

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
May 12, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on May 12, 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 Captain Brad Porter, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, and Junior City Council Mayor Sean White.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. David Allen of the Will Bright Foundation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Rod Northam.

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 regular meeting held on April 27, 2026, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mayor Northam said the City of Fayette is applying to the Alabama Department of Transportation for an operational, administration, planning and capital assistance award under 49 U.S.C. Section 5311 of the Federal Transit laws. He said this was the date and time scheduled for a public hearing to receive public comment concerning the City's 2027 Transportation Plan and grant request.

Transportation Department Director Jennifer Roberts shared with the Council the City's 2027 Transportation Plan as well as presenting the Transportation Department's proposed 2027 budget. She said the administration budget totaled \$93,430.00 and the operation budget totaled \$120,050.00. She said the projected fare revenue is \$15,000.00. She reported that for operations, the City has a 50% match and for administration, the City has a 20% match.

MENTAL HEALTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Northam presented a Proclamation to Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center (NAMHC) proclaiming May 2026 as Mental Health Month. Ms. Nancy Kennedy of NAMHC accepted the proclamation on behalf of NAMHC and thanked the Council for their support.

PAVING PROJECT

Mayor Northam said the current plan was to pave High Forest Drive, a portion of Temple Avenue North and four other streets.

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 \$1,307,938.60. Councilmember Herring moved the payment of the City's General Fund expenses be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

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 \$39,998.82. Councilmember Rodgers moved the payment of the Park & Recreation Department's expenses be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, 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 \$9,945.00. Councilmember Morgan moved the payment of the Municipal Court's expenses be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF CITY TREASURER

City Treasurer Dawn Clapp reported for the month of April 2026, the City received \$319,100.46 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$37,372.72 for a combined total of \$356,473.18. She reported the City received \$7,870.65 in alcohol taxes. She also reported that the City received \$33,765.27 in online sales tax.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for April 2026. The report was as follows: 36 incidents investigated; 11 accidents; 92 traffic citations; 86 traffic warnings and 33 arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Captain Brad Porter presented the fire report for April 2026. The Fire Department received 26 calls.

TRANSPORTATION BUDGET APPROVAL

Transportation Department Director Jennifer Roberts presented the 2027 Transportation budget to the Council for their review and approval. Councilmember Wilson moved the 2027 Transportation budget, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2026-04

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2026-04 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2026-04 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2026-04
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THE SECTION 5311
RURAL AREA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027**

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette recognizes the need for a public transportation program; and,
WHEREAS, the City of Fayette is recognized as a member of the Fayette Transportation Steering Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette recognizes that the requirements to obtain Section 5311 funds from the Alabama Department of Transportation include a local match of 50% for operating expenses and 20% for administration, planning and capital expenses; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette recognizes that the local match will be a shared cost with other participating municipalities being responsible for providing an appropriate allocation of local non-federal funds to secure the operating of Section 5311 Rural Area Public Transportation Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Fayette hereby commits the amount of \$86,211.00 as local non-federal match for operations, administration, planning, and capital expenditures under the Section 5311 Rural Area Public Transportation Program during Fiscal Year 2027.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, on this 12th day of May, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Williams moved that Resolution 2026-04, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers, it was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2026-05

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2026-05 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2026-05 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2026-05
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND THE ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A GRANT UNDER THE FEDERAL TRANSIT
ACT**

WHEREAS, the Secretary of U.S. Department of Transportation and Director of the Alabama Department of Transportation are authorized to make grants for a public transportation program;

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the Applicant, including the provision of its local share of the project costs in the program;

WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under 49 USC Section 5311 the applicant gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other pertinent directives and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that disadvantaged business enterprises (minority business enterprises and woman business enterprises) be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this/these project(s), and that definite procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts and purchase orders when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FAYETTE

1. That Mayor Rod Northam is authorized to execute and file (an) application(s) on behalf of the City of Fayette with the Alabama Department of Transportation to aid in the financing of administration, planning, capital and/or operating assistance projects pursuant to 49 USC Section 5311, the Alabama Public Transportation Grant Program, and the Alabama Seniors and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program.
2. That Mayor Rod Northam is authorized to execute and file with such applications and assurance, or any other documents required by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Alabama Department of Transportation effectuating the purpose of Tile IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
3. That Mayor Rod Northam is authorized to furnish such additional information as the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Alabama Department of Transportation may require in connection with the application for the Program of Projects submitted to FTA.
4. That Mayor Rod Northam is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative disadvantaged business enterprise policies in connection with any procurements made as part of the project.
5. That Mayor Rod Northam is authorized to execute grant agreements on behalf of the City of Fayette with the Alabama Department of Transportation for aid in the financing of the administration, planning, capital, and/or operating assistance projects.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, on this 12th day of May, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Rodgers moved that Resolution 2026-05, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

WILDLIFE PERIMETER FENCE PROJECT

Mayor Northam presented the Council with the contract with Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC (GMC) to provide engineering services for the Airport Fencing Project. Councilmember Morgan moved that the Council enter into the contract with GMC for engineering services for the Airport Fencing Project. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented a request for Parade Permit by the Fayette Church of God to host a street service on May 31, 2026. Councilmember Rodgers moved the Council grant the parade permit. Upon the motion being seconded by Herring, it was unanimously approved.

AIRVAC LEASE

Mayor Northam presented the Council with the First Amendment to the Air Evac EMS lease agreement for their review and approval. Councilmember Rodgers moved the Council enter into the First Amendment to lease agreement and that the Mayor be authorized to sign it on behalf of the City. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, the same was unanimously approved.

FLAG PARK CHARETTE QUOTE

Mayor Northam said the quote he received from Place Associates for the Flag Park Charette was \$5,000.00. Councilmember Morgan moved that the Council contract with Place Associates to prepare the Flag Park Charette for \$5,000.00. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

SHOP TANK REMOVAL

Mayor Northam reported he had received a quote from Terracon Consultants, Inc. to provide oversight services for the removal of the two underground storage tanks at the City Shop for \$5,860.00. Councilmember Williams moved the Council contract with Terracon Consultants to provide oversight services for \$5,860.00. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE

Mayor Northam presented information to the Council concerning council members attending council meetings virtually by electronic means. No action was taken.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam thanked Ashley and Robert Townley for the Pollinators Garden located near Bill's Trail.

Mayor Northam said the local American 250 Celebration would take place June 27th at 5:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Mayor Northam informed the Council of the following upcoming events:

- FCHS Graduation- May 15th at 8:00 pm at John Morgan Brown Stadium
- March for Jesus- May 16th at 9:00 am
- Farmers Market- May 23rd at 8:00 a.m.
- Car Show- May 23rd at the Multipurpose Complex
- Farmers Market- May 30th at 8:00 a.m. at the City Hall
- Street Service- May 31st at 2:00 p.m. at the Courthouse
- Farmers Market- June 6th at 8:00 a.m.
- Community Vacation Bible School- June 7th at 3:00 p.m. at Southside Park

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Sherry Fowler gave the Council the Reconciliation Report for March and April 2026. All accounts balanced for March. All accounts balanced for April except she was unable to reconcile the General Fund and Payroll accounts because they were not received in time.

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 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 Wilson and seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk