments:

Environmentalist Dennis Chase spoke about The Ridge Nature Area and gave background/history on the Dixon property and Southern Conservation Trust and how it all evolved into what it is today.

Executive Session:

Mayor Johnson stated we need to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Stacy moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Shirley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Oddo moved to return to Regular City Council meeting. Brewer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. Oddo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Barksdale, City Clerk