

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
February 24, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on February 24, 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 and City Attorney Dale Lawrence. Junior Mayor Sean White was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Mark Brown.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Mark Brown.

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

#### PRESENTATION OF JUST SERVE COMMUNITY PLAQUE

Mr. Benny Denton presented Mayor Northam and the Council with a plaque recognizing the City as a Just Serve Community.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Rodgers moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 10, 2026, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

#### C3 UPDATE

Mr. Tom Wisemiller of the Northwest Alabama Economic Development Alliance (C3) updated the Council on its activities. He said C3 seeks to support existing businesses and industries and recruit new ones to the area. He said a SEED's grant was recently used by the City's Industrial Development Board to purchase land for a new industrial park. He said currently they are working on a wetlands determination for the ditch that runs through the property. He thanked the Council for their continued support.

#### PRESENTATION OF APPROPRIATIONS TO SCHOOLS

Mayor Northam and the Council presented each local school with \$10,000.00. Accepting on behalf of Fayette Elementary School was Assistant Principal Dr. Cristy Thompson. Dr. Thompson said the funds would be used to buy supplies for the school and for painting. Accepting on behalf of Fayette Middle School was Principal Ron Hannah. Mr. Hannah said the funds would be used for various needs at the school. Accepting on behalf of Fayette County High School was Assistant Principal Daniel Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez said the funds would be used for improvements at the high school.

#### COMMUNITY POLLINATOR GARDEN

Mrs. Ashley Townley spoke to the Council about a grant in the amount of \$7,500.00 she had received for a Community Pollinator Garden. She would like to locate the garden on the lot South of the GMS Building. Councilmember Wilson moved the Council approve the establishing of the pollinator garden on the lot South of GMS Building. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

#### PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented a Parade Permit request for the Community Easter Egg Hunt to be held on March 29, 2026. Councilmember Rodgers moved the Council grant the parade permit. Upon the motion being seconded by Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

#### PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented a Parade Permit request for the Community-wide Vacation Bible School to be held on June 6, 2026. Councilmember Williams moved the Council grant the parade permit. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2026-02

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2026-02 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2026-02 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2026-02**  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAYETTE'S PARTICIPATION IN**  
**THE ALABAMA INTER-LOCAL MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Act of Alabama 2025-206 amended the Code of Alabama 1975, §§31-9-9 and §31-9-11 to expand the scope wherein local emergency management organizations may provide reciprocal aid and assistance to other public or private agencies in the State of Alabama pursuant to a mutual aid agreement; and,

**WHEREAS**, Act of Alabama 2025-206 grants the authority to the governing body of each local emergency management organization to develop mutual aid agreements with other public and private agencies within this state for mutual aid and assistance to protect the public peace, health, and safety, and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the state, and it further provides that employees of political subdivisions have the same powers and immunities when they act outside of the political subdivision pursuant to a mutual aid agreement; and,

**WHEREAS**, each Entity desiring to participate in the Alabama Inter-Local Mutual Aid Agreement is required to adopt a resolution, signifying its desire to participate and its agreement to the terms and conditions of participation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fayette desires to adopt and participate in the Alabama Inter-Local Mutual Aid Agreement and understands and agrees to the provisions as set out therein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Fayette that the Mayor of the City of Fayette is hereby granted authority to enter this and future mutual aid agreements, as needed, to support prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery of planned or unplanned events, emergencies, and/or disasters.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that it is the intent of the City of Fayette, by adoption of this resolution, to enter into the Alabama Inter-Local Mutual Aid Agreement with all other participating Entities and to agree to all terms and conditions set out therein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be immediately forwarded to the Alabama Association of Emergency Managers and the State of Alabama Emergency Management Agency with a request that the City of Fayette be included as a participant of the Alabama Inter-Local Mutual Aid Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the City of Fayette has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf on this \_\_\_ day of February, 2026.

CITY OF FAYETTE

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rod Northam, Its Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk Sherry Fowler

Councilmember Williams moved that Resolution 2026-02 be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

CIVIC CENTER BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Northam said the Civic Center Board had requested that Mr. Chuck Gates be reappointed to its board. Councilmember Wilson moved the Council reappoint Mr. Chuck Gates to the Civic Center Board. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

AIRPORT ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT

Mayor Northam presented the Council with a letter that had been received from ALDOT about the annual inspection report for the Airport.

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 stated the last day for the leaf truck will be March 20, 2026.

Mayor Northam informed the Council of the ADA Compliance and Accessibility issues involving the municipal websites.

Mayor Northam introduced Mr. Jackson Kimbrell as the new ACE Coordinator.

Mayor Northam informed the Council of these upcoming events:

- Alabama League of Municipalities Regional Training- March 12<sup>th</sup> at BSCC Sumiton
- Fayette Junior City Council basketball tournament- March 14<sup>th</sup> at the middle school
- Poultry show- March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Multipurpose complex
- Egg Hunt- March 29<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.
- C-Plus Concert- April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center
- FCHS Football Walking horse show- April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Multipurpose complex
- Car show- April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Multipurpose complex
- 4-H Pig Squeal- April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Multipurpose complex
- Community Clean up day- April 25<sup>th</sup> at City Hall

## REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER RODGERS

Councilmember Rodgers said that a member of the Fayette Leadership Group was in attendance at the meeting. He introduced to the Council Mrs. Nicki Calloway, Senior Director of Nursing at Fayette Medical Center.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Wilson 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 Rodgers, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Wilson moved the Council come out of executive session. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers, 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 Wilson and seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk