

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
April 14, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on April 14, 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, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, and Junior City Council Mayor Sean White.

The opening prayer was given by Rev. Kelcey Hale of Mt. Joy Missionary Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rev. Kelcey Hale.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON ALCOHOL LICENSE

Mayor Northam announced that this was the day and time scheduled for a public hearing on the application of Mid South Petroleum Corporation doing business as Mac's Minit Mart, for an alcohol license. No one appeared opposing the granting of the license.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CITY 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 \$766,588.95. Councilmember Wilson moved the payment of the City's General Fund expenses be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the following vote was taken:

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

The Mayor stated the motion passed.

PARK AND 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 \$57,131.53. Councilmember Williams moved the payment of the Park & Recreation Department's expenses be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the following vote was taken:

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

The Mayor stated the motion passed.

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 \$13,467.00. Councilmember Herring moved the payment of the Municipal Court's expenses be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF CITY TREASURER

City Treasurer Dawn Clapp reported for the month of March 2026, the City received \$263,358.50 in non-designated sales tax and the $\frac{1}{2}\%$ sales tax for the hospital generated \$43,882.45 for a combined total of \$307,240.96. She reported the City received \$6,023.70 in alcohol taxes. She also reported that the

City received \$34,019.68 in online sales tax.

Mrs. Clapp reported that the City no longer has a credit card. She said that the City would open a bank account containing a limited amount of funds and use a debit card tied to the account for online purchases.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for March 2026. The report was as follows: 48 incidents investigated; 13 accidents; 44 traffic citations; 51 traffic warnings and 42 arrests.

CONSENT TO HIRE POLICE OFFICERS

Police Chief Danny Jenkins recommended Mr. Timothy Jace Keeton and Mr. Carson Terry Lawrence be hired as full-time police officers. They will both have to attend the Law Enforcement Academy in order to become APOST certified. Mayor Northam said based on Chief Jenkins's recommendation he would hire Mr. Keeton and Mr. Terry as full-time police officers upon obtaining the consent of the Council. Councilmember Wilson moved the Council consent to the Mayor hiring Mr. Timothy Jace Keeton and Mr. Carson Terry Lawrence as full-time police officers. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

TASER UPGRADE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sgt. Jordan Roberts spoke to the Council concerning updating the City's Taser equipment because the current taser contract is about to expire. He said the Police Department currently uses the Taser 7 Basic program. He said the Department had received a quote on upgrading to the Taser 10 Pro + Full VR Package program from Axon Enterprises. The Taser 10 Pro + Full VR Package program is for sixty months and costs a total of \$83,343.72. Sgt. Roberts said the program comes with twelve Taser 10 units, unlimited duty cartridge replacements, a video training platform and other training and tracking features. No action was taken.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Mrs. Dwan Madden, Executor Director of Child Advocacy Center spoke to the Council about her organization and the services they provide. She said they are an agency that serves children that have been abused or neglected. She said they work closely with DHR, the Police Department and the District Attorney's office. They also provide counseling for children and their caregivers.

Mayor Northam presented Mrs. Madden with a Proclamation declaring the month of April "Child Abuse Prevention Month".

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

CONSENT TO HIRE FIREFIGHTER

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

STEP INCREASE FOR STREET AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT

Mayor Northam request the Council approve a step increase for Mr. John Stewart, who works in the Sanitation Department to Grade 1, Step 2 and a step increase for Mr. David Paulene, a CDL Operator, who works in the Street Department to Grade 3, Step 5. Councilmember Williams moved the Council approve the step increases for Mr. John Stewart and Mr. David Paulene. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers, the same was unanimously approved.

DUCT CLEANING BID FOR OLD CITY HALL

Mayor Northam presented the Council with the two quotes he had received to clean the ductwork at the old City Hall. The quotes were as follows: (1) Servpro – (a) upstairs only - \$1,316.71 or (b) entire building - \$4,147.92; and, (2) Stanley Steamer – entire building - \$5,397.00. Councilmember Wilson

moved that all the ductwork in the building be cleaned and that the contract be awarded to ServPro for \$4,147.92. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2026-03

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2026-03 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2026-03 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2026-03

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING AN ALCOHOL LICENSE
TO MID SOUTH PETROLEUM CORPORATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, as follows:

That the application by Mid South Petroleum Corporation doing business as Mac's Minit Mart, located at 1705 Gordo Road SW, 35555 for the following types of alcohol license:

050 - Retail Beer – Off Premises Consumption Only

070 - Retail Table Wine – Off Premises Consumption Only

be and is hereby approved.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, on this 14th day of April, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Herring moved that Resolution 2026-03, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, it was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented a request for Parade Permit for the March for Jesus parade to be held on May 16, 2026. Councilmember Williams moved the Council grant the parade permit. Upon the motion being seconded by Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

REPAIR OF FORD F-450 TRUCK

Mayor Northam presented the Council with the two quotes he had received to repair the fuel system on the Ford F-450 Truck. The quotes were as follows: (1) Foster Brothers Diesel Repair, LLC. - \$10,368.94; and, (2) West Alabama Ford of Fayette - \$10,586.68. Councilmember Herring moved Foster Brothers Diesel Repair be used to repair the Ford-450 truck for a cost of \$10,368.94. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

Mayor Northam requested the Council schedule a public hearing to receive public comment on the City's Transportation Program and budget. Councilmember Wilson moved the Council set a public hearing on May 12, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. to receive public comment on the City's Transportation Program and budget. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam said the citywide "Cleanup Day" would take place on April 25th starting at 9:00.

Mayor Northam stated the "America 250 Celebration" would take place June 27th at 5:00 at the courthouse.

Mayor Northam said the calendaring luncheon event was a success.

Mayor Northam informed the Council of the following upcoming events:

- Community Walking Health Fair- April 15th at the Courthouse
- Car show- April 18th at the Multipurpose Center

- Spring Carnival- April 22nd-25th at the Multipurpose Center
- 4-H Pig Squeal- April 25th at the Multipurpose Center
- Community Cleanup Day- April 25th at the City Hall
- Superintendent of Education Forum- April 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center
- FJCC Beauty Pageant- May 2nd at the Civic Center
- National Day of Prayer- May 7th at 12:00 at the courthouse
- Gospel Music Fanfare- May 7th-9th at the Civic Center
- March for Jesus- May 16th at 9:00 downtown

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Sherry Fowler informed the Council there was still one local business license that remained delinquent and 68 businesses outside of the City had not purchased their business license.

REPORT OF JUNIOR MAYOR

Junior Mayor Sean White reported they are taking applications for Junior City Council.

Junior Mayor White said the Superintendent of Education Candidates Forum would take place on April 27, 2026.

Junior Mayor White stated the FJCC Beauty Pageant would take place on May 2, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Williams 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 Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk