

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
September 10, 2024

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on September 10, 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, Tommy Williams, Aliska Hughes-Monroe and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and Junior Mayor Sean White.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Derek Porter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Eddy Campbell.

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 August 27, 2024, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside it was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented a request for a parade permit for the Frog Level Festival to be held on October 4th and October 5th. Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council grant the parade permit. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for August 2024. The report was as follows: 32 incidents investigated; 12 accidents; 62 traffic citations; 44 traffic warnings and 44 arrests.

STEP RAISES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Northam said he had received a request from Police Chief Danny Jenkins to grant step pay increases for Lt. Michael Kelley from Lt. Step #7 to Lt. Step #8 and Corporals Trace Norris, Landon Miller and Jordan Roberts from Cpl. Step #3 to Cpl. Step #4. Councilmember Nichols moved to approve the step raises for Lt. Michael Kelley and Corporals Trace Norris, Landon Miller and Jordan Roberts. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for August 2024. The Fire Department received 19 calls.

RESOLUTION 2024-12

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2024-12 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2024-12 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2024-12
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAYETTE TO MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE RICHARD ARTHUR FIELD AIRPORT.

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette intends to apply for state and federal matching funds for airport improvement projects for the Richard Arthur Field Airport during fiscal year 2025.

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

1. That the City of Fayette is authorized to make applications for airport improvement funding assistance from the State of Alabama Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration, for the purpose of undertaking projects in fiscal year 2025 to make improvements at the Richard Arthur Field Airport.

2. That the applications be submitted for and on behalf of the City of Fayette by its Mayor who is authorized by this resolution to sign the application and any related forms or documents on behalf of the city.
3. That the City of Fayette is authorized to enter into an airport improvement funding agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation, and the Federal Aviation Administration, for the purpose of undertaking projects to make improvements at the Richard Arthur Field Airport, with partial funding provided by the State of Alabama and the Federal Aviation Administration.
4. That the agreement be executed in the name of the City of Fayette for and on behalf of the City of Fayette by its Mayor.
5. That the authority of the City of Fayette to enter into contracts with the State of Alabama and the Federal Aviation Administration has been reviewed by the City's attorney, and in his/her opinion, the City of Fayette is duly authorized to commit the City of Fayette to agreements with the Alabama Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Fayette hereby affirms that the local matching share of funds in the amount required for this airport improvement project has been officially approved, placed into the budget of the airport and is available for expenditure upon execution of the Federal Aviation Administration's and the State of Alabama's funding agreements and the start of the project.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Fayette on this ____ day of September, 2024.

Rod Northam, Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Councilmember Whiteside moved the Council adopt Resolution 2024-12. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

PROPOSED CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2024-2025

Mayor Northam presented the proposed 2024-2025 holiday calendar to the Council for approval.

Columbus Day -- Monday, October 14, 2024
 Veteran's Day -- Monday, November 11, 2024
 Thanksgiving -- Thursday, November 28, 2024 and Friday, November 29, 2024
 Christmas -- Tuesday, December 24, 2024 and Wednesday, December 25, 2024
 New Year's Day -- Wednesday, January 1, 2025
 Martin Luther King Day -- Monday, January 20, 2025
 Presidents Day -- Monday, February 17, 2025
 Good Friday -- Friday, April 18, 2025
 Memorial Day -- Monday, May 26, 2025
 Juneteenth -- Thursday, June 19, 2025
 Independence Day -- Friday, July 4, 2025
 Labor Day -- Monday, September 1, 2025
 One personal holiday

Councilmember Nichols moved the 2024-2025 Holiday Schedule be approved as presented. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

STEP INCREASE FOR STREET AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT

Mayor Northam presented a request for a step increase for Mr. Kenneth Fields, who works in the Street & Sanitation Department, from Job Grade 3, Start to Job Grade 3, Step 5. Councilmember Williams moved to approve the step increase for Mr. Kenneth Fields. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented a request for a parade permit for the Homecoming Parade to be held on October 11, 2024. Councilmember Nichols moved to grant the permit as presented. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented a request for a parade permit for a 5K run to be held on the Saturday, November 9th to benefit the Magnolia Ranch. Councilmember Whiteside moved the permit be granted.

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

OPTION FOR TEMPORARY EASEMENT AT GUTHRIE SMITH PARK

Mayor Northam presented an option for temporary easement at Guthrie Smith Park to the Council for its consideration. Councilmember Nichols moved to approve the option for a temporary easement as presented. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

Mayor Northam reported he had received a notice from Municipal Court Clerk Dorrie Rushing that she would be retiring effective November 1, 2024.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam said a Work Session will be held following the meeting on September 24, 2024.

Mayor Northam said Mr. David Swanigan was hired with the Street & Sanitation Department.

Mayor Northam stated the City has started to advertise for a new court clerk/magistrate.

Mayor Northam said the annual Arts Festival will be held on September 14th at the Civic Center.

Mayor Northam said a Planning Commission meeting will be held on September 23rd at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Northam stated the Frog Level Festival will be held on October 4th – October 5th.

REPORT OF JUNIOR MAYOR

Junior Mayor Sean White said they are currently doing a fundraiser for the Junior City Council.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER CAMPBELL

Councilmember Campbell thanked Fire Chief Taylor for his efforts in getting yards mowed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk