

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
August 22, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on August 22, 2023, 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, Tommy Williams and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and Junior City Council Mayor Emily Huang. Councilmembers Eddy Campbell and Aliska Hughes-Monroe were absent.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Chris Huynh.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Emily Huang.

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Whiteside moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 8, 2023, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

#### REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TENNIS COURTS

Ms. Emily Huang spoke to the Council concerning the tennis courts at Guthrie Smith Park. She reported two of the tennis courts were now marked for pickleball. She said the FCHS Tennis teams were faced with challenges because there are only four courts at Guthrie Smith Park. She said additional courts would allow Fayette to host high school tennis tournaments along with other tennis and pickleball tournaments. She presented a petition to the Council containing many names requesting additional tennis courts be added.

Mayor Northam said the cost of one additional tennis court was \$150,000.00 and two would cost \$300,000.00. He said the addition of tennis courts would probably result in the basketball court needing to be relocated at a cost of approximately \$100,000.00.

#### RESOLUTION 2023-12

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2023-12 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2023-12 is as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION 2023-12 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING TRANSPORTATION PLAN PURSUANT TO THE REBUILD ALABAMA ACT (ACT 2019-2)**

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**WHEREAS**, the 2019 Alabama Legislature has passed an HB2 to levy an additional excise tax on gasoline and diesel fuel; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fayette is to receive a portion of said tax based on the ratio of population of each municipality to the total population of all municipalities of the state; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fayette pledges to keep this money in a separate fund and expend it only for the maintenance, improvement, replacement and construction of roads as mandated by the law passed; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fayette shall adopt an annual transportation plan no later than August 31 for the next fiscal year – 2024- based on an estimate of revenues;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Fayette estimates that its anticipated allocation from the Rebuild Alabama Act fund for the Fiscal Year 2024 will be approximately \$120,000.00 to be used for street maintenance, improvement, replacement and construction of roads within the City of Fayette, with the increasing allocations for each fiscal year thereafter.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, on this 22nd day of August, 2023.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Councilmember Williams moved the Council adopt Resolution 2023-12. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION 2023-13

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2023-13 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2023-13 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2023-13**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS**

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama that the City enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation for the upgrading of equipment and operation and maintenance of traffic control signals within the City of Fayette, to-wit:

- AL 18 @ 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- AL 18 @ 1<sup>st</sup> Ave
- AL 18 @ Temple Avenue
- AL 18 @ AL-171
- AL 171 @ 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- AL 171 @ 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
- AL 171 @ 4<sup>th</sup> Street
- AL 171 @ 10<sup>th</sup> Street
- AL 171 @ 15<sup>th</sup> Street
- AL 171 @ 16<sup>th</sup> Street
- AL 171 @ 25<sup>th</sup> Street

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

**ADOPTED** this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2023.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Councilmember Nichols moved the Council adopt Resolution 2023-13. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously adopted.

REAPPOINTMENT TO CIVIC CENTER BOARD

Mayor Northam said he had received a request from the Fayette Civic Center Board to reappoint Mrs. Amanda Porter and Mr. Theron Nolen to the Board. Councilmember Whiteside moved the Council reappoint Mrs. Amanda Porter and Mr. Theron Nolen to the Civic Center Board. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENT TO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Mayor Northam said he had received a request from the City's Historical Preservation Commission to appoint Mr. Kerry Kerr to the Board. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council appoint Mr. Kerry Kerr to the Historical Preservation Commission Board. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION OF PROHIBITED PARADE ACTIVITIES

Mayor Northam said some other West Alabama communities had passed ordinances regarding throwing candy and other things from cars and floats in parades. Councilmember Whiteside said she thought the candy was a big draw for the parade. The Council discussed restricting the drivers from throwing candy from the vehicles.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented a request for a parade permit asking to close the 400 block of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE for a 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter to be held on August 25, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Councilmember Whiteside moved the permit be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented a request for a parade permit for the Homecoming Parade to be held on September 15, 2023. Councilmember Nichols moved to grant the permit as presented. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTION

Mayor Northam said he had received a request from Fire Chief Shannon Taylor to promote Firefighter Chris Black to Lieutenant which would result in an increase in his hourly rate of pay. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council approve the promotion of Firefighter Chris Black to Lieutenant and the increase in his hourly rate of pay. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS

Mayor Northam said he had received a request from Police Chief Danny Jenkins to promote Patrolman Landon Miller to Corporal which would result in an increase in his hourly rate of pay. Councilmember Whiteside moved the Council approve the promotion of Patrolman Landon Miller to Corporal and the increase in his hourly rate of pay. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

Mayor Northam said he had received a request from Police Chief Danny Jenkins to promote Patrolman Trace Norris to Corporal which would result in an increase in his hourly rate of pay. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council approve the promotion of Patrolman Trace Norris to Corporal and the increase in his hourly rate of pay. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

Mayor Northam said he had received a request from Police Chief Danny Jenkins to promote Patrolman Jordan Roberts to Corporal which would result in an increase in his hourly rate of pay. Councilmember Whiteside moved the Council approve the promotion of Patrolman Jordan Roberts to Corporal and the increase in his hourly rate of pay. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

FINANCIALS

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam stated Fayette County had an unemployment rate of 2.3%. He stated the work force participation rate for Fayette County was 48%. He said this showed that out of 13,454 people who were able to work only 6,579 were working.

Mayor Northam said the Arts Festival will be held on September 9th at the Civic Center.

Mayor Northam said the Frog Level Festival will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

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 Williams, it was unanimously approved.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk