

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
September 24, 2024

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on September 24, 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, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, Junior Mayor Sean White and Wastewater Superintendent Matt Buckner. Councilmember Virettia L. Whiteside was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Pastor Chris Herbert of Fayette First Methodist Church.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Nichols moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 10, 2024, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Campbell moved the minutes of the work session held on September 10, 2024, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

WASTE WATER EMPLOYEE STEP RAISE

Wastewater Superintendent Matt Buckner reported Mr. Jerry McDonald had received his Grade 3 Wastewater Operator certification and asked the Council to approve a step raise for him. Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council approve the step raise for Mr. Jerry McDonald. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF 2025 BUDGET

Mayor Northam presented the proposed 2025 Budget to the Council for their approval. Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council approve the 2025 Budget as presented. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

TAP GRANT

Mayor Northam reported the City had been approved by ALDOT for a TAP Grant. This grant is for downtown streetscape improvements along 1st Avenue NE and 1st Street NE.

GAS BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS

Mayor Northam said he had received a request from the Fayette Gas Board that Ms. Carmen Poe Moore and Mrs. Vicki Lawrence be reappointed to another term on the board. Mayor Northam said the reappointments would be voted on at the next meeting.

ORDINANCE 2024-05

Mayor Northam presented Ordinance 2024-05 to the Council to consider its adoption. He said this ordinance would allow for the use of electronic signatures and electronic records. It is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THAT THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF THE FAYETTE MAY SEND AND ACCEPT ELECTRONIC RECORDS AND ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES TO AND FROM OTHER PERSONS AND OTHERWISE CREATE, GENERATE, COMMUNICATE, STORE, PROCESS, USE AND RELY UPON ELECTRONIC RECORDS AND ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES PROVIDED AUTHORIZATION IS RECEIVED FROM THE CITY COUNCIL AND CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND CRITERIA ARE MET

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

SECTION 1. That pursuant to §8-1A-18(2) of the Code of Alabama, the Council hereby determines that the several Departments of the City of Fayette may institute a policy concerning the sending and accepting of electronic records and electronic signatures to and from persons and otherwise create, generate, communicate, store, process, use and rely upon electronic records and electronic signatures PROVIDED the Council approves and authorizes the departmental policy by resolution duly adopted by the Council and the proposed departmental policy contains the requirement that prior to an employee of the City applying their electronic signature, the employee-signer must have wet signature approval from their supervisor or department head.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective as of October 8, 2024.
Adopted this the _____ day of October 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

FINANCIALS

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam reported the unemployment rate for Fayette County is 3.9%.

Mayor Northam said the Frog Level Festival will be held on October 4th and October 5th.

Mayor Northam stated the Homecoming Parade will be held on October 11th.

Mayor Northam said the 70's Class Reunion will be held on October 12th.

Mayor Northam stated the Farmers Market will be open on October 26th and November 2nd.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of August 2024, the City received \$302,646.55 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$36,147.71 for a combined total of \$338,794.00. She reported the City received \$8,125.32 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$28,641.76 in online sales tax.

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