



The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

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Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

Welcome: Club President Stephen McDavid opened this week's Fayetteville Rotary Club (FRC) meeting via Zoom at 1:00 PM, welcoming all to the meeting.

Meeting Prayer and Meal: The meeting invocation was given by President Steve. There was no meal.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: President Steve reminded members of upcoming programs and told the club the District said clubs cannot meet in person before end of the Rotary year. The club still has to sign the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion statement. Magda Baggett wanted to let the Club know there is an opportunity to obtain a District Grant under DEI and that she has a relevant proposal to support TC Berrien. Paul Johnson and Janice McFadyen said they would sign up for President Elect Training.

Attendance & Guests: There were 19 present via zoom, 18 members and 1 guest; City Councilman Johnny Dawkins, the guest speaker.

Health and Happiness: President Steve, after giving the meeting invocation, gave the Secretary the mike for Health and Happiness. Secretary Drew reported there were no members with birthdays, but that Charles Koonce's, in the records as 2 February, had been changed to 25 February in DACdb. Drew reminded members that District Grant training would be given on-line on 20 February. Paul Johnson will be contacting Elaina Ball about membership this next week when he interviews her.

Club Program: Steve McDavid introduced the guest speaker Johnny Dawkins to speak about what is going on in Fayetteville. He began by saying the city was doing leaf pickup by neighborhood/zip code. He went on to say that with 750 miles of streets it would take a while to get them resurfaced. The city council is looking at a bond issue that would allow them to begin by resurfacing 50 miles of streets. Johnny went on to say that the City Council had the votes to move the Market House at over \$2 million, to be replaced by a fountain of unity. He went on to say that as of 1 July recycling would be picked up every other week rather than every week. New 60 gallon blue recycling dumpsters will replace the smaller 20 gallon dumpsters. Councilman Dawkins went on to say that the council wants to increase red light cameras, but the money earned has to go to the schools and cannot be used for cameras. PWC has more than \$30m in delinquent customer accounts. The city has \$25m in unincumbered taxes with 276 days of operating cash on hand. Sales tax from groceries is up \$3m this year. In 2 years, the city will get \$2m from alcohol taxes. Each 1% change in property taxes affects the city revenues by \$700,000.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Event.

- Feb 18 - The FRC will meet via Zoom at 1:00 PM. Then program speaker is Dr. McNeill on Covid-2.
- Feb 25 - The FRC will meet via Zoom at 1:00 PM. The program is District Governor Dawn Rochelle.

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell. No 50/50 Raffle was held. President Steve thanked all for attending and lead all in the **Four Way Test, of the things that we think, say and do**, adjourning the at 2:00 PM.