

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
November 11, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on November 11, 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, Mickey Joe Morgan, Tommy Williams, Cedric Wilson and Floyd Rodgers, Jr. Also present were City Clerk Sherry Fowler, City Treasurer 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 Bro. Scott Davis of Fayette First Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by J.D. Upmeyer.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Wilson moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 28, 2025, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Rodgers moved the minutes of the organizational meeting held on November 3, 2025, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for October 2025. The report was as follows: 41 incidents investigated; 8 accidents; 38 traffic citations; 60 traffic warnings and 27 arrests.

Chief Jenkins thanked Tractor Supply for the \$500.00 donation it made to the Police Department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for October 2025. The Fire Department received 19 calls.

PROMOTION OF FIREFIGHTER

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor said he had recommended to the Mayor that Corporal Tyler Hayes be promoted to Sergeant. Mayor Northam said based on Chief Taylor's recommendation he would promote Corporal Tyler Hayes to Sergeant. He said this would result in an increase in his hourly rate of pay which the Council would need to approve. Councilmember Morgan moved that based upon the promotion of Corporal Tyler Hayes to Sergeant that his pay be increased accordingly. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Councilmember Morgan moved the Council approve the parade permit for the Old Fashion Christmas to be held downtown on December 4th. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

AGREEMENT WITH WATER WORKS BOARD FOR COLLECTION OF SEWER FEES

Mayor Northam reviewed with the Council the agreement the City had with the Water Works Board to bill and collect the sanitary sewer service fees for the City. The City pays \$1.50 for each bill. He said the agreement needed to be renewed and recommended that the new agreement be for four years instead of three years. Councilmember Williams moved the Council renew the agreement with the Water Works Board for a four year term. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers, the same was unanimously approved.

AGREEMENT WITH NORTHWEST ALABAMA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (C3)

Mayor Northam reviewed with the Council the City's participation in the Northwest Alabama Economic Development Authority (C3). He said as a participant the City pays \$25,000.00 to assist and support the North Alabama EDA in its efforts to recruit industry and grow businesses in the area.

Councilmember Rodgers moved the Council renew the agreement with Northwest Alabama EDA (C3). Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, the same was unanimously approved.

CINTAS AGREEMENT

Mayor Northam reviewed with the Council the agreement with Cintas for City Hall, the EOC building and the park. Councilmember Williams moved the Council renew the agreement with Cintas. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-22

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2025-22 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2025-22 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2025-22
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE IN
THE “SALES TAX HOLIDAY”**

WHEREAS, during its 2012 Regular Session, the Alabama Legislature enacted Act No. 2012-256, effective April 26, 2012, which provides an exemption of the state sales and use tax for certain severe weather preparedness supplies during the first full weekend in July of 2012 and the last full weekend of February in subsequent years; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 2012-256 authorizes the City Council to provide for an exemption of city sales and use taxes for purchases of items covered by the Act during the same time period in which the state sales and use tax exemption is in place, provided a resolution to that effect is adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Fayette City Council has affirmatively voted to grant the exemption of City sales and use taxes on purchases covered by Act No. 2012-256 during the last full weekend of February 2026, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 20, 2026 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 22, 2026, the last full weekend of February in 2026;

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FAYETTE CITY COUNCIL that it does hereby provide for an exemption of the City sales and use tax on purchases of items covered by Act No. 2012-256 beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 20, 2026 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 22, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the November 11, 2025, meeting of the Fayette City Council, and be immediately forwarded to the Alabama Department of Revenue in compliance with Code of Alabama, § 11-51-210 (e).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Fayette City Council has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Mayor on this the 11th day of November, 2025.

Mayor Rod Northam

ATTEST:

City Clerk Sherry Fowler

Councilmember Morgan moved the Council adopt Resolution 2025-22, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

PURCHASE OF CITY OF FAYETTE SHIRTS

Mayor Northam said he had received a request that “City of Fayette” shirts be purchased for the councilmembers to wear to events and conferences. He said this would be voted on at the next meeting.

ALABAMA COMMUNITY OF EXCELLENCE AND MAIN STREET PROGRAMS

Mayor Northam reported that Councilmember Floyd Rodgers, Jr. had recently received the award for ACE Coordinator of the year in the State of Alabama. Mr. Rodgers had served as the City’s ACE Coordinator before being elected to the Council.

Mayor Northam asked the Council whether they wished to continue to participate in the Alabama Communities of Excellence (ACE) program. Councilmember Rodgers moved the Council continue to participate in the ACE program and start accepting applications for a new Coordinator. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

FLAG PARK PROPERTY PURCHASE

Mayor Northam stated that the property located across from City Hall where the Flag Park is located

had been offered by the owners to the City. The total purchase price would be \$101,600.00 plus closing cost. This is a discount from the tax appraised value of the parcels. Councilmember Herring moved the City purchase the Flag Park property from the owners, Mr. Andy Perry and Mrs. Gina Howton for the combined total amount of \$101,600.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers, the same was unanimously approved.

REQUEST FOR CITY TO BECOME A JUST SERVE CITY

Mayor Northam gave the Council information concerning becoming a “Just Serve City” for their review. No action was taken.

WORK SESSION

Councilmember Herring moved the Council set a Work Session after the Council meeting on November 25th. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers, the same was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR ALCOHOL LICENSE

Mayor Northam reported the City had received an application from HBC Enterprises, LLC (Sam’s Smokehouse) for an alcohol license. Councilmember Wilson moved a public hearing be set for November 25, 2025. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Mayor Northam stated that one member of the Council needed to be appointed to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Morgan moved the Council appoint Councilmember Rodgers to the Planning Commission. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Northam, Councilmembers Herring, Morgan, Williams and Wilson.
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Rodgers.

MUNICIPAL HOUSING CODE ABATEMENT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Northam reminded the councilmembers that they need to appoint someone from their ward to serve on the Municipal Housing Code Abatement Board.

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

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

CITY TREASURERS REPORT

City Treasurer Dawn Clapp presented her Treasurer’s report to the Council. Councilmember Herring moved the City’s financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Morgan 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 Herring moved the Park & Recreation financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam reported the West Alabama Regional Commission Orientation would take place in Northport on November 14th.

Mayor Northam said America’s Best Beauty Pageants would take place on November 15th at the

Civic Center.

Mayor Northam informed the Council that “Christmas at the Park” would be open November 27-December 31 from 5:30-9:15 p.m.

Mayor Northam stated the Christmas Parade would be held on December 1st at 6 p.m.

Mayor Northam said the “All 4 Him” concert would take place on December 2-3rd at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Mayor Northam stated the Old Fashion Christmas was set for December 4th 5-8 p.m.

Mayor Northam said the Festival of Trees Opening Ceremony was December 4th 5-8 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Mayor Northam stated the FCHS Band Concert would be held on December 8th at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Sherry Fowler reported Advocacy Day in Montgomery, would take place on January 21, 2026.

REPORT OF JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL MAYOR

Junior City Council Mayor Sean White reported the Junior City Council members were helping at the animals shelter and were also helping with other projects.

Mayor Northam said Junior Mayor Sean White had been recognized by the Chamber of Commerce as Junior Citizen of the year.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER RODGERS

Councilmember Rodgers stated Praise at the Park was being held on November 21-23.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon the motion to adjourn being made by Councilmember Wilson and seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk