

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
May 26, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on May 26, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Rod Northam, Councilmembers Mickey Joe Morgan, Tommy Williams, Cedric Wilson and Floyd Rodgers, Jr. Also present were City Clerk Sherry Fowler, City Treasurer Dawn Clapp, Wastewater Superintendent Matt Buckner, Park Director Chris Champion, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, and Junior City Council Mayor Sean White. Councilmember Steve Herring was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Robert Townley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Robert Townley.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Morgan moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 12, 2026, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

RECOGNIZATION OF ASHLEY AND ROBERT TOWNLEY

Mayor Northam recognized Ashley and Robert Townley for their work in obtaining a grant and developing the Pollinator Garden near Bill's Trail. The Mayor and Council thanked them for their work.

RECOGNITION OF KYMIRIA MADDOX

Park Director Chris Champion recognized Ms. Kymiria Maddox for coming in 2nd Place in the Running Long Jump and 3rd Place in the Softball Throw in the 12U Girls Division at the State Track and Field Championship meet. The track & field team is one of the Park & Recreation Department's sports programs.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Ms. Jessica Crowe, Director of the Fayette County Memorial Library updated the Council on the Library's upcoming summer reading program. She said the theme of this year's program is dinosaurs.

ACE UPDATE

ACE Coordinator Jackson Kimbrell reported to the Council on the recent activities of the ACE program and Mainstreet program. He said the committees were meeting to work on their areas of focus. He said the City's America 250 Celebration is scheduled for June 27, 2026. He stated that they were still waiting to see if their grant is approved.

MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION REPORT

Wastewater Superintendent Matt Buckner reviewed the City's 2025 Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Report with the Council.

RESOLUTION 2026-06

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2026-06 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2026-06 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION
PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT, BEING AN EXAMINATION OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

WHEREAS, the 2025 Annual Report required by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management of the City of Fayette Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program has been submitted; and,

WHEREAS, the report has been reviewed by the Mayor and Council; and,
WHEREAS, no action is required to be taken which is necessary to maintain effluent requirements contained in the NPDES Permit;

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

1. That said MWPP Annual Report be accepted and approved by the Council; and,
 2. A copy of said Annual Report is ordered to be filed with the minutes of this meeting.
- DONE* this the _____ day of May 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Wilson moved that Resolution 2026-06, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

PUMPING STATION AT WASTE WATER PLANT

Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner said the main pumping station at the waste water plant is down to its backup pump. He said if it fails then the City would have to lease a bypass pump at a cost of \$5,100.00 per month.

CONCESSION STAND REPAIR

Park Director Chris Champion reported he had requested quotes from four contractors for repairing the two-story concession stand at Guthrie Smith Park that was damaged during a recent storm. He said he only received one quote and it was from Ballard Builders in the amount of \$44,862.00. Councilmember Williams moved the Council contract with Ballard Builders to repair the two-story concession stand at Guthrie Smith Park for \$44,862.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

LIFT AT CITY HALL

Mayor Northam stated that he had received a quote from Garaventa USA, Inc., to replace the bottom lock assembly on the lift for \$3,019.43. He said once this is done the lift will be operational. Mayor Northam said Garaventa USA, Inc., also provided a quote of \$600.00 for the CAT-1 inspection of the lift that is required annually. Councilmember Morgan moved the Council contract with Garaventa USA, Inc., to replace the bottom lock assembly on the lift for \$3,019.43 and perform the annual CAT-1 inspection for \$600.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam said that there may be a parade to celebrate Hubbertville's Baseball State Championship. Mayor Northam said he would report back when he had more information.

REQUEST FROM DHR FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Mayor Northam shared a letter he received from the local Department of Human Resources requesting a assistance from the City. In the letter, DHR requested a \$500.00 contribution for this fiscal year and then requested the City contribute \$1,000.00 in the next fiscal year. Mayor Northam said he would invite them to come to the next Council meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Northam reported to the Council that Ms. Regina Nalls and Mr. Stephen Fulmer had agreed to serve on the Planning Commission. He said there were two vacancies on the Planning Commission due to the resignation of Mr. Bernard Wright and the passing of Mr. Greg Hill. He also asked that the Council waive the seven-day notice period for nominations. Councilmember Williams moved the seven-day notice period for nominations be waived to consider both of these appointments. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Wilson moved that Ms. Regina Nalls be appointed to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Bernard Wright. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Northam, Councilmember Morgan, Williams and Wilson.

NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Rodgers

The Mayor stated the motion passed.

Councilmember Morgan moved that Mr. Stephen Fulmer be appointed to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Greg Hill. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

FINANCIALS

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam said the budget process was starting and any project ideas needed to be by June 19th.

Mayor Northam informed the Council of the following upcoming events:

- Flag Park Charrette- June 24th at 1:00 at the Civic Center
- America 250 Celebration- June 27th at 5:00 at the Courthouse
- Meeting with Cintas- June 13th at 11:30 at the Civic Center
- Farmers Market- May 30th at 8:00 a.m. at the City Hall
- Fayette Church of God Street Service- May 31st at 2:00 p.m. at the Courthouse
- Farmers Market- June 6th at 8:00 a.m. at the City Hall
- Goat Show- June 6th at the Multipurpose Complex
- Community Vacation Bible School- June 7th at 3:00 p.m. at Southside Park
- Farmers Market- June 13th at 8:00 a.m. at the City Hall
- Runoff Election- June 16th
- Juneteenth Holiday- June 19th
- Farmers Market- June 20th at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Sherry Fowler said the April payroll account and April City account both balanced.

REPORT OF JUNIOR MAYOR SEAN WHITE

Junior Mayor Sean White stated Park Day was scheduled for June 18th at Gutherie Smith Park.

Junior Mayor White said the Pickleball Tournament sponsored by the Junior City Council would take place on July 11th.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER RODGERS

Councilmember Rodgers stated a political forum hosted by Brother2Brother would take place on June 11th at the Civic Center.

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 Rodgers, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk