

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
February 10, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on February 10, 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, City Treasurer Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor, Junior City Council Mayor Sean White and City Attorney Dale Lawrence.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Dean Maddox.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Dean Maddox.

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 work session held on January 27, 2026, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Rodgers moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 27, 2026, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, it was unanimously approved.

APPROPRIATION TO LIBRARY AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mayor Northam and the Council presented an appropriation of \$10,000.00 for the Fayette County Memorial Library to Director Jessica Crowe. Ms. Crowe shared with the Council that their appropriation went toward their salaries, programs and materials.

Mayor Northam and the Council presented an appropriation of \$10,000.00 for the Chamber of Commerce to Executive Director Emily Montague. Mrs. Montague reported most of their appropriation would go toward the annual Frog Level Festival.

SCRAP IRON QUILTING

Mrs. Phyllis Campbell, the owner of Scrap Iron Quilting, spoke to the Council concerning a competition in which her business is currently involved. Scrap Iron Quilting is a local fabric store. She said she hoped to have a quilt show in the future. She also reported on the "shop hops" that will take place later in the year.

APPROVAL OF CITY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

City Treasurer Dawn Clapp presented the City's financial statement to the Council. She stated the total amount of the checks written were \$1,002,057.84. Councilmember Wilson moved the City's financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

City Treasurer Dawn Clapp presented the Park & Recreation Department's financial statement to the Council. She stated the total amount of the checks written were \$264,230.55. Councilmember Morgan moved the Park & Recreation Department's financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

total of \$385,620.39. She reported the City received \$8,980.87 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$40,940.64 in online sales tax.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for January 2026. The report was as follows: 45 incidents investigated; 9 accidents; 91 traffic citations; 133 traffic warnings and 48 arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for January 2026. The Fire Department received 18 calls.

PURCHASE OF TRUCK FOR STREET DEPARTMENT

Mayor Northam said the City had been accepting bids for a used 1½ ton diesel truck for the Street Department. He reported the City had received a bid from Hopper's Automotive for a 2018 Ford F450 flatbed crew cab truck for \$23,016.50. Councilmember Williams moved the City purchase the 2018 Ford F450 flatbed crew cab truck for \$23,016.50 from Hopper's Automotive. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, the same was unanimously approved.

CITY HALL LIFT

Mayor Northam presented the Council with the two quotes he had received to fix the lift at City Hall. The lift was made by Garaventa. The quotes were as follows: (1) Bagby - \$1,200.00 to troubleshoot the lift issues; (2) Garaventa USA, Inc., - \$1,440.00. Mayor Northam recommended the Council have Garaventa repair the lift since it was produced by them. Councilmember Wilson moved Garaventa USA, Inc., be used to repair the City Hall lift. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

PAVING PROJECT PLAN

Mayor Northam recommended 6th Street SW and 3rd Ave NE be removed from the paving project in order to bring it within the budgeted amount. Mr. Luke Porter had previously reported that the City could apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to pay the cost for paving 6th Street SW. Mr. Porter had also recommended that for the other streets, the City apply for a Rebuild Alabama Grant. Councilmember Williams moved the Council to submit applications for a CDBG grant and a Rebuild Alabama grant for the street paving project. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENT OF ALM VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

Mayor Northam said the Council needed to appoint the City's voting delegate for the upcoming Alabama League of Municipalities (ALM) conference. Councilmember Herring moved the Council appoint Councilmember Floyd Rodgers, Jr., as the City's ALM voting delegate and Mayor Rod Northam as the City's alternate. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

BACK TO SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Mayor Northam recommended to the Council that the City continue to participate in the "Back to School" sales tax holiday. The consensus of the Council was for the City to continue to participate in this sales tax holiday.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Mayor Northam presented to the Council a mutual aid agreement for their consideration and review. No action was taken.

RESOLUTION 2026-01

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2026-01 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2026-01 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2026-01

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALABAMA USA SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION FOR THE COMMEMORATION AND CELEBRATION OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

WHEREAS, the Alabama legislature and Governor created AMERICA250AL by joint resolution in 2021 to plan, promote, and implement where appropriate public celebrations and commemorations of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026, and of the 250th anniversary of the United States of America,

WHEREAS, AMERICA250AL hoped to engage all Alabamians and all 67 counties through their many signatures and officially recognized programs, projects and events over the next two years by inspiring future leaders and celebrating all Americans and Alabamians contributions to the nation over the last 250 years.

WHEREAS, by adoption of AMERICA250AL's educational outreach toolkits, we hope to educate, engage, and unite citizens across the state in celebration; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fayette that an AMERICA250AL Committee be officially established and made up of a diverse group of citizens to work with AMERICA250AL on any and all activities within the City of Fayette. The participants in the City of Fayette Committee will be strictly voluntary and there will be no compensation for participation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the City of Fayette legislative delegation and AMERICA250AL Commission.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, on this ____ day of February, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Rodgers moved the Resolution 2026-01 be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam reported that Mrs. Laura Rainey was the new bus driver and would start February 9th.

Mayor Northam reported on the C3 visit to Cullman.

Mayor Northam informed the Council of the vacancies on the Planning Commission, Art Museum Board, Civic Center Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and City Tree Board.

Mayor Northam reported that a state historical marker concerning Byler Road had been placed at the intersection of Temple Avenue and 1st Street SE. He said Byler Road is the oldest road in Alabama.

Mayor Northam informed the Council of these upcoming events:

- Motocross events- February 14th and 21st at the Multipurpose Complex
- Fayette County Leadership Class- February 17th in Montgomery.
- Black History Month Celebration- February 22nd at the Civic Center at 6 p.m.
- Junior City Council Basketball Tournament- February 28th at the middle school

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER RODGERS

Councilmember Rodgers said that members of the Fayette Leadership Group were in attendance at the meeting. The members attending were Mrs. Emily Montague, Ms. Allie Kizzire, Mrs. Robin Hayes, Mr. David Allen, Ms. Kari Deloe and Ms. Alana Lovelace.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Rodgers moved the Council go into executive session to discuss with their attorney the legal ramifications of and legal options for controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The City Attorney stated this exception was applicable to the planned discussion. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Herring moved the Council come out of executive session. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk