

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
April 27, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on April 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, 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 Pastor Jared Lovelace of the Fayette Church of God.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Alana Lovelace.

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Rodgers moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 14, 2026, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, it was unanimously approved.

#### AIRMEDCARE MUNICIPAL SITE PLAN RENEWAL

Mr. Corey Merchant of AirMedCare spoke to the Council concerning the renewal of the City's Municipal Site Plan with AirMedCare. The renewal amount for the City is \$22,764.00. This is the same as last year. Councilmember Wilson moved the Council approve the contract with AirMedCare for \$22,764.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers, it was unanimously approved.

#### LEADERSHIP PROJECT UPDATE

Mrs. Alana Lovelace, Ms. Nicole Shadow, Ms. Stephanie Wyatt, Ms. Shavonne Eatmon and Ms. Toni Cook of the Fayette Leadership class of 2025-2026, spoke to the council about their class project. Mrs. Lovelace said that the proposed project is to revitalize the Flag Park across from City Hall. Ms. Shadow said one phase would include the construction of an event stage in the park. Ms. Shavonne Eatmon spoke concerning the playground equipment for the proposed children's play area. They said the estimated cost of the entire project is \$330,000.00.

Mayor Northam said he had contacted some planners to provide a quote for designing the project. He said he would also like to get input from the public on the project.

#### ACE UPDATE

ACE Coordinator Jackson Kimbrell updated the Council on the recent activities of the ACE committees. He said the committees were meeting to work on their areas of focus. He also reported that the request for funding for the City's America 250 Celebration had been submitted.

#### TASER CONTRACT

At the previous Council meeting, Sgt. Jordan Roberts had spoken to the Council concerning updating the City's Taser equipment because the current taser contract was 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. He said 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.

Sgt. Jordan Roberts presented to the Council a letter from Axon Enterprises stating it was the sole source provider for the tasers. Councilmember Herring moved the City purchase from Axon Enterprises the Taser 10 Pro + Full VR Package program (sixty months) for \$83,343.72. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

#### LIFT REPAIR

Mayor Northam presented the quote from Garaventa USA, Inc., for the repair of the lift at City Hall. The amount quoted to repair the lift was \$4,335.78. Councilmember Williams moved the City

contract with Garaventa USA, Inc., to repair the lift for \$4,335.78. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, it was unanimously approved.

#### PURCHASE OF TACK COAT

Mayor Northam presented a quote from White Cap for a pallet of tack coat in the amount of \$4,703.40. He said the tack coat is sprayed on the street before the final layer of asphalt is put down. Councilmember Williams moved the Council purchase a pallet of tack coat from White Cap for \$4,703.40. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

#### PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented a Parade Permit request for the Fayette Farmers Market to block Temple Avenue in front of City Hall each Saturday morning from May 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Councilmember Rodgers moved the Council grant the parade permit. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

#### APPOINTMENT TO MUNICIPAL HOUSING CODE ABATEMENT BOARD

Councilmember Rodgers reported that Mr. Claude Sudduth, who represented Ward 5 on the Municipal Housing Code Abatement Board had submitted a letter of resignation. Councilmember Wilson moved the Council accept the resignation of Mr. Claude Sudduth. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Rodgers announced that he was appointing Mr. Belton Harton to the Municipal Housing Code Abatement Board as the Ward 5 board member to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Claude Sudduth.

#### AIRMEDCARE LEASE AGREEMENT

Mayor Northam reported to the Council that AirMedCare wanted to renew its lease of space at the airport for two additional five-year renewal options. Under the lease, it sets out the price markup for the fuel purchased by AirMedCare. The consensus of the Council was to propose a 10% mark up.

#### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Councilmember Morgan moved the Council add the matter of the underground fuel tanks at the City Shop to the agenda. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers, it was unanimously approved

#### FUEL TANK REMOVAL

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor spoke to the Council regarding the removal of the 2 – two-thousand-gallon fuel tanks at the City Shop. He said if the City closed and filled the tanks in without removing them then ADEM would require the City to continue to test the soil and water around the tanks. Chief Taylor estimated the cost to close the tanks in place would be \$25,000.00. He said the City could use its forces to remove the tanks, but ADEM would require the removal to have third party oversight. He had received one quote for providing the third party oversight and it was \$5,600.00. Chief Taylor said the best case scenario was that there was no contamination outside of tanks. He said worst case scenario is contamination of soil and water outside of tanks. If this is the situation then the contaminated soil will have to be removed and hauled to a hazardous waste landfill. He said the City is a member of the Alabama Underground and Aboveground Storage Tank Trust Fund and funds from this could be used to offset the cost of the removal of any contaminated soil.

#### FINANCIALS

Mayor Northam reviewed with the Council the financials of the City, Municipal Court, Park & Recreation Department, Transportation Department, Airport and Waste Water Department.

#### REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam said the America 250 Celebration would take place June 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Mayor Northam informed the Council of the upcoming events:

- Superintendent of Education forum- April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center
- FJCC Beauty Pageant- May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Civic Center at 5 p.m.
- National Day of Prayer- May 7<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. at the Courthouse

- Gospel Music Fanfare- May 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center
- March for Jesus- May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. downtown
- Election day- May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Farmers Marker- May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8 a.m. at the City Hall
- Car Show- May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Multipurpose Building
- Memorial Day Holiday- May 25<sup>th</sup>

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HERRING

Councilmember Herring asked that the Council consider allowing members who cannot be personally present at a council meeting to participate by Zoom.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER RODGERS

Councilmember Rodgers announced the Aquatic Center's 2026 season would run from May 23rd to August 9th.

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 Rodgers, it was unanimously approved.

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Mayor

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City Clerk