

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
September 23, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 6:00 o'clock, p.m. on September 23, 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, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and Junior Mayor Sean White.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Stephen Fulmer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Stephen Fulmer.

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 9, 2025, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF 2026 BUDGET

Mayor Northam presented the proposed 2026 Budget to the Council for their approval. The proposed budget shows total anticipated revenues of approximately \$11,400,000.00 and total anticipated expenses of approximately \$11,200,000.00.

Mayor Northam said employees will get a COLA increase of two percent (2%) along with a step raise. He said these increases in wages would cost approximately \$200,000.00. He also reported that under the budget, the Sewer Department will now be under the Waste Water Department.

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council approve the 2026 Budget as presented. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

POLICE VEHICLE REPAIR UPDATE

Police Chief Danny Jenkins reported he had obtained two quotes for the repair of the police vehicle (Tahoe – Unit 6991). The first quote was from Selman's Garage for \$12,265.00 that included a 3 year/100,000 mile warranty. The second quote was from Andrew Bynum GMC, Inc. for \$15,613.12. City Mechanic Curt Moore recommended the engine be replaced because the vehicle only has 88,000 miles on it.

Councilmember Herring moved the Council approve the replacement of the engine by Selman's Garage. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-19

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2025-19 to the Council to consider its adoption. He said the community has recycled 65 tons of cardboard. It is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2025-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TO RENEW THE CITY'S RECYCLING REGISTRATION PERMIT

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette was issued a Recycling Registration permit for the City Shop located at 342 2nd Street SE, Fayette, Alabama 35555; and,

WHEREAS, the City's Recycling Registration permit will expire next year and must be renewed.

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

That Mayor Rod Northam is hereby authorized to execute and submit an application to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) to renew the City’s Recycling Registration permit.

Adopted this the 23rd day of September 2025.

THE CITY OF FAYETTE:

By: _____
Rod Northam, Mayor

Attest:

Dawn Clapp, City Clerk

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council approve Resolution 2025-19. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-18

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2025-18 to the Council to consider its adoption. It is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2025-18
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAYETTE TO MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE RICHARD ARTHUR FIELD AIRPORT.

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette intends to apply for state and federal matching funds for airport improvement projects for the Richard Arthur Field Airport during fiscal year 2026.

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

1. That the City of Fayette is authorized to make applications for airport improvement funding assistance from the State of Alabama Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration, for the purpose of undertaking projects in fiscal year 2026 to make improvements at the Richard Arthur Field Airport.
2. That the applications be submitted for and on behalf of the City of Fayette by its Mayor who is authorized by this resolution to sign the application and any related forms or documents on behalf of the city.
3. That the City of Fayette is authorized to enter into an airport improvement funding agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation, and the Federal Aviation Administration, for the purpose of undertaking projects to make improvements at the Richard Arthur Field Airport, with partial funding provided by the State of Alabama and the Federal Aviation Administration.
4. That the agreement be executed in the name of the City of Fayette for and on behalf of the City of Fayette by its Mayor.
5. That the authority of the City of Fayette to enter into contracts with the State of Alabama and the Federal Aviation Administration has been reviewed by the City’s attorney, and in his/her opinion, the City of Fayette is duly authorized to commit the City of Fayette to agreements with the Alabama Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Fayette hereby affirms that the local matching share of funds in the amount required for this airport improvement project has been officially approved, placed into the budget of the airport and is available for expenditure upon execution of the Federal Aviation Administration’s and the State of Alabama’s funding agreements and the start of the project.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Fayette on this ____ day of September, 2025.

Rod Northam, Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Councilmember Nichols moved the Council approve Resolution 2025-18. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

CANVASSING OF RUN-OFF ELECTION RESULTS

Mayor Northam said the canvassing of the run-off election results would need to take place on September 30, 2025, at 12:00 P.M. Councilmember Campbell moved the Council approve said date and time for canvassing the run-off election votes. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

FINANCIALS

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam stated the workforce participation rate for Fayette County for September 2025 was 48.7% and unemployment rate was 2.4%

Mayor Northam informed the Council of these upcoming events:

Goat Show – September 27th at 2:00 pm at the Multipurpose Complex
Fayette County Fair - October 1st-5th
Frog Level Festival - October 3rd & 4th
FCHS Homecoming – October 3rd

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of September 2025, the City received \$300,055.01 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$34,834.30 for a combined total of \$334,889.31 She reported the City received \$8,756.43 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$31,992.39 in online sales tax.

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.

COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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 Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk