

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
December 13, 2022

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on December 13, 2022, 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, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor and City Attorney Dale Lawrence. Junior City Council Mayor Ben Olive was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Floyd Rodgers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Floyd Rodgers.

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 November 22, 2022, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

#### TAP GRANT AGREEMENT FOR MLK DRIVE

Mr. Luke Porter spoke to the Council about the TAP grant for Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive. The grant is for \$1,000,000 with the City paying a 20% match. Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2022-21 for their consideration. Resolution 2022-21 is as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION 2022-21**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ALABAMA FOR DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS**

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***BE IT RESOLVED***, by the City of Fayette as follows:

That the City enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to a project for:

**Downtown sidewalk improvements along 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. SW from 1<sup>st</sup> St. SE to Columbus St. E., along 1<sup>st</sup> St. SE from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. SW to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. SE and along 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. SE from 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE to Columbus St. E; Project # TAPNU-TA23(912); CPMS Ref# 100076118 and 100075852.**

Which agreement is before this Council, and that the agreement be executed in the name of the City, by the Mayor for and on its behalf and that it be attested by the City Clerk and the official seal of the City be affixed thereto.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that upon the completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept on file by the City.

DONE this the 13th day of December, 2022.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Councilmember Whiteside moved the Council approve Resolution 2022-21. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Northam and Councilmembers Whiteside, Campbell, Tommy Williams, Hughes-Monroe

NAYS: Councilmember Nichols

Mayor Northam stated the motion passed.

### ACE UPDATE

ACE Coordinator Floyd Rodgers updated the Council on the ACE Program. Mr. Rodgers said they are working on a social media platform for the public to review information concerning the City. There are five committees currently at work: (1) Housing, (2) Leadership, (3) Transportation, (4) Tourism and (5) Annexation.

### REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF PIPE

Mayor Northam stated a sewer line needed to be replaced at the lagoon property. He stated the City needed to purchase 180 feet of four inch pipe at a cost of \$1,274.40. Councilmember Williams, moved the City purchase the pipe at a cost of \$1,274.40. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the same was unanimously approved.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for November 2022. The report was as follows: 36 incidents investigated; 19 accidents; 105 traffic citations; 95 traffic warnings and 30 arrests.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for November 2022. The Fire Department received 18 calls.

### STEP RAISE FOR TWO FIREFIGHTERS

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor requested a step raise for two firefighters – Firefighter Tyler Hayes and Firefighter Tyler Galloway. Councilmember Williams moved the Council approve step raises for Firefighter Tyler Hayes and Firefighter Tyler Galloway. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

### HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor stated in order for the City to be able to receive funds from FEMA due to an emergency and mitigation of the damage, the City must approve and adopt Fayette County's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

### RESOLUTION 2022-20

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2022-20 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2022-20 is as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION 2022-20**

#### **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2020 FAYETTE COUNTY MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, IN FULFILLMENT OF THE FEDERAL DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000 AND THE LOCAL MITIGATION PLAN REQUIREMENTS OF 44 C.F.R. SECTION 201.6 AND FEMA LOCAL MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING GUIDANCE**

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**WHEREAS**, The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000), as administered by the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides Federal assistance to local governments to alleviate suffering and damage from disasters, and broadens existing relief programs to encourage disaster preparedness plans and programs, coordination and responsiveness, insurance coverage, and hazard mitigation measures; and,

**WHEREAS**, the DMA 2000 requirements for local mitigation plans are set forth in 44 C.F.R. Section 201.6 and the Local Mitigation Planning Handbook, FEMA, March 2013; and,

**WHEREAS**, as a prerequisite for each Fayette County jurisdiction to continue to qualify for FEMA mitigation grant assistance programs, the DMA 2000 requires the five year update of the Fayette County Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2014 Plan Update, which was approved by FEMA on October 7, 2015; and,

**WHEREAS**, the AEMA had awarded a \$26,667.00 planning grant funded through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to the Fayette County Commission to fund 75% of the total costs of the five year plan update for all jurisdictions within Fayette County; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 Fayette County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with DMA 2000 requirements under the direction of the Fayette County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee with the support of the Fayette County EMA, on behalf of all of the jurisdictions within Fayette County; and,

**WHEREAS**, said mitigation plan addresses all natural and man-made hazards deemed to threaten property and persons within the unincorporated and incorporated areas of Fayette County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Federal planning criteria require formal adoption of the FEMA-approved plan update by each participating jurisdiction.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2020 Fayette County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted and immediately made effective.

**ADOPTED** this the 13th day of December, 2022.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council adopt Resolution 2022-20, upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously adopted.

#### RESURFACING OF TENNIS COURTS

Mayor Northam reviewed with the Council the bids for resurfacing the tennis courts at Guthrie Smith Park. The City received two bids as follows: (1) Lower Brothers – \$25,000 - \$28,000 with \$17.00 per lineal foot for the crack membrane system; and, (2) Hi-Tech Athletic Surfaces - \$36,000.00. 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 resurfacing the tennis courts to the lowest responsible bidder, Hi-Tech Athletic Surfaces in the amount of \$36,000.00.

Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

#### FISCAL YEAR ACCOUNT BALANCES

Mayor Northam provided the Council with the City's end of fiscal year account balances. The report was as follows:

#### Reserves and Cash Balances as of September 30, 2022

##### Reserves

\$1,462,346.54	West Alabama Bank Savings	Unrestricted
\$1,016,013.14	Covid Rescue Act	Restricted
\$862,164.70	West Alabama Bank CD	Unrestricted
\$655,223.75	WW Operating Account	Restricted
\$496,768.88	FMC Appropriation	Restricted
\$418,873.91	Alabama Power CD	General Fund backup – Unrestricted
\$407,256.18	Airport funds	Unrestricted
\$395,564.49	Rental Property Tax	Unrestricted
\$349,456.78	BankFirst Bank CD	Unrestricted
\$268,451.09	Cigarette Tax	Unrestricted
\$249,788.27	Savings – AL Credit Union	Unrestricted
\$233,216.34	Aquatic Park	Restricted
\$224,180.85	State Gas Tax/ W AL Bank	Restricted
\$204,440.63	Capital Improvement	Restricted for Capital needs
\$199,354.78	Gasoline Tax/ W AL Bank	Restricted
\$114,894.73	Customer Deposits	Restricted
\$104,079.50	Park & Recreation/Earl McDonald	Restricted
\$103,519.98	Alcohol Tax	Restricted to paving projects
\$ 93,001.21	Christmas in the Park	Restricted
\$ 76,119.55	Gasoline Tax 6-2-2	Restricted
\$ 33,218.20	Municipal Court	Restricted
\$ 36,245.79	Capital Equipment Fund	Restricted to Capital Equipment
\$ 25,920.41	Fire Department	Restricted
\$ 9,290.13	Beautification Project	Restricted (Grant)
\$ 8,371.67	Old Fashioned Christmas	Restricted (Grant)
\$ 8,215.21	Leadership Fayette County	Restricted
\$1,602.41	Fayette Junior City Council	Restricted

**\$8,090,023.94** – subtotal

**Cash balances**

\$317,851.11	General Fund	Unrestricted
\$262,378.36	Grants, Bonds, Notes	Restricted
\$146,362.87	Other General Funds & PARA	Unrestricted
<b>\$72,592.34 – subtotal</b>		

**\$8,816,616.28 – TOTAL OF RESERVES AND CASH BALANCES AS OF MARCH 31, 2022****General Fund Note Payments Each Month**

\$8,679.66	Aquatic Park Bond Payment
\$4,264.65	AmFund Bond/IP Property & PO \$211,667
\$3,158.30	Grapple Truck BankFirst
\$2,700.00	Garbage Truck BankFirst \$102,264.41
\$2,550.00	Excavator Citizens Bank \$95,220.95
<b>\$21,352.61</b>	<b>Total General Fund Notes per Month</b>

**Reserve Fund Note Payments Each Month**

\$8,012.01	WW Facility/Bond Payment WW
\$ 0.00	Paving Note WAB
<b>\$8,012.01</b>	<b>Total Reserve Fund Notes per Month</b>

**Average Monthly Note Payments (General Fund & Reserve Fund) Total - \$29,364.62**

<b>2022</b>	<b>Sales Taxes</b>	<b>Alcohol Taxes</b>	<b>FMC</b>
April	\$375,875	\$11,139	\$50,480
May	\$341,945	\$9,807	\$44,804
June	\$339,826	\$8,245	\$44,960
July	\$343,929	\$12,130	\$45,662
August	\$337,826	\$7,125	\$44,390
September	\$350,549	\$6,360	\$46,136
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,089,950</b>	<b>\$99,205</b>	<b>\$276,432</b>

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Councilmember Campbell moved the City's financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Councilmember Nichols moved the Municipal Court financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the same was unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Councilmember Williams moved the Park & Recreation financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the same was unanimously approved.

**REPORT OF MAYOR**

Mayor Northam stated the "Old Fashioned Christmas" event was a success.

Mayor Northam thanked Mrs. Belinda Watts and Mrs. Marla Kizzire for organizing the annual Christmas Parade.

Mayor Northam stated "Christmas at the Park" will run through New Year's Eve.

Mayor Northam reported a developer was seeking to build garden homes in the City.

**REPORT OF CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of November, the City received \$290,708.00 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$47,844.00 for a combined total of \$338,552.00. She reported the City received \$7,584.00 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$22,106.00 in online sales tax.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS

Councilmember Williams thanked everyone who helped put on the "Old Fashion Christmas" and participated in the event. Councilmember Williams also thanked the employees who work in garbage collection.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HUGHES-MONROE

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe expressed her condolences to the family of Mr. Bobby Savage.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER NICHOLS

Councilmember Nichols thanked the police officers for the work they do to keep the community safe.

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