

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
April 23, 2024

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on April 23, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

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

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Luke Porter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Luke Porter.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Nichols moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 9, 2024, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Mayor Northam presented a proclamation to representatives of Northwest Alabama Mental Health recognizing May as "Mental Health" month in the City.

PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Luke Porter of Porter-Higginbotham Engineering updated the Council on the City's current projects. The updates were as follows:

WWTP Rehab -

- Pre-bid Thursday, April 25th
- Bid Opening May 20th

Highway 18/171 Intersection Improvement

- Waiting on the traffic signals to be delivered

Rails to Trails Project

- Work is progressing on this project

MLK Sidewalk Improvement Project

- Bid Opening May 16th

SR-159 Pumping Station

- Pumps delivered tomorrow
- 2-3 weeks on wet well being received

Fayette Commercial Zone Gravity Sewer Relocation Project (SHOWA)

- In service, waiting on dry weather to clean the lowland area

2024 Paving Project

- \$470,000 paving completed, the shoulders and striping are yet to be completed.

Mr. Porter said it would cost \$110,000.00 to complete 1st Avenue NE from Columbus Street to 4th Street NE and asked for the Council's direction on how to proceed. The \$110,000.00 cost would cause the paving project to exceed its budgeted cost by \$80,000. This overrun would be after applying the \$30,000.00 that was not used in the 2024 paving project.

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council authorize the paving of 1st Avenue NE from Columbus Street to 4th Street NE. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

ACCESS TO GAS BOARD PROPERTY

Mayor Northam stated Mr. Tommy Price had requested the City allow him to cross City property to access the Gas Board property on which he plans to erect a billboard. Councilmember Campbell moved the Council allow Mr. Tommy Price to cross the City property to access the Gas Board property. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the following vote was taken:

- AYES: Mayor Northam, Councilmembers Campbell and Hughes-Monroe
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAINED: Councilmembers Williams and Nichols

Mayor Northam stated the motion passed.

EQUITABLE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE HEALTH EQUITY PLAN

Mayor Northam presented the City's Equitable Neighborhood Initiative Health Equity Plan to the Council for their review.

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Northam reported on the rezoning request that had come before the Planning Commission. The request was made by Mr. Joseph Max Brasher and Mr. Thomas Allen Brasher to rezone the property along 3098 Highway 171 N, Fayette, Alabama from R-1, Residential District to B-2, General Business District. Mayor Northam said the Planning Commission recommended the rezoning request be granted.

MOTION TO SET REZONING HEARING

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved to set a public hearing concerning the rezoning of the property located along 3098 Highway 171 N, Fayette, Alabama on May 28, 2024, at which time the Council will consider the adoption of the ordinance set forth below. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was unanimously approved. The notice and ordinance are as follows:

STATE OF ALABAMA)	
	:	IN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
FAYETTE COUNTY)	CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

As mandated by the provisions of Section 11-52-70, et seq, *1975 Code of Alabama*, notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, will consider the adoption of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Fayette, Alabama, adopted July 15, 1996, with reference to the zoning map on such date, such proposed ordinance being fully set forth below.

The proposed ordinance will be considered by the City Council at a public hearing to be held at City Hall in the City of Fayette, Alabama, on the 28th day of May, 2024, at 5:00 o'clock, p.m., at the said time and place all persons will have the right and are invited to be present and to be heard either for or against the adoption of said Amendment.

This the 24th day of April, 2024.

s/Dawn Clapp
City Clerk

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-_____
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY ORDINANCE ENTITLED "ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA", ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 15, 1996, REFERRED TO AND IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 11, SHORT TITLE OF SAID ZONING ORDINANCE AS THE "ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA".**

THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT, and under authority granted by Section 11-52-77, 1975 Code of Alabama, Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, as follows:

1. The Zoning Map of the City of Fayette, Alabama, adopted and approved by the City Council on July 15, 1996, is hereby altered, changed, amended and modified as follows:

That the zoning classification of the following described land be reclassified from a R-1 Residential District to a B-2 Business District, viz:

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.

2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances that conflict with this act are hereby repealed.
3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its publication.

DONE this the _____ day of May, 2024.

Mayor, City of Fayette

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Fayette

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 stated all business licenses were current.

Mayor Northam said the unemployment rate for Fayette County is 3.7%.

Mayor Northam reported Mr. Taylor Nuckols had been hired to fill a position in the Street Dept.

Mayor Northam stated the Community Cleanup Day will be held on April 27, 2024.

Mayor Northam said the City hopes to have the local transportation system running by mid-May.

Mayor Northam stated the "March for Jesus" will be held on May 18th.

REPORT OF JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL MAYOR

Junior City Council Mayor Emily Huang said the "Autism Awareness" Basketball Tournament was successful. The event raised over \$1,000.00 for autism resources for the Fayette Memorial Library.

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 Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Campbell moved the Council come out of executive session. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, 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 Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest: _

City Clerk