

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
May 13, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on May 13, 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 Aliska Hughes-Monroe. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Fire Lieutenant Chris Black, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner, Airport Manager Kip Madison and Junior City Council Mayor Sean White. Councilmember Jerry Nichols was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Andrew Porter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andrew Porter.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 22, 2025, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASE IN FARES FOR THE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Mayor Northam stated that this was the day and time set for the public hearing on the request of the Transportation Department to raise its fares. Transportation Director Jennifer Roberts spoke to the Council about the need to raise the fares for the local transportation system. She said the fares would be increased to \$2.00 one way and \$4.00 round trip with the Council's approval. No one spoke against the proposed fare increase.

PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING

Mayor Northam stated that this was the day and time set for the public hearing on the request of Mr. Bill McCollum to rezone his property located at the northwest corner of the intersection of 2nd Avenue NE and 5th Street NE, from R-2 Residential District to B-1 General Business District. Mr. McCollum appeared in support of his rezoning request. No one appeared in opposition.

2025 STREET PAVING PROJECT

Mayor Northam said the City had budgeted \$250,000.00 for this year's paving project. Mr. Luke Porter presented the Council with the proposed streets to be paved. They are as follows:

1. 6th Street NW (Market Street to 1st Avenue NW) – estimated paving cost - \$16,895.00
2. 24th Street NW (23rd Street to 8th Avenue) - estimated paving cost - \$30,300.00
3. 4th Way SW, 7th Street SW and 4th Avenue SW (2nd Loop at Housing Authority) - estimated paving cost - \$35,325.00
4. 6th Avenue NW (23rd Street to Curve at Bottom of the Hill) est. paving cost - \$19,050.00
5. 22nd Street SW (21st Street to 8th Avenue) estimated paving cost - \$14,975.00
6. 6th Avenue SE (From city limits to Phifer Cutoff Road) – est. paving cost – \$74,450.00
7. 1st Street NE (From Hwy 171 to 3rd Avenue NE) - estimated paving cost - \$16,975.00

The estimated cost for mobilization is \$15,000.00 and the estimated cost for construction fuel is \$7,500.00.

Mr. Porter said the total cost for the 2025 Street Paving Project paving project is estimated to be \$245,470.00

MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM

Wastewater Superintendent Matt Buckner presented the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Report to the Council. He said he hoped the upcoming sewer rehabilitation project will help address some of the issues in the report.

RESOLUTION 2025-05

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2025-05 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2025-05 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION
PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT, BEING AN EXAMINATION OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

WHEREAS, the 2024 Annual Report required by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management of the City of Fayette Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program has been submitted; and,
WHEREAS, the report has been reviewed by the Mayor and Council; and,
WHEREAS, no action is required to be taken which is necessary to maintain effluent requirements contained in the NPDES Permit;

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

1. That said MWPP Annual Report be accepted and approved by the Council; and,
2. A copy of said Annual Report is ordered to be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

DONE this the ____ day of May 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Williams moved the Council adopt Resolution 2025-05. 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 April 2025. The report was as follows: 34 incidents investigated; 8 accidents; 61 traffic citations; 80 traffic warnings and 27 arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Lt. Chris Black presented the fire report for April 2025. The Fire Dept. received 19 calls.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FARE INCREASE

Mayor Northam asked the Council whether they were ready to proceed on the Transportation Department's request for a fare increase. Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council approve the local transportation system fare increase to \$2.00 one way and \$4.00 round trip. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE 2025-04

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04
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 13th day of May, 2025.

Mayor, City of Fayette

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Fayette

Councilmember Campbell moved Ordinance 2025-04 be adopted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE 2025-05

Mayor Northam presented Ordinance 2025-05 to the Council for their consideration. Ordinance 2025-05 is as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION VII OF ORDINANCE 2025-02,
ADOPTED APRIL 22, 2025.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Fayette, Alabama, as follows:

SECTION 1. SECTION VII of Ordinance 2025-02 adopted on April 22, 2025, is hereby amended by deleting the entire section and substituting the following therefor, viz:

“SECTION VII

That a qualification fee in the amount of **\$25.00 for the Office of Councilmember** and a fee of **\$50.00 for the Office of Mayor** is hereby fixed and imposed upon all candidates seeking election as Mayor or Councilmember of the City of Fayette, Alabama, except as hereinafter provided for.

Such qualification fee shall be paid to the City Clerk and deposited to the general fund of the City, at or prior to the time of taking out qualification papers by any such candidates.

Any person desiring to qualify who is not financially able to pay the required fee may qualify provided such prospective candidate furnishes the Clerk with an affidavit stating that he is financially unable to pay the required fee by this ordinance.”

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption by the City Council and its publication as prescribed by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 13th day of May, 2025.

Mayor, City of Fayette

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Fayette

Councilmember Cambell moved the Council give unanimous consent to consider Ordinance 2025-05. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes Monroe, the same was unanimously approved. Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved Ordinance 2025-05 be adopted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE 2025-06

Mayor Northam presented Ordinance 2025-06 to the Council for their consideration. Ordinance 2025-06 is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §2-5. *Time and Place* OF ARTICLE I, *GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS AND PROCEDURE* OF CHAPTER 2, *ADMINISTRATION OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA.*

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

Section 1. That §2-5, *Time and Place of Article I, Governing Body Meetings and Procedure* of Chapter 2, *Administration* of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fayette be, and the same is hereby amended by striking such section in its entirety and substituting the following therefor:

§2-5. *Time and Place.*

Beginning May 27, 2025, and ending on October 28, 2025, all regular meetings of the Council shall convene at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

After October 28, 2025, all regular meetings of the Council shall convene at 5:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

All meetings, regular and special, shall be open to the public.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts or ordinances of the City of Fayette in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 13th day of May, 2025.

Mayor, City of Fayette

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Fayette

Councilmember Campbell moved Ordinance 2025-06 be adopted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

QTPOD CONTRACT

Mayor Northam presented the contract with QTPOD to the Council for their consideration. The contract concerns the software for the self-serve fuel pump at the airport. Councilmember Williams moved the contract be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

WORK SESSION

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved a work session be scheduled for May 27, 2025 at 5:00 for the City's Comprehensive Plan to be reviewed. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Campbell moved the City's financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Campbell moved the Municipal Court financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, 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 Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam thanked everyone who participated in the Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting.

Mayor Northam said Fayette County's workforce participation rate for March 2025 was 50.1%,

making Fayette County's rate 41st out of 67 counties.

Mayor Northam informed the Council of upcoming events as follows:

- March for Jesus- May 17th at 9:00 am
- 4H Pig Squeal- May 17th at 9:00 am at Multipurpose Building
- Carnival- May 21-24 at Multipurpose Building
- Aquatic Center Opening Day- May 24th at 10:00 am
- Farmers Market opens - May 24 at 8:00 am
- Memorial Day holiday- May 26th
- Main Street Alabama visit- June 10th
- Mayor and Councilmember qualifying- June 10-24
- ARC Car Show- June 14th at Multipurpose Building
- FCHS Football Horse Show- June 21st at Multipurpose Building
- Megan Woods Concert- June 28 at 7:00 pm at Civic Center

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of April 2025, the City received \$314,910.68 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$36,401.12 for a combined total of \$351,311.80. She reported the City received \$7,843.90 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$29,191.98 in online sales tax.

REPORT OF JUNIOR MAYOR

Junior Mayor Sean White said \$1,000.00 was raised from the Autism Awareness Basketball Tournament and will be given to the Library for its Autism Resource Center.

Junior Mayor Sean White also informed everyone that applications are being taken for Junior City Council until May 30th.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HUGHES MONROE

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe reported Toy Bowl Cheerleader signup is starting soon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk