

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
June 23, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on June 23, 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, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor, Police Chief Danny Jenkins and City Attorney Dale Lawrence.

The opening prayer was given by Bro. Ken Shepherd of Southside Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bro. Ken Shepherd.

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 June 9, 2026, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers, it was unanimously approved.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS BY DHR

Fayette Department of Human Resources Director Sabrina Brashier spoke to the Council concerning providing funding to DHR. She asked that the City provide \$500.00 currently and requested the City budget \$1,000.00 for Fayette DHR in the upcoming fiscal year. She said these funds would go toward a food closet and for providing utility assistance vouchers to individuals or families in need. No action was taken.

2026 PAVING PROJECT

Mr. Luke Porter spoke to the Council about the 2026 Street Paving Project. He said that the City had not received the Rebuild Alabama grant from the state. He said that the streets that been selected to be to be paved are:

- 23rd Street NW
- 2nd Avenue NW
- 19th Street NW
- 3rd Street SE

Mr. Porter requested that the Council authorize the advertisement for bids on the project. Councilmember Herring moved the Council authorize the advertising for bids on the paving project. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Transportation Director Jennifer Roberts reviewed with the Council the State's Fiscal Year 2025 Section 5311 Management Performance Review of the City's Transportation Department. The review had three primary areas that were examined: (1) Policy and Procedures, (2) On Site Maintenance Records; and (3) Transit Vehicle Inspections. The letter from the Alabama Department of Transportation stated that the City met its statutory and administrative requirements and that no areas were found to be deficient.

ACE UPDATE

ACE Coordinator Jackson Kimbrell reported to the Council that the City had received the \$2,500.00 grant from the State for its America 250th Celebration. He said the City's America 250th Celebration is scheduled for June 27, 2026 from 5:00-7:00 P.M. at the Fayette County Courthouse.

FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICIES

Chief Shannon Taylor requested the Council adopt the two Fire Department policies he had presented at the last council meeting. One policy concerns the platoon system and hours worked and the other policy concerns leave time. He reviewed with the Council how the policies would work. Council members Herring, Wilson and Rodgers requested more time to make sure that everyone understood how the new policies would work. It was suggested that the Council have a work session concerning the new policies and the Fire Department employees be invited to attend. Instead of having a work session, Mayor

Northam appointed Councilmembers Herring, Wilson and Rodgers to serve on a committee to work on the two proposed Fire Department policies.

MUNICIPAL HOUSING CODE ABATEMENT BOARD REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor reported on an abatement of a building that had not been remedied by the owner within the time required by the Housing Code Abatement Board. He requested the Council set it for a hearing. Councilmember Williams moved the Council set a hearing for the abatement of the nuisance for July 14, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

ONE TIME LONGEVITY BONUS FOR RETIREES

Mayor Northam informed the Council that the City had been notified that the Council would have to adopt a resolution if it wants to give the City's retirees or their beneficiaries a one-time lump sum payment as provided under Section 2 of Act 608 of the Regular Session of the 2026 Legislature. The estimated cost of the one-time payment is \$9,340.00. City Attorney Dale Lawrence was asked to prepare a resolution.

WORK SESSION SCHEDULED

Mayor Northam requested the Council schedule a work session on June 30, 2026, at 5:30 P.M. to discuss the budget and prioritize items in it. Councilmember Herring moved the Council set a work session for June 30, 2026, at 5:30 P.M. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

CIVIC CENTER BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Northam reported on the request he had received from the Civic Center Board for the following board members to be reappointed: Mrs. Martha Jo McDonald, Mrs. Angela Burris, Mrs. Myra Rainey and Mr. Larry Humber. The Civic Center Board also requested that Ms. Jessica Crowe be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Ned Nichols who had resigned from the board. Mayor Northam said the appointments will be voted on at the next council meeting.

WATER WORKS BOARD'S ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

Mayor Northam congratulated the Fayette Water Works Board on the excellent results it received in its 2026 Annual Water Quality Report.

FLOOD PLAN ZONING DISTRICT

Mayor Northam reviewed with the Council some of the issues arising from how the Flood Plain District is to be determined and its requirements interpreted under the City's Zoning Ordinance.

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 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
- Farmers Market- June 27th at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall
- America 250 Celebration- June 26th @ 10:00 A.M. at the Civic Center
- Ham Radio Gathering- June 27th-28th at the Park
- Frozen (movie)- June 30th at 10:00 A.M. at the Civic Center
- Farmers Market- July 4th at 8:00 A.M. at the City Hall
- FJCC Pickle Ball Tournament- July 11th at 8:00 A.M. at the Park
- Tractor Pull- July 11th at the Multipurpose Complex
- Farmers Market- July 11th at 8:00 A.M. at the City Hall
- Giving Closet back to school bash- July 18th 9:00-12:00 at Central Church
- Farmers Market- July 18th

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Sherry Fowler reported that for May 2026, all of the City's accounts balanced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Herring 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 Rodgers, it was unanimously approved.

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk