## CITY OF LAFAYETTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS JUNE 8, 2020

The LaFayette City Council met in regular session on Monday June 8, 2020 at 6:00p.m. at the Farmers Federation (ALFA) Building located at 1006 Avenue A SE LaFayette, Alabama 36862 with Mayor Barry D. Moody presiding. Councilmembers present: Neal McCurdy, Toney B. Thomas, and Tammie B. Williams.

Absent: Councilmember Michael C. Ellis and Councilmember Charlotte B. Blasingame.

City Attorney Joseph M. Tucker was also present.

Minutes	A motion was made by Councilmember McCurdy and seconded by Councilmember
	Thomas to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020 and May 27, 2020 Special Called
	Council Proceedings. Mayor Moody called for a vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

LHA Resident	A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember
Commissioner	Thomas to appoint Amanda James as Resident Commissioner on the LaFayette Housing
Appointment	Authority Board of Commissioners for the term ending June 2, 2024. Mayor Moody
	called for a vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

Hexpol	A motion was made by Councilmember McCurdy and seconded by Councilmember
Discussion	Thomas to authorize City Clerk Louis T. Davidson to negotiate an electric utility rate
	that would allow Hexpol to continue electrical service while marketing the property
	for sale. Mayor Moody called for a vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

CDBG Public	City Clerk Louis T. Davidson announced that a CDBG Public Hearing would be held on
Hearing	Monday June 22, 2020 at 6:00pm to obtain citizen input and suggestions on community
Announcement development needs in anticipation of submitting a Community Development Block	
	Grant Application.

Thomas	Councilmember Thomas offered condolences on behalf of Mayor Moody and the City
	Council to Water Superintendent Richard Chapman upon hearing of the passing of his
	Mother.

Mayor Moody	Mayor Moody asked that everyone keep Councilmember Blasingame in their thoughts
	after having had surgery and to also keep Water Superintendent Richard Chapman and
	his family in prayer.

Audit	A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember
Accounts	McCurdy to pay claims in the amount of \$186,526.89. Mayor Moody called for a vote:
	All voted aye. Motion carried.

Res. No. 2020-	A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember
06-08-01	McCurdy to adopt Resolution No. 2020-06-08-01 (911 Contract) authorizing Mayor
(911 Contract)	Moody to execute the 911 contract extension. Mayor Moody called for a vote: All
	voted aye. Motion carried.

Res. No. 2020-	A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember
06-08-02	McCurdy to adopt Resolution No. 2020-06-08-02 (Election Manager) appointing
(Election	City Clerk Louis T. Davidson as the Election Manager for the 2020 City of LaFayette
Manager)	Municipal Election. Mayor Moody called for a vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

Res. No. 2020-	A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember
06-08-03	McCurdy to adopt Resolution No. 2020-06-08-03 (Absentee Election Manager)
(Absentee	appointing City Clerk Louis T. Davidson as the Absentee Election Manager for the
Election	2020 City of LaFayette Municipal Election. Mayor Moody called for a vote: All voted
Manager)	aye. Motion carried.

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Ordinance 459 Discussion

Clerk Davidson stated that Ordinance No. 459 (New utility process for late fees and disconnections) was not ready for its first reading. Clerk Davidson stated that he wanted to make sure that the ordinance properly reflected the wishes of the Mayor and Council. After discussion, everyone agreed that the new ordinance would include the following:

- a \$10 late fee will be issued for all bills not paid by the 15th of each month
- utility disconnect day will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month
- for all utilities disconnected, there will be a \$25 reconnect fee for electric and a \$25 reconnect fee for water
- billing could be by electronic mail or other means if requested by the costumer

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Council packet A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Recommenda- McCurdy to go paperless with regards to council packets with the exception of the Council minutes (to be placed in each Councilmember's mailbox at City Hall). Mayor Moody called for a vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Thomas** 

Councilmember Thomas asked Chief Rampey to have the night shift police officers tag street lights that were out and provide that information to the Electric Department so that they could replace all the lights that were not working. Chief Rampey stated that he had previously spoken with his officers about performing street light checks but he would remind them.

Williams

Councilmember Williams requested that the City develop a welcome packet that included information such as contact information for the City of LaFayette elected officials, department superintendents, etc. Councilmember Williams suggested that this packet be given out when someone came into City Hall to get utilities turned on.

Chief Rampey Comments

Police Chief George Rampey spoke to the Mayor and Council regarding the interviews that he had been a part of over the last couple of days. Chief Rampey stated that those interviews were in reference to all that was going on in the country. Chief Rampey stated that with regards to the City of LaFayette's Police Department, he wanted to assure the Mayor, Council, and the citizens of LaFayette that any abuse of authority would not be condoned, and that he would be going back to review the department's use of force policy. Chief Rampey also stated that a department meeting would be held on Wednesday June 10, 2020.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilmember McCurdy and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to adjourn at 6:29pm. 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 were taken at the June 8, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

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

ATTEST:

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