

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MAY 18, 2020**

The LaFayette City Council met in a Special Called Session on Monday May 18, 2020 at 6:00p.m. at the Farmers Federation Building located at 1006 Avenue A SE LaFayette, Alabama with Mayor Barry D. Moody presiding. Councilmembers present: Neal McCurdy, Toney B. Thomas, Michael C. Ellis (entered at 6:02p.m.), Tammie B. Williams, and Charlotte B. Blasingame.

Absent: None.

City Attorney Joseph M Tucker was also present.

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| Minutes | A motion was made by Councilmember McCurdy and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2020 Council Proceedings. Mayor Moody called for a vote: All voted aye. Motion carried. |
| Council-Member Comments | <p>Councilmember McCurdy asked Superintendent Green how garbage was taken care of for disabled individuals. Superintendent Green stated that disabled individuals are eligible for backdoor pickup. Councilmember McCurdy then asked if individuals were allowed to simply throw trash in the garbage can, or if the trash first had to be placed in a trash bag, and then the trash bag be placed in the garbage can. City Clerk Davidson informed Councilmember McCurdy that a representative from Waste Management had recently contacted City Hall and stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Waste Management was now requesting that all trash be placed in trash bags before being put into the trash can receptacle.</p> <p>Councilwoman Blasingame asked Superintendent Green about a Skid Steer that the City was renting. Superintendent Green stated that various departments use the equipment, and that the City had already rented the equipment for five months. Superintendent Green added that there was an opportunity to purchase the equipment for around \$ 25,000.00. Councilwoman Blasingame asked if Superintendent Green had asked about a lease to purchase option. After further discussion, Councilwoman Blasingame stated that this was something that we (the City) might need to consider.</p> |
| Utility Late Fee and Disconnect Discussion | Upon recommendation from City Clerk Louis T. Davidson, a motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Blasingame to authorize the Clerk and City Attorney to look into redrafting the current ordinance to include a onetime \$10.00 late fee penalty if the bill is not paid in full by the 15 th of each month and establishing utility cut-off date as the 22 nd of each month. Mayor Moody called for a vote: All voted aye. Motion carried. |
| Reschedule May 25, Meeting | Mayor Moody stated that since they were already meeting on May 18 th , that he would skip over reschedule the May 25 th meeting. |
| Mayor Moody's Comment | Mayor Moody stated that two bids were received regarding the new city hall renovation, but that the Mayor and Council were not in a position to vote on that yet. Mayor Moody stated that before considering the bids, he would recommend that the Finance Committee take a look at the status of the current budget, look at street paving costs, and any equipment purchases in addition to renovating City Hall. Mayor Moody also stated that we have had a level funding budget for last year and this year that did not include items that would need to be reviewed to see what could be done. After further discussion, Councilmember Blasingame recommended having a Finance Committee meeting on June 1 st . |
| Street Paving | After hearing from Clerk Davidson regarding the balances in the Gas Tax One and Gas Tax Two Accounts, and hearing a presentation from Street Superintendent George Green regarding the streets throughout the City that were in need of repair, a motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Williams to take bids to pave 1 st Avenue NW, Court Way NW, 1 st Street NE, 1 st Street SW, Court Way, |

- Street Paving Continued and 2nd Street SE. Upon further discussion, Councilmember Thomas rescinded his motion and Councilmember Williams withdrew her second. Immediately following, a motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Williams to allow Superintendent Green to come up with the total cost of paving all of the streets previously listed. Mayor Moody called for a vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.
- Continue Meeting at ALFA Building A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to continue City Council Meetings at the ALFA Building through this current administration's term barring any scheduling conflict. Mayor Moody called for a vote: All vote aye. Motion carried.
- Audit Accounts A motion was made by Councilmember McCurdy and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to pay claims in the amount of \$ 307,773.76. Mayor Moody called for a vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.
- Resolution No. 2020-05-11-01 MWPP Report A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Ellis to adopt Resolution No. 2020-05-11-01 (Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Report). Mayor Moody called for a vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.
- Resolution No. 2020-05-18-01 (Voting Place) A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to adopt Resolution No. 2020-05-18-01 (Moving voting Place for 2020 Municipal Election). Mayor Moody called for a vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.
- Suspend The Rules to Consider Ordinance No. 458 (Sales Tax Holiday) A motion was made by Councilmember Blasingame and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 458 (2020 Sales Tax Holiday). Mayor Moody called for a roll call vote: Ayes: McCurdy, Thomas, Williams, Blasingame, and Mayor Moody. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Ordinance No. 458 (2020 Sales Tax Holiday) A motion was made by Councilmember Blasingame and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to adopt Ordinance No. 458 (2020 Sales Tax Holiday). Mayor Moody called for a roll call vote. Ayes: McCurdy, Thomas, Ellis, Williams, Blasingame, and Mayor Moody. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Cemetery Deed Numbers 1539-1544 A motion was made by Councilmember Ellis and seconded by Councilmember McCurdy to convey the following cemetery deeds:
Convey Cemetery Deed No. 1539 to Tina Meadows – Handy Cemetery
Convey Cemetery Deed No. 1540 to Pamela Holloway – Handy Cemetery
Convey Cemetery Deed No. 1541 to Brandon Silmon – Handy Cemetery
Convey Cemetery Deed No. 1542 to Mekedah Carr – Handy Cemetery
Convey Cemetery Deed No. 1543 to Brenda Faye Foreman – Handy Cemetery
Convey Cemetery Deed No. 1544 to Doris Denise Daniel – Handy Cemetery
Mayor Moody called for a vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjourn A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Ellis to adjourn at 6:39p.m. Mayor Moody called for a vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

I, Barry D. Moody, Mayor of the City of LaFayette certify that the above minutes are true and correct and was taken at the May 18, 2020 Special Called Meeting.

/s/ Barry D. Moody
Barry D. Moody, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Louis T. Davidson
Louis T. Davidson, City Clerk