

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
May 25, 2021

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on May 25, 2021, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Rod Northam, Councilmembers Virettia L. Whiteside, Eddy Campbell, Tommy Williams, Aliska Hughes-Monroe and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, Police Chief Danny Jenkins and Fire Chief Shannon Taylor.

The opening prayer was given by Police Chief Danny Jenkins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Eddy Campbell.

Mayor Rod Northam announced a quorum was present and the meeting was open for the transaction of business.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Campbell moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 11, 2021, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

#### PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented to the Council a request from Ms. Jessica Locke with Harmony Lane Apartments for a parade permit to close 20<sup>th</sup> Street SW from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on June 26, 2021. Councilmember Campbell moved the permit be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the same was unanimously approved

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF IN-CAR COMPUTERS AND PRINTERS

Police Chief Jenkins discussed the purchase of the eleven new in-car computers and printers for the Police Department. He said at the last council meeting the Council had approved the purchase of the new computers and printers at a cost of \$10,128.89. He stated, unfortunately the price had expired and it would now cost an additional \$1,293.73 to purchase them. Councilmember Whiteside moved the Council authorize the purchase of the eleven new in-car computers and printers at a cost of \$11,422.62. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the same was unanimously approved.

#### ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

Fire Chief Taylor reported sixteen notices to abate grass nuisances had been sent. He reviewed with the Council the properties that had been notified that nuisances needed to be abated. The properties were as follow:

<b>Address</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Expires</b>
102 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave SW	Grass	4-30-21	Abated	N/A
1511 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave NW	Grass	5-7-21	Abated	N/A
414 6 <sup>th</sup> St NE	Grass	5-20 Resend	Owner Contact	6-3-21
Hwy 171 & 159	Grass	5-7-21	Resolved	N/A
4 <sup>th</sup> St NE & 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Grass	3-17-21	Resolved	N/A
3 Lots 307 Temple S	Grass	3-17-21	Pending	5-31-21
1712 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave SW	Grass	3-21-21	Pending	6-4-21
316 8 <sup>th</sup> St SW	Grass	3-21-21	Pending	6-4-21
210 12 <sup>th</sup> St SW	Grass	3-21-21	Pending	6-4-21
708 6 <sup>th</sup> St SE	Grass	3-21-21	Resolved/Owner Change	N/A
8 <sup>th</sup> St SE – Lot	Grass	3-21-21	Pending	6-4-21
733 21 <sup>st</sup> St SW	Grass	3-21-21	Pending	6-4-21
2209 8 <sup>th</sup> St SW	Grass	3-21-21	Pending	6-4-21
810 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE	Grass	3-21-21	Pending	6-4-21
714 6 <sup>th</sup> St SE	Grass	3-21-21	Owner Change	6-4-21
2203 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE	Grass	3-21-21	Pending	6-4-21

Chief Taylor stated 27 additional abatement notices should be sent out this week.

AIRPORT FENCE PROJECT

Mayor Northam reported on the bids for the Airport Fence Project. He said two bids were submitted and they were as follows: (1) Columbus Fence Company, LLC submitted a bid of \$40,400.00; and, (2) Southern Civil Contracting, Inc., submitted a bid of \$63,250.00. Mayor Northam reported the City's Airport Consultant, Ms. Natalie Hobbs recommended the Council accept the low bid from Columbus Fence Company, LLC, in the amount of \$40,400.00. Councilmember Whiteside moved the Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Fayette that it hereby awards the bid for the Airport Fence Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Columbus Fence Company, LLC, in the amount of \$40,400.00.

Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved

Mayor Northam stated this project would be a 100% grant.

CITY SHOP PROPERTY LEASE

Mayor Northam stated the City is currently paying \$150.00 per month for the lease of part of the City Shop property. He said the property owner now has requested the City pay \$250.00 per month. Mayor Northam asked the Council to consider whether the City should enter into a new the lease and, if so, for what term. Councilmember Nichols stated he would like for the City to move off of the leased property. Councilmember Campbell felt a two year term would be appropriate. After a general discussion, the Council asked for a work session to be held to discuss this matter further.

REVIEW OF FINANCIALS

Mayor Northam reviewed with the Council the financials of the City, Municipal Court, Park & Recreation Department and Waste Water Department.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam announced the following new businesses have opened in Fayette: Dove Lawn Care and Scottie's Market. He reported Fayette County's unemployment rate is 2.5%.

Mayor Northam said two jobs had been posted: Clerk/Receptionist and Waste Water Operator.

Mayor Northam stated the candidates for the police officer position would be interviewed soon.

Mayor Northam called a special meeting for Friday, May 28, 2021, at 2:30 p.m.

Mayor Northam stated the summer work program would begin on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor Northam reported on the meeting concerning the City's Strategic Plan. He said the plan will narrow the areas for the City to focus on.

Mayor Northam reported the City will be receiving \$729,000.00 from the Covid Rescue Plan Program. He said there were restrictions on how the funds could be used.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon the motion to adjourn being made by Councilmember Whiteside and seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk