

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
July 8, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 6:00 o'clock p.m. on July 8, 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, Aliska Hughes-Monroe and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor and City Attorney Dale Lawrence.

The opening prayer was given by Chief Danny Jenkins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Danny Jenkins.

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 June 24, 2025, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for June 2025. The report was as follows: 49 incidents investigated; 12 accidents; 68 traffic citations; 98 traffic warnings and 59 arrests.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Police Chief Jenkins presented the Council for their review a job description for a part time police officer to act as the code enforcement officer. No action was taken.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for June 2025. The Fire Department received 17 calls.

GRASS ABATEMENTS

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the following grass nuisances to the Council for abatement: (1) 307 Temple Ave. S; (2) 413 10th Street NW; (3) 504 24th Street NW; (4) 616 5th Avenue NE; (5) 835 Temple Ave S; (6) 1712 2nd Avenue SW; (7) Harmony Lane Apartments; (8) 421 10th Street NW; (9) 513 6th Street NE; (10) 812 21st Street SW; (11) 930 2nd Avenue SW; (12) 1753 1st Way NW; (13) 2355 1st Avenue NW; (14) Cotton Mill Village Community Center; (15) 1107 Temple Avenue N; (16) 821 Temple Avenue ; (17) 302 14th Street NW; (18) 115 10th Lane NW; (19) Lot 3rd Street SW; (20) 2134 7th Avenue SW; (21) 709 3rd Way NE; (22) 211 12th Street SW; (23) 114 4th Street SW; (24) 237 3rd Ave. NW; and (25) 315 10th Street SW.

Councilmember Campbell moved the above grass nuisances be abated on the above properties. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-09

Mayor Northam had notified the Council that Mr. Steve Herring was the only person who filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Councilmember – Ward 1. Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2025-09 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2025-09 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2025-09
A RESOLUTION DECLARING MR. STEVE HERRING DULY ELECTED
WITHOUT OPPOSITION TO THE POSITION OF COUNCILMAN - WARD 1
FOR THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA.**

WHEREAS, Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the *Alabama Code of 1975*, as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state, except those cities and towns which have a commission form of government, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-43 of the *Alabama Code of 1975* prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the *Alabama Code of 1975*, as amended, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-26 of the *Alabama Code of 1975*, as amended, provides that if only one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election to be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the *Alabama Code of 1975*, as amended, at the time the deadline for qualification has passed, then such person shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the Mayor or chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person, and

WHEREAS, said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Fayette has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Councilman - Ward 1 prior to the deadline established in the notice of election and that the name of that person who filed such statement was Steve Herring.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fayette that Steve Herring be and he is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Councilman - Ward 1 in the City of Fayette for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November, 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Fayette be and he hereby is directed to issue a certificate of election to Steve Herring for the office of Councilman - Ward 1 for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.

ADOPTED THIS THE _____ DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Nichols moved the Council approve Resolution 2025-09. Upon the same being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Northam, Councilmembers Campbell, Williams, Hughes-Monroe and Nichols
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Herring.

Mayor Northam stated the motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2025-10

Mayor Northam had notified the Council that Mr. Tommy Williams was the only person who filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Councilmember – Ward 3. Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2025-10 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2025-10 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2025-10
A RESOLUTION DECLARING MR. TOMMY WILLIAMS DULY ELECTED
WITHOUT OPPOSITION TO THE POSITION OF COUNCILMAN - WARD 3
FOR THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the *Alabama Code of 1975*, as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state, except those cities and towns which have a commission form of government, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-43 of the *Alabama Code of 1975* prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the *Alabama Code of 1975*, as amended, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-26 of the *Alabama Code of 1975*, as amended, provides that if only one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election to be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the *Alabama Code of 1975*, as amended, at the time the deadline for qualification has passed, then such person shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the Mayor or chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person, and

WHEREAS, said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the

municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Fayette has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Councilman - Ward 3 prior to the deadline established in the notice of election and that the name of that person who filed such statement was Tommy Williams.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fayette that Tommy Williams be and he is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Councilman - Ward 3 in the City of Fayette for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November, 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Fayette be and he hereby is directed to issue a certificate of election to Tommy Williams for the office of Councilman - Ward 3 for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.

ADOPTED THIS THE _____ DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Campbell moved the Council approve Resolution 2025-10. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Northam, Councilmembers Herring, Campbell, Hughes-Monroe, and Nichols

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Williams

Mayor Northam stated the motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2025-08

Mayor Northam had notified the Council that Mr. Rod Northam was the only person who filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Mayor. Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2025-08 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2025-08 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2025-08 A RESOLUTION DECLARING MR. ROD NORTHAM DULY ELECTED WITHOUT OPPOSITION TO THE POSITION OF MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the *Alabama Code of 1975*, as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state, except those cities and towns which have a commission form of government, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-43 of the *Alabama Code of 1975* prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the *Alabama Code of 1975*, as amended, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-26 of the *Alabama Code of 1975*, as amended, provides that if only one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election to be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the *Alabama Code of 1975*, as amended, at the time the deadline for qualification has passed, then such person shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the Mayor or chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person, and

WHEREAS, said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Fayette has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Mayor prior to the deadline established in the notice of election and that the name of that person who filed such statement was Rod Northam.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fayette that Rod Northam be and he is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Mayor of the City of Fayette for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November, 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Fayette be and he hereby is

directed to issue a certificate of election to Rod Northam for the office of Mayor for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.

ADOPTED THIS THE _____ DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Williams moved the Council approve Resolution 2025-08. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Councilmembers Herring, Campbell, Williams, Hughes-Monroe and Nichols
ABSTAIN: Mayor Northam

Mayor Northam stated the motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2025-11

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2025-11 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2025-11 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2025-11
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FAYETTE
AND THE STATE OF ALABAMA RELATIVE TO A PASS THROUGH OF FEDERAL FUNDS
FOR A SECTION 5311 RURAL AREA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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

1. That the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama: acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to public transportation with partial funding by the Federal Transit Administration, which agreement is before this City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama;
2. That the agreement be executed in the name of the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama by the Mayor of the City of Fayette, Alabama for and on its behalf;
3. That such execution be attested by the City Clerk and the seal of the City of Fayette, Alabama affixed thereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, a copy of such agreement be kept by the City Clerk in the minute book of the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, on this 8th day of July, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Williams moved the Council approve Resolution 2025-11. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT FOR FROG LEVEL FESTIVAL

Mayor Northam presented to the Council a request for a parade permit for the annual Frog Level Festival to be held on October 3-4, 2025. The Council discussed the logistical issues created by the Fayette County High School Homecoming Parade, also being on October 3rd . Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the permit be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Northam, Councilmembers Hughes-Monroe, Nichols, and Campbell
ABSTAIN: Councilmembers William and Herring

Mayor Northam stated the motion passed.

MUNICIPAL HOUSING CODE ABATEMENT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Councilmember Herring announced he was appointing Mr. Drew Haley to the Municipal Housing Code Abatement Board as the Ward 1 board member.

Councilmember Campbell announced he was appointing Mrs. Myra Nichols to the Municipal Housing Code Abatement Board as the Ward 2 board member.

“MEET THE CANDIDATES” NIGHT

Mayor Northam stated that Civic Center Director Glenda Robertson had requested permission to hold a “Meet the Candidates” Night at the Civic Center on July 24, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council approve this request. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

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 5th Street SW on August 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

MOTION TO ADD TO AGENDA

Councilmember Williams moved the Council add Resolution 2025-12 to the agenda. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-12

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2025-12 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2025-12 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2025-12

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAYETTE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MORROW WATER TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PHASE TO SERVE THE FAYETTE INDUSTRIAL ZONE

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette has received an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Grant to construct water and sewer improvements to serve the Fayette Industrial Zone located along State Highway 171 in the southern section of the City of Fayette; and,

THEREFORE, in accordance with ARC regulations the City of Fayette and the Fayette Water Works Board have solicited and received bids from qualified construction companies to construct the above referenced water system improvements in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Fayette Water Board and McGiffert and Associates have evaluated the bids received and have determined that Morrow Water Technologies, Incorporated is the low bidder for the water system improvement phase of this project; and

THAT, Rod Northam, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to award and enter a contract with Morrow Water Technologies, Incorporated in the amount of \$195,280.00 for the construction of the water system improvement phase of this project.

READ AND ADOPTED this the 8th day of July 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Williams moved the Council approve Resolution 2025-12. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Northam, Councilmembers Hughes-Monroe, Williams, Campbell, and Herring

NAYS: Councilmember Nichols

Mayor Northam stated the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the City’s financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe 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 Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam stated Election Day is set for August 26, 2025. He said residents of Ward 1 and Ward 3 will not be voting because the Mayor and the councilmember for their ward are unopposed.

Mayor Northam said Leadership Fayette County was taking applications through July 18th.

Mayor Northam reported that the Fayette County Workforce Participation rate for June 2025 was 49.3%.

Mayor Northam informed the council of these upcoming events:

- Farmers Market- Saturdays 8-11 A.M.
- Diamond Youth State Tournament- 10U & 12U July 9-14 in Montgomery, Alabama
- Back to School Sales Tax Holiday- July 18-20
- Car Show- July 19th at the Multipurpose Complex
- Planning Commission Public Hearing for Phase 2 of “The Village” is July 21st at 5:30 P.M.
- Meet the Candidates- July 24th at the Civic Center at 6:00 P.M.
- Gospel Singing- July 26th at the Civic Center

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of June 2025, the City received \$315,043.32 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$37,432.32 for a combined total of \$352,475.64. She reported the City received \$8,688.21 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$32,672.97 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.

Attest:

City Clerk

Mayor