

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
July 22, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 6:00 o'clock, p.m. on July 22, 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, Aliska Hughes-Monroe and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor, Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner, Junior City Council Mayor Sean White and City Attorney Dale Lawrence. Councilmember Tommy Williams was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Luke Porter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Jerry Nichols.

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 July 8, 2025, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION UPDATE

City Clerk Dawn Clapp updated the Council on the upcoming municipal election. She said she had recently received the absentee ballots. She reviewed the procedure for obtaining an absentee ballot.

BIDS FOR 2025 STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Luke Porter reported two bids were received for the City's upcoming 2025 Streetscape Improvement project. Ballard Builders, Inc., submitted a bid of \$721,894.29. Gillespie Construction, LLC, submitted a bid of \$928,769.00. Mr. Porter recommended the bid of the low bidder, Ballard Builders, Inc., in the amount of \$721,894.29, be accepted. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Fayette that it hereby awards the bid for the City's 2025 Streetscape Improvement Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Ballard Builders, Inc., in the amount of \$721,894.29.

Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-13

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2025-13 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2025-13 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2025-13  
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICERS FOR  
THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 26, 2025,  
AND A RUNOFF ELECTION ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, a regular municipal election has been called to be held on the 26th day of August, 2025, and a runoff election, to be held if necessary, on the 23rd day of September, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 11-46-27 of the *Alabama Code of 1975*, as amended, provides, in part, that the municipal governing body shall not less than fifteen (15) days before the holding of any municipal election, appoint from the qualified electors of the respective wards or voting districts officers to hold the election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA**, that the election officers for said election to be held on the 26th day of August, 2025 and if necessary a runoff election on September 23, 2025 shall be as follows:

Electronic Machine  
Coordinator

Billy Joe Howton

Chief Inspector                      Barrie Lowe  
Inspector                                Janice Sparks  
Chief Clerk                             Dottie Brasher

Clerks                                    WARD 2  
    Evelyn Branyon  
    Pat McCabe  
    Teresa Minor

Clerks                                    WARD 4  
    Robin Lowe  
    Carol Thornell  
    Donna Wright

Clerks                                    WARD 5  
    Cheryle Goodwin  
    Annette Morrison  
    Rose Savage

Clerks                                    ALTERNATES  
    Allene Crews  
    Julia Miranda  
    Kathryn Stowe

***ADOPTED AND APPROVED*** by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, on this 22nd day of July, 2025.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council adopt Resolution 2025-13. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

**STEP INCREASE FOR STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE**

Mayor Northam requested the Council approve a step increase in pay for Street Department employee, Mr. Steven Cook, to Grade 3, Step 5. Councilmember Nichols moved Mr. Steven Cook receive a step increase in pay to Grade 3, Step 5. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

**PURCHASE OF ROLL OFF BINS**

Mayor Northam presented the Council with the two bids he had received for roll-off bins for their review. He recommended that two bins be purchased. Plum Container submitted a bid of \$6,995.00 for each bin for a total of \$13,990.00 for two bins. Ingram Equipment Company submitted a bid of \$9,365.00 for each bin for a total of \$18,730.00 for two bins. Mayor Northam recommended the bid of the low bidder, Plum Container in the amount of \$13,990.00, be accepted. Councilmember Campbell moved the Council adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Fayette that it hereby awards the bid for the two roll-off bins to the lowest responsible bidder, Plum Container, the amount of \$13,990.00.

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

**MOTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING**

Councilmember Herring moved the Council set a public hearing concerning the request of Blue Creek Realty Group, LLC, to modify its Zero Lot Line Development Plan to change how vehicles access Lots 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 for August 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

REZONING HEARING AND PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Mayor Northam stated a public hearing concerning the rezoning of the property located on 5<sup>th</sup> Street SW had been set for August 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at which time the Council will consider the adoption of the ordinance set forth below. The ordinance is as follows:

**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".**

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***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 R-2 Residential District to R-4 Manufactured Home Subdivision District viz:

A lot or parcel of land in the NE portion of the SW ¼ of NE ¼, Section 12, Township 16, Range 13 West, being more particularly described as commencing at a point 70 feet South of the NE corner, which point is the SE corner of the Joe Thomas Savage lot; thence run South 98 feet to a point which is the NE corner of the Gregory Brent lot; thence run in a Northwesterly direction along the North edge of the Brent lot a distance of 148 feet to a stake on the edge of a street; thence run North along the East edge of a street 56 feet to a stake; thence run East a distance of 154 feet to the point of beginning. (Deed Book 2015 at Page 370)

The property is located on 5<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Fayette, AL.

