

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
January 27, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on January 27, 2026, 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, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner and Junior Mayor Sean White.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Felix Caine.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jayce Smith, a junior at Fayette County High School.

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 January 13, 2026, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

PAVING PROJECT

Mr. Luke Porter reviewed with the Council the proposed 2026 Paving Project. He recommended removing 6th Street SW from the City's paving project and applying for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to pay the cost for paving it. Mr. Porter recommended that for the other streets, the City apply for a Rebuild Alabama Grant. Mayor Northam said that one street would need to be removed from the proposed project to bring the cost of the project within the budgeted amount.

SIDEWALK PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Luke Porter informed the Council that the sidewalk project should be starting soon.

WASTE WATER PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Luke Porter reported the Waste Water Treatment Plant Project is about 85-90% complete. The total cost of the project is \$2.885 million. The project has \$132,000.00 that has not been used. Mr. Porter estimated the cost to install flow meters would be \$150,000.00. If the City elects to go forward, then the City would have to provide an additional \$25,000.00 to purchase and install the flow meters.

Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner recommended that the flow meters be purchased and installed at the Waste Water treatment plant. Councilmember Herring moved the Council add the flow meters to the Waste Water project and authorize their purchase and installation at the treatment plant. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

CIVIC CENTER BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Northam reported that the Civic Center Board had recommended that Ms. Destyn Stowe Caine be appointed to the Civic Center Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Beverly McCollum Whitfield. Councilmember Herring moved the Council appoint Ms. Destyn Stowe Caine to the Civic Center Board. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Northam, Councilmembers Herring, Morgan, Williams and Wilson.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Rodgers

Mayor Northam stated the motion passed.

MAIN STREET NETWORK COMMUNITY

Mayor Northam asked the Council whether it wanted to continue participating in the Main Street Network Community. Councilmember Williams moved the City continue its Main Street Network Community designation. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, the same was unanimously approved.

CHANGE OF REGULAR MEETING DATE

Due to a conflict with the League of Municipalities Annual Meeting, Mayor Northam requested the Council change the date of its regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 28th to Monday, April 27th. Councilmember Wilson moved the Council change its regular meeting from Tuesday, April 28th to Monday, April 27th. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

CITY HALL WHEELCHAIR LIFT

Mayor Northam reported he had not received the quote to repair the wheelchair lift at City Hall.

WORK SESSION REVIEW

Mayor Northam reviewed the discussion that had taken place at the work session held just prior to this Council meeting. He said each Councilmember was to provide their top 5 priorities.

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 said the unemployment rate for Fayette County for December, 2025 was 2.4%.

Mayor Northam said the ACE Coordinator application deadline was February 4th. There are currently two applicants.

Mayor Northam said the City was accepting bids for a used 1½ ton diesel truck for the Street Department.

Mayor Northam reported on the upcoming events in the City:

- The retirement party for Mrs. Mary Ann Brock, a longtime employee of the Water Works Board will be held on January 30th at the Civic Center.
- The C3 tour of Cullman is February 2nd.
- The Gateway Park zoom meeting is February 4th.
- The circus will be at the Multipurpose Complex on February 5th.
- Motorcross events will take place at the Multipurpose Complex on February 14th and February 21st.
- The Fayette County Leadership Class will be in Montgomery on February 17th.
- The Junior City Council Basketball Tournament will be held on February 28th.
- Brother to Brother will host a Black History Month Program at the Civic Center on February 22nd.

REPORT OF JUNIOR MAYOR

Junior Mayor Sean White said the Junior City Council Basketball Tournament will be held at the Fayette Middle School on February 28th.

MAYOR NORTHAM RECEIVES C3 CHAMPION OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Council congratulated Mayor Northam on receiving the 2026 Champion of the Year Award from the Northwest Alabama Economic Development Alliance (C3).

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk