

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
June 25, 2024

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on June 25, 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, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor, Transportation Director Jennifer Roberts, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and Junior City Council Mayor Emily Huang. Councilmember Virettia L. Whiteside was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Rick McCabe.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Tommy Williams.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON ALCOHOL LICENSE REQUEST FOR HOMETOWN MARKET

Mayor Northam stated this was the date and time for the public hearing concerning the alcohol license request for Hometown Market. Mr. Wade Pierce spoke on behalf of Hometown Market for approval of the alcohol license. No one appeared to speak against the granting of the license.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Campbell moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 11, 2024, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

REQUEST TO VOLUNTEER

Mr. Mickey Lollar spoke to the Council concerning his willingness to volunteer his services to assist with local cultural and heritage resource management. He said this could potentially encompass: 1. Comprehensive Inventory of Cultural Resources (with GIS mapping employed for sites). 2. Cultural Resources Management Plan and Program. 3. Strengthened Organizational Structure. Mr. Lollar said he would be glad to act as the manager of this program.

RESOLUTION 2024-07

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2024-07 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2024-07 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2024-07 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TITLE VI PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF FAYETE TRANSPORATATION DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette Transportation Department is a recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Alabama Department of Transportation in support of transit services which imposes certain obligations upon the recipient, including complying with the Title VI Federal requirements; and,

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette Transportation Department commits to assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (PL 100.259), be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity regardless of the funding source;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Fayette as follows:

1. The City Council of the City of Fayette approves the proposed Title VI Program in order to comply with the Title VI Federal requirements.
2. The City of Fayette Transportation Department Director, in their capacity, will serve as the Title VI Coordinator and is authorized to revise and update the Title VI Program as necessary.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of June 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Williams moved the Council adopt Resolution 2024-07. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the same was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Mayor Northam suggested a public hearing concerning the Transportation Program be held on July 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Councilmember Williams moved the Council set a public hearing concerning the Transportation Program for July 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Transportation Director Jennifer Roberts updated the Council on the work of the Transportation Department. She said both she and the driver had undergone training on how to operate the bus. She said they were doing training runs on Thursday and Friday before officially starting on July 1, 2024.

CONSENT TO HIRE POLICE OFFICERS

Mayor Northam said Police Chief Danny Jenkins had recommended Mr. Skyler Heath Reed and Mr. Christian Logan Wright be hired as a full-time police officers. They are not APOST Certified and will have to attend the Law Enforcement Academy to receive their certification. Mayor Northam said based on Chief Jenkins’s recommendation he would hire Mr. Reed and Mr. Wright as full-time police officers upon obtaining the consent of the Council. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council consent to the Mayor hiring Mr. Skyler Heath Reed and Mr. Christian Logan Wright as full-time police officers. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

PARKING ON 3RD STREET NE

The Council discussed the parking issues on 3rd Street NE. It is the street in front of the Fayette Middle School. The concern is that with parking on both sides of the street an ambulance would have difficulty going down the street and a fire truck would be unable to go down the street. Chief Jenkins suggested the City designate the East side of the street as a no parking zone. Councilmember Hughes-Monroe said she was concerned about the student safety and would rather have the parents pull up at the front of the school instead of parking elsewhere on school property and then walking around or through the school grounds. Mayor Northam suggested the curb be painted yellow and no parking signs put up. The consensus of the Council was to allow parking on the West side of the street and prohibit parking on the East side of the street.

GRASS ABATEMENT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the following grass nuisance to the Council for abatement:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Notes</u>
307 Temple Avenue S	Grass	Repeat

Councilmember Nichols moved the above grass nuisance be abated on the above property. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2024-08

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2024-08 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2024-08 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2024-08
A RESOLUTION GRANTING AN ALCOHOL LICENSE
TO HOMETOWN MARKET, INC.,**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, as follows:
That the application by Hometown Market, Inc., doing business as Hometown Market, located at 1806 Temple Avenue North, Fayette, AL 35555 for the following type of alcohol license:

050 - Retail Beer – Off Premises Consumption Only

070 - Retail Table Wine – Off Premises Consumption Only

be and is hereby approved.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, on this 25th day of June, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council adopt Resolution 2024-08. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Northam, Councilmembers Campbell, Williams and Hughes-Monroe
NAYS: none
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Nichols

EASEMENT ON BRANCO PROPERTY

Mayor Northam presented the Council with a sidewalk easement to be presented to the landowner of the old Branco property located at the intersection of Highway 18 (Columbus Street) and Highway 171 (2nd Avenue NE). Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council approve the acquisition of the sidewalk easement. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Councilmembers Campbell, Hughes-Monroe, Williams
NAYS: Councilmember Nichols

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Mayor Northam presented the list of the firms who had submitted proposals to update the City's Comprehensive Plan. The proposals were as follows: Farmer-Morgan: \$160,000; KPS \$60,000-67,500; Place Associates & Leavell Design Consulting: \$60,000-\$80,000. Mayor Northam said the City needed a plan it could put into action otherwise the City would be wasting its money on updating the plan if the City could not act on it. No action was taken.

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 1,045 were in attendance at the Aquatic Center on a recent Saturday.

Mayor Northam said the 6U Baseball Team is going to play in the World Series.

Mayor Northam stated the 8U Girls Softball came in 3rd in State.

Mayor Northam stated 10U boys and 12U boys are playing in the State Championships.

Mayor Northam said the unemployment rate for Fayette County is 2.9%.

Mayor Northam said the C-3 Member Appreciations Luncheon will be held on June 27th.

Mayor Northam stated that the I-22 Tourism meeting will be held on July 9, 2024.

REPORT OF JUNIOR MAYOR

Junior Mayor Emily Huang said the car wash was a success. She also stated there will be a "Back to School" Bash on July 23, 2024, at the Fayette Aquatic Center.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HUGHES-MONROE

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe reported forty girls had signed up for Toy Bowl cheerleader.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk