

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
February 27, 2024

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on February 27, 2024, 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 and Tommy Williams. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and Junior City Council Mayor Emily Huang. Councilmembers Aliska Hughes-Monroe and Jerry Nichols were absent.

The opening prayer was given by Pastor Charlie Humphrey of New Friendship Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pastor Charlie Humphrey.

Mayor 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 February 13, 2024, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Mayor Northam presented appropriations to the Fayette County Memorial Library, the Chamber of Commerce and the Fayette County Historical Society. Ms. Jessica Crowe accepted \$15,000.00 on behalf of the Fayette County Memorial Library. Mrs. Emily Montague accepted \$6,000.00 on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Dale Lawrence accepted \$3,000.00 on behalf of the Fayette County Historical Society.

#### REQUEST FOR WASTE WATER PUMP REPAIR

Wastewater Superintendent Matt Buckner stated the motor on one of the pumps at the Waste Water plant had failed. He said the cost to repair it would be \$11,000.00 and he recommended repairing it. Councilmember Williams moved the Council approve the repair of the pump at a cost of \$11,000.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

#### APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR WASTE WATER IMPROVEMENTS

Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner informed the Council he would like to submit an appropriation request to Sen. Tommy Tuberville's office for a grant for improvements at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He said the amount he is requesting is \$920,000.00 and it requires a 20% match. Councilmember Campbell moved the Council authorize Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner to submit the appropriation request to Sen. Tommy Tuberville. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

#### ORDINANCE 2024-02

Mayor Northam proposed Ordinance 2024-02 be adopted by the Council. He said the Council would vote on the ordinance at its next meeting. Ordinance 2024-02 is as follows:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02 AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING PROPERTY IN TO THE CORPRATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE**

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BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA, as follows:

WHEREAS, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024, Joseph Max Brasher and Thomas Allen Brasher, being the owners of all the real property hereinafter described, did file with the City Clerk a petition asking that the said tract or parcel of land be annexed to and become a part of the City of Fayette; and,

WHEREAS, Joseph Max Brasher and Thomas Allen Brasher are the owners of property located and contained within an area contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Fayette, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, said petition did contain the signatures of all of the owners of the described property and a map of said property showing its relationship to the corporate limits of the City of Fayette; and,

WHEREAS, the property does not lie within the corporate limits or police jurisdiction of any other municipality; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body did determine that it is in the public interest that said property be annexed to the City of Fayette and it did further determine that all legal requirements for annexing said real property have been met pursuant to Sections 11-42-20 through 11-42-24, Code of Alabama 1975;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDANINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, finds and declares as the legislative body of the City that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City, and the citizens of the affected area, to bring the property described in Section 2 of this ordinance into the City of Fayette. The Council of the City of Fayette does hereby assent to the annexation of the property described below to the City of Fayette, Alabama.

Section 2. The boundary lines of the City of Fayette, Alabama, be, and the same are hereby extended and rearranged to embrace and include all of the property already encompassed by the corporate limits of the City of Fayette, Alabama, and in addition thereto the following described property, to-wit:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the SE ¼ of SE ¼, Section 20, Township 15 South, Range 12 West, Fayette County, Alabama, and a 5/8" capped rebar; thence run S 02°37'59" E for a distance of 1325.70 feet to a ½" capped rebar; thence run S 01°24'40" E for a distance of 622.33 feet to the centerline of a ditch and a ½" capped rebar; thence run northwesterly along the centerline of said ditch for a distance of 2526.32 feet to the eastern right of way margin of Alabama Highway 171 (120-ft right of way indicated) and a ½" capped rebar; thence run N 39°35'00" E along said eastern right of way margin for a distance of 656.40 feet to a ½" capped rebar; thence run S 86°19'40" E for a distance of 1431.95 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 52.08 acres more or less.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be published as provided by law, and a certified copy of same, together with a certified copy of the petition of the property owners, shall be filed with the Probate Judge of Fayette County, Alabama.

Section 4. The property described in this ordinance shall become a part of the corporate limits of Fayette, Alabama, upon publication of this ordinance as set forth in Section 3, above.

ADOPTED on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

#### PARK AND RECREATION PROMOTION

Mayor Northan reported Park Director Chris Champion and Park Supervisor O.P. Morgan had recommended Mr. Joseph Brock be promoted to Team Lead. Based on the promotion Mr. Brock would be at Grade 4, Step 6 with an hourly rate of pay of \$18.08 per hour. Councilmember Whiteside moved the Council approve the increase in Mr. Joseph's Brock's hourly rate of pay to \$18.08 per hour based on his promotion to Team Lead. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

#### PURCHASE OF TWO BUSES

Mayor Northam reported on viewing the two buses that ALDOT had available for the City's local transportation system. The buses are new and require only a \$17,390.00 match. Councilmember Campbell and Councilmember Williams also viewed the buses and felt they would meet the City's needs. Councilmember Campbell moved the Council approve the purchase of the two buses. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

#### BUSINESS LICENSES

Mayor Northam reviewed with the Council the revenue generated by the City's business license renewals. He stated there are 245 business licenses that are delinquent. Of the 245 delinquent licenses, 135 are non-insurance related and 110 are insurance companies. He stated there are 25 businesses within the City that are delinquent. He said 1,034 businesses have renewed their licenses for the current year and 1,261 renewed last year. He said \$608,078.49 in business license revenue had been collected so far this year.

YOUR TOWN ALABAMA

Mayor Northam said the City could send up to three people to the *Your Town Alabama* Conference at Camp McDowell. Mayor Northam asked the Council to consider who to send.

GAS BOARD RESIGNATION

Mayor Northam reported Mr. Charles N. Langley had submitted his resignation from the Fayette Gas Board.

FINANCIALS

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam reported one of the I-22 Tourism Committee's goals is to have a Welcome Center built where I-22 comes into Marion County from Mississippi.

Mayor Northam said he hopes to hire two employees for the Street & Sanitation Department.

Mayor Northam said there will be a workday at the Healing Zone area on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

REPORT OF JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL MAYOR

Junior City Council Mayor Emily Huang said they will have a workday at the Community Center on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Campbell moved the Council go into executive session to discuss the general reputation and character of an individual. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Whiteside moved the Council come out of executive session. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk