

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
March 10, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on March 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, 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, Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner and Junior Mayor Sean White. Councilmember Mickey Joe Morgan was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Barrie Lowe.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Barrie Lowe.

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Herring moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 24, 2026, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers, it was unanimously approved.

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Emily Montague reported that the Chamber of Commerce's Calendaring luncheon will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup> at noon. The purpose of this meeting is to develop a community calendar so that scheduling conflicts between events can be reduced.

Director Montague also reported she was working on a local event to celebrate the United States's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

#### APPROVAL OF CITY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

City Treasurer Dawn Clapp presented the City's General Fund expenses to the Council. She stated the total amount of the checks written was \$740,419.24. Councilmember Wilson moved the payment of the City's General Fund expenses be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

#### APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

City Treasurer Dawn Clapp presented the Park & Recreation Department's expenses to the Council. She stated the total amount of the checks written was \$21,434.46. Councilmember Rodgers moved the payment of the Park & Recreation Department's expenses be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

#### APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

City Treasurer Dawn Clapp presented the Municipal Court's expenses to the Council. She stated the total amount of the checks written was \$20,413.40. Councilmember Wilson moved the payment of the Municipal Court's expenses be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

#### REPORT OF CITY TREASURER

City Treasurer Dawn Clapp reported for the month of February 2026, the City received \$293,614.57 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$33,007.94 for a combined total of \$326,622.51. She reported that the City received \$7,751.32 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$47,246.51 in online sales tax.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for February 2026. The report was as follows: 38 incidents investigated; 14 accidents; 28 traffic citations; 39 traffic warnings and 39 arrests.

Police Chief Danny Jenkins also reported on the traffic study conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW. He said 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW has a speed limit of 25 mph. He reported the violation rate (those traveling at a speed above the posted speed limit) was 13.8% which he stated was a low rate of violation.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for February 2026. The Fire Department received 23 calls.

#### REQUEST FOR CONSENT TO HIRE FIREFIGHTER

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor recommended Mr. Patrick Lann be hired as a full-time firefighter. Mayor Northam said based on Chief Taylor's recommendation he would hire Mr. Lann as a full-time firefighter upon obtaining the consent of the Council. Councilmember Williams moved the Council consent to the Mayor hiring Mr. Patrick Lann as a full-time firefighter. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

#### WARNING LETTER RECEIVED FROM ADEM

Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner reviewed with the Council the warning letter he had received from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). The warning was concerning the ammonia levels and E. Coli levels at the treatment plant. Superintendent Buckner said that with the upgrades at the plant and the changes in chemicals, that these issues should be resolved.

#### AQUATIC CENTER RATES FOR 2026 SEASON

Park Director Chris Champion addressed the Council concerning the admission rates to be charged for the 2026 season at the Aquatic Center. He did not recommend any changes to the rates for the 2026 season. Councilmember Herring moved the Council approve the Park Director's recommendation to keep the admission rates for the 2026 season at the Aquatic Center the same as the previous year. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

#### 100 ALABAMA MILES CHALLENGE

Mayor Northam said the 100 Alabama Miles Challenge is a free public program designed to inspire all Alabama residents to get 100 miles of activity in each year whether they run, walk, hike, bike, swim, paddle, ride or roll. The consensus of the Council was for the City to participate in the program.

#### REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam said the last day the leaf truck would run would be March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Northam said the Alabama League of Municipalities Regional Training would take place March 12<sup>th</sup> at BSCC Sumiton.

Mayor Northam gave an update on the America 250 Alabama celebration. He said the National Flag Foundation was planning a national event to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Country. It is called "Light to Unite" and they are asking all cities in the US to light up red, white and blue that evening.

Mayor Northam informed the Council of the following upcoming events:

- 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 Center
- Deborah Porter Fashion Show- March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center
- Egg Hunt- March 29<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at the Methodist Church
- Chamber of Commerce Calendaring Luncheon- April 8<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. at the Civic Center
- 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 Center
- Community Walking Health Fair- April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Courthouse
- 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 Cleanup Day- April 25<sup>th</sup> at City Hall

#### REPORT OR CITY CLERK

City Clerk Sherry Fowler reported that for January 2025, all of the City's accounts balanced. She also reported that for February 2026, all of the City's accounts balanced except that the statements for the

payroll account and general fund account were not received in time to reconcile them for this meeting.

Mrs. Fowler also reported that 1,048 business licenses had been sold resulting in revenue of \$635,256.36. She said there were twelve delinquent business licenses in the City.

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 Ms. Allie Kizzire, Director of Nursing at Fayette Long Term Care.

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 Williams, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Herring 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 Herring, it was unanimously approved.

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Mayor

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City Clerk