Tax Parcel Id Number: 32-12-01-12-1-000-012.001

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 August, 2025.

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Mayor, City of Fayette

ATTEST

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Clerk, City of Fayette

SEWER RATES AND HOLDING TANK DISCHARGE RATES

Mayor Northam stated that under the City's ordinances and its loan agreement, the City had committed to increasing or decreasing sewer rates based upon the Consumer Price Index –W, US City average, over the past 12 months ending June of each year. He said for Fiscal Year 2026 the rates would have to increase due to the CPI- W for June 2025 being 2.6%. He said based upon a CPI of 2.6% the proposed rates effective October 1, 2025 would be as follows:

- a. Residential and Small Commercial:  
First 2,000 Gallons, minimum – \$29.75  
2,001 – 10,000 gallons, - per/1,000 Gallons- \$2.98  
Over 10,000.00 gallons – per /1,000 Gallons -\$2.31

- b. Large Commercial and Industrial:  
First 10,000 Gallons, minimum – \$81.04  
Over 10,000.00 gallons – per /1,000 Gallons - \$1.49

The rate for discharge of holding tank waste produced from residential or business septic tanks shall be as follows: \$24.62 per one thousand gallons and a minimum charge of \$24.62;

The rate for discharge of holding tank waste produced from industrial tanks shall be as follows: \$32.83 per one thousand gallons and a minimum charge of \$32.83;

No action was taken.

### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

At the Council meeting on July 8, 2025, Police Chief Jenkins had presented the Council with a job description for a part time police officer to act as a code enforcement officer. Mayor Northam asked the Council were they ready to act on the request. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council approve the job description as presented. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

### BIDS FOR ABATING GRASS NUISANCES

Mayor Northam presented the Council with the three bids he had received for mowing services to abate the grass nuisances that the Council had ordered abated. The three bids were as follows: (1) Dove Lawn Care submitted a bid of \$50.00 per hour; (2) Eason Lawns & More submitted a bid of \$70.00 per hour; and, (3) A. J. Kimbrell submitted a bid of \$70.00 per hour with a two hour minimum.

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council award the contract for mowing services to Dove Lawn Care at the rate of \$50.00 per hour. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

### SOLICITING BIDS FOR MULCHING AND WEED PREVENTION

Mayor Northam asked the Council to consider soliciting bids for mulching and weed prevention in the downtown area. Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council authorize the Mayor to solicit bids for mulching and weed prevention in the downtown area. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

### 3rd AVENUE NW TRAFFIC STUDY

Mayor Northam reviewed with the Council the traffic study that was conducted on 3rd Avenue NW. He said the study took place over the course of one week. He said the street has a 30 mph speed limit and the study revealed only 17.7% of the vehicles were traveling faster than the speed limit.

### FINANCIALS

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

### REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam congratulated the Fayette 10U Baseball team for finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 18 teams and he congratulated the Fayette 12U Baseball team for finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place out of 16 teams in the Daimond Youth Baseball State Tournament.

Mayor Northam informed the Council of the following upcoming events:

Farmers Market: Saturdays 8:00-11:00 am  
Meet the Candidates- July 24th at 7:30 pm at the Civic Center  
Gospel Singing: July 26th at the Civic Center  
Deadline for comments of Comprehensive Plan – July 29<sup>th</sup>  
Fayette Jr. City Council Park Day- August 9<sup>th</sup> 1pm -5pm at Guthrie Smith Park  
Municipal Election – August 26<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk