

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
March 25, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on March 25, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

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

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember 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 March 11, 2025, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

FAYETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Fayette Elementary School Principal Matt Lindsey updated the Council on certain activities and projects at FES. He also thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. He stated ACAP testing would soon begin at the school.

Mayor Northam and the Council presented FES with an appropriation of \$10,000.00.

REQUEST FOR PARADE PERMIT FOR COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Mayor Northam presented to the Council a request for a parade permit for the Community Easter Egg Hunt to be held on May 13, 2025. Councilmember Williams moved the permit be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

REQUEST FOR PARADE PERMIT FOR MARCH FOR JESUS

Mayor Northam presented to the Council a request for a parade permit for the "March for Jesus" to be held on May 17, 2025. Councilmember Nichols moved the permit be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENT OF ALM VOTING DELEGATE

Mayor Northam said the Council needed to appoint the City's voting delegate for the upcoming Alabama League of Municipalities (ALM) conference. Councilmember Herring moved the Council appoint Councilmember Eddy Campbell as the City's ALM voting delegate. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-04

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2025-04 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2025-04 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2025-04 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 2025 ATRIP-II PROJECT AND THE CITY OF FAYETTE'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF ANY PROJECT COST OVERRUNS

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Transportation has awarded a 2025 ATRIP-II project to Fayette, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, Fayette, Alabama does not anticipate a project overrun above the awarded ATRIP-II amount on this project; and,

WHEREAS, in the event that such an overrun should occur, Fayette, Alabama agrees to be responsible for this overrun.

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

That the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama hereby agrees to be responsible for a project cost overrun above the ATRIP-II awarded amount on the ATRIP-II project in the event such an overrun should occur; and,

That the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama hereby authorizes the payment for the aforementioned cost overrun.

Adopted on this 25th day of March, 2025 by the City Council of Fayette, Alabama.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk Dawn Clapp

Councilmember Campbell moved the Council adopt Resolution 2025-04. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

STREET DEPARTMENT STEP RAISES

Mayor Northam requested the Council approve a step increase in pay for Street and Sanitation Department employee, Mr. Cornelius Wilson. The Mayor recommended Mr. Wilson's pay rate be elevated from Grade 1, Step 1 to Grade 1, Step 2. Councilmember Williams moved Mr. Cornelius Wilson's pay rate be increased from Grade 1, Step 1 to Grade 1, Step 2. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Northam requested the Council approve a step increase in pay for Street and Sanitation Department employee, Mr. David Swanigan. The Mayor recommended Mr. Swanigan's pay rate be elevated from Grade 1, Step 1 to Grade 2, Step 1. Councilmember Nichols moved Mr. David Swanigan's pay rate be increased from Grade 1, Step 1 to Grade 2, Step 1. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams it was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Northam reported on the rezoning request that had come before the Planning Commission. The request was made by Mr. William McCollum to rezone the property at the northwest corner of the intersection of 2nd Avenue NE and 5th Street NE from R-2, Residential District to B-1, Business District. Mayor Northam said the Planning Commission recommended the rezoning request be granted.

MOTION TO SET REZONING HEARING

Councilmember Nichols moved the Council set a public hearing concerning the rezoning of the property located at the northwest corner of the intersection of 2nd Avenue NE and 5th Street NE on May 13, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at which time the Council will consider the adoption of the ordinance set forth below. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved. The notice and ordinance are as follows:

STATE OF ALABAMA)
 :
FAYETTE COUNTY)

) IN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
) 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 13th day of May, 2025, 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 25th day of March, 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-____
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-2 Residential District to a B-1 Business District, viz:

All in Block 42 of J.S. James Survey of the Town of Fayette, Alabama, according to the map or plat of said survey which is on file and of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Fayette County, Alabama, in Deed Record Volume 66 at page 601, which survey is hereby adopted in aid of this description.

116 feet taken uniformly off the South side of Lot No. 1;

A parcel of land in the Northeast corner of Lot No. 1 being 30 feet wide North and South by 100 feet long East and West.

A parcel of land in the Southeast corner of Lot No. 2 being 42 feet wide North and South by 100 feet long East and West.

The property is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of 2nd Avenue NE and 5th Street NE, Fayette, AL.

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, 2025.

Mayor, City of Fayette

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Fayette

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NORTHWEST ALABAMA MENTAL HEALTH

Mayor Northam reported to the Council that he had received a letter from the Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center (NAMHC) requesting that Mrs. Dwan Madden and Mr. Milbourn Savage be appointed to the Board of Directors of the NAMHC. No action was taken.

QUALIFYING FEES FOR UPCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Mayor Northam and the Council discussed the qualifying fees for the positions of Mayor and Councilmember in the upcoming municipal election.

MUNICIPAL HOUSING CODE ABATEMENT BOARD

Mayor Northam presented the Council with a letter received from Mr. Ron Goodwin resigning his position on the Municipal Housing Code Abatement Board. He has served on the board for several years. The Mayor and the Council thanked him for his service on the board and to the City. Councilmember Herring moved the Council accept the resignation of Mr. Ron Goodwin from the board. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

BUSINESS LICENSE COMPLIANCE

Mayor Northam said 17 local businesses have yet to obtain their business licenses for this year.

FINANCIALS

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam reported that the Fayette County Workforce Participation Rate for January 2025 was 48.5%.

Mayor Northam informed the Council of the following upcoming events:

1. Walking Health Fair- March 26th at 12 pm at the Court House
2. SEEDS Grant Presentation- March 27th at 11 am
3. Drug Court Graduation- March 28th at 10 am at the Civic Center
4. Veteran Services Office Grand Re-Opening-March 28th at 10 am at the Courthouse annex
5. Ross Salters and Gratitude Concert- March 29th at 3 pm at the Civic Center
6. Brownfield 101 and Phase 1 Meeting- April 1st at 5:30 pm at the Civic Center
7. City Cleanup Day- April 12th at 9 am
8. Easter Egg Hunt- April 13th at 2 pm
9. Good Friday Holiday- April 18th
10. C+ Plus Concert- April 19th at 6:30 pm at the Civic Center
11. Fayette Community Choir Concert- April 20th at 3 pm at the Civic Center
12. Comprehensive Plan Public Review- April 29th at 4 pm at the City Hall

REPORT OF JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL MAYOR

Junior City Council Mayor Sean White said applications are currently being taken for the Junior City Council. He also reported the Junior City Council's Autism Awareness Basketball Tournament will be held on May 10th.

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.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk