

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
July 14, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on July 14, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Rod Northam, Councilmembers Micky 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, Junior City Council Mayor Sean White and City Attorney Dale Lawrence. Councilmember Steve Herring was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. William Eaves.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. William Eaves.

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 June 23, 2026, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Rodgers moved the minutes of the work session held on June 30, 2026, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilmember Rodgers reported on the work of the committee established to review certain changes in the Fire Department's policies. He recommended the adoption of Ordinance 2026-01.

ORDINANCE 2026-01

Mayor Northam presented Ordinance 2026-01 to the Council for their consideration. Ordinance 2026-01 is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §2-91 *Fire Fighters- Seven Day Work Period Established and §2-92 Scale for payment of volunteer fireman OF DIVISION 2, Building and Electrical Inspectors, Police and Fire Fighters OF ARTICLE VI, EMPLOYEES OF CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA.*

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, as follows:

Section 1. That §2-91 *Fire Fighters – Seven Day Work Period Established* of Division 2, *Building and Electrical Inspectors, Police and Fire Fighters* of Article VI, *Employees* of Chapter 2, *Administration* of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fayette be, and the same is hereby amended by striking such section in its entirety and substituting the following therefor:

“§2-91. Twenty Eight Day Work Period Established.

There is hereby established a twenty-eight (28) day work period for all members of the Fayette Fire Department who are actively engaged in firefighting activities for the City of Fayette, Alabama.

Section 2. That §2-92 *Scale for payment of volunteer fireman* of Division 2, *Building and Electrical Inspectors, Police and Fire Fighters* of Article VI, *Employees* of Chapter 2, *Administration* of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fayette be, and the same is hereby DELETED by striking such section in its entirety.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts or ordinances of the City of Fayette in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of July, 2026.

Mayor, City of Fayette

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Williams moved the Council give unanimous consent to consider Ordinance 2026-01. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Wilson moved that Ordinance 2026-01 be adopted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers, 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 \$873,350.27. 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, Jr.

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Morgan

Mayor Northam 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 \$119,088.98. Councilmember Rodgers moved the payment of the Park & Recreation Department's expenses be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, the same was unanimously approved.

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 \$20,326.56. Councilmember Rodgers 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 June 2026, the City received \$307,824.01 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$37,377.74 for a combined total of \$345,201.75. She reported the City received \$8,771.28 in alcohol taxes. She also reported that the City received \$37,187.94 in online sales tax.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for June 2026. The report was as follows: 48 incidents investigated; 12 accidents; 104 traffic citations; 160 traffic warnings and 53 arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for June 2026. The Fire Department received 31 total calls.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor said he had recommended to the Mayor that the following firefighters be promoted as follows: (1) Sergeant Tyler Hayes to Lieutenant; (2) Corporal Tyler Galloway to Sergeant; and (3) Firefighter Ryan Howton to Corporal. Mayor Northam said based on Chief Taylor's recommendation he would promote Sergeant Tyler Hayes to Lieutenant, Corporal Tyler Galloway to Sergeant and Firefighter Ryan Howton to Corporal. He said this would result in an increase in their hourly rates of pay which the Council would need to approve. Councilmember Williams moved based upon the promotion of Sergeant Tyler Hayes to Lieutenant, Corporal Tyler Galloway to Sergeant and Firefighter Ryan Howton to Corporal that their pay be increased accordingly. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT ON 616 23RD STREET SW

Mayor Northam reported to the Council about the situation involving the temporary building at 616 23rd Street SW. He said the temporary building had been placed there while the owner of the property built a permanent dwelling on the property. The owner has had eighteen months to build the permanent dwelling but has still not done so. Mayor Northam asked if the Council wished to give the owner another extension. It was the consensus of the Council to enforce the City's ordinances concerning temporary buildings.

ORDINANCE 2026-02

Mayor Northam presented Ordinance 2026-02 to the Council for their consideration. Ordinance 2026-02 will be voted on next meeting. Ordinance 2026-02 is as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING PROPERTY IN TO THE
CORPRATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE**

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA, as follows:

WHEREAS, on the ____ day of July, 2026, Travis D. Wright and Gloria A. Wright, being the owners of all the real property hereinafter described, did file with the City Clerk a petition asking that the said tract or parcel of land be annexed to and become a part of the City of Fayette; and,

WHEREAS, Travis D. Wright and Gloria A. Wright are the owners of property located and contained within an area contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Fayette, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, said petition did contain the signatures of all of the owners of the described property and a map of said property showing its relationship to the corporate limits of the City of Fayette; and,

WHEREAS, the property does not lie within the corporate limits or police jurisdiction of any other municipality; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body did determine that it is in the public interest that said property be annexed to the City of Fayette and it did further determine that all legal requirements for annexing said real property have been met pursuant to Sections 11-42-20 through 11-42-24, Code of Alabama 1975;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDANINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, finds and declares as the legislative body of the City that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City, and the citizens of the affected area, to bring the property described in Section 2 of this ordinance into the City of Fayette. The Council of the City of Fayette does hereby assent to the annexation of the property described below to the City of Fayette, Alabama.

Section 2. The boundary lines of the City of Fayette, Alabama, be, and the same are hereby extended and rearranged to embrace and include all of the property already encompassed by the corporate limits of the City of Fayette, Alabama, and in addition thereto the following described property, to-wit:

Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 15 South, Range 12 West, Fayette County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a PK Nail in asphalt (Lying in 8th Avenue Northwest) being accepted as the southeast corner of said Quarter, Quarter; thence run a bearing of North 89 degrees, 06 minutes, 45 seconds, West and along the south line of said Quarter, Quarter 25.10 feet to a 1 inch bolt on the west right-of-way of said 8th Avenue Northwest; thence run North 01 degrees, 07 minutes, 41 seconds, West and along said west right-of-way 9.85 feet to a ½ inch capped rebar (D. Key); thence run North 04 degrees 14 minutes, 06 seconds, West and along said west right-of-way 215.16 feet to a ½ inch capped rebar (CA-965-LS), said point being the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 04 degrees, 14 minutes, 06 seconds, West and along said west right-of-way 183.73 feet to a ½ inch capped rebar (CA-965-LS); thence run South 89 degrees, 55 minutes, 22 seconds, West 206.78 feet to a ½ inch capped rebar (CA-965-LS); thence run South 04 degrees, 14 minutes, 06 seconds, East 183.73 feet to a ½ inch capped rebar (CA-965-LS); thence run North 89 degrees, 55 minutes, 22 seconds, East 206.78 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel containing 0.87 acres, more or less. All according to the survey prepared by Martin McDuff Montgomery, P.L.S.

Property Tax Id#: 32-10-09-30-1-000-003.000

Section 3. This ordinance shall be published as provided by law, and a certified copy of same, together with a certified copy of the petition of the property owners, shall be filed with the Probate Judge of Fayette County, Alabama.

Section 4. The property described in this ordinance shall become a part of the corporate limits of Fayette, Alabama, upon publication of this ordinance as set forth in Section 3, above.

ADOPTED on this ____ day of July, 2026.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

RESOLUTION 2026-07

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2026-07 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2026-07 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2026-07
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAYETTE TO
COME UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2 OF ACT 608
OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE 2026 LEGISLATURE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, that the City of Fayette elects to come under the provisions of Section 2 of Act 608 of the Regular Session of the 2026 Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Fayette agrees to provide all funds necessary to the Employee's Retirement System to cover the cost of a one-time lump sum payment as provided by said Act for those eligible retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees of the City of Fayette with the aforementioned lump sum payment being paid in October of 2026.

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Morgan moved that Resolution 2026-07, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

CIVIC CENTER BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Northam said he had received a request from the Fayette Civic Center Board to appoint Ms. Jessica Crowe to the Board. Councilmember Wilson moved the Council appoint Ms. Jessica Crowe to the Civic Center Board. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

CIVIC CENTER BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS

Mayor Northam said he had received a request from the Fayette Civic Center Board to reappoint Mrs. Martha Jo McDonald, Mrs. Angela Burris and Mrs. Myra Rainey to the Board. Councilmember Rodgers moved the Council reappoint Mrs. Martha Jo McDonald, Mrs. Angela Burris and Mrs. Myra Rainey to the Civic Center Board. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, the same was unanimously approved.

CIVIC CENTER REAPPOINTMENT

Mayor Northam said he had received a request from the Fayette Civic Center Board to reappoint Mr. Larry Humber to the Board. Councilmember Morgan moved the Council reappoint Mr. Larry Humber to the Civic Center Board. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented a Parade Permit request from Magnolia Ranch for its 5K run and 1 mile fun run to be held on November 7, 2026. Councilmember Rodgers moved the Council grant the parade permit. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

FAYETTE DHR REQUEST

Mayor Northam asked the Council were they ready to act upon the request from the Fayette Department of Human Resources asking for funds to go toward a food closet and utility assistance vouchers for individuals and families who need assistance. Councilmember Rodgers moved the Council give the Fayette DHR a \$500.00 appropriation. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, it was unanimously approved.

ELECTICAL PANEL ON 1ST ST NE

Mayor Northam said there was a concern about the new electrical panel that had been placed on

1st Street NE. He said he had contacted Mr. Luke Porter, the project engineer, and he said it could be moved. Mayor Northam said he would check on the cost of moving it.

FLOOD PLAIN DISTRICT ISSUE

Mayor Northam reported that because of some issues with the Flood Plain District in the City's Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Commission would be meeting to discuss amending this section of the Zoning Ordinance.

RESPONSE TO SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER'S LETTER

Mayor Northam reported to the Council that the City Attorney had responded to the letter he had received from the Southern Poverty Law Center concerning the prosecutions for failure to subscribe to the mandatory garbage service and the City's bill collection procedures. The Mayor read to the Council portions of the City Attorney's response. He said there were currently 77 households that were exempt from having to pay for the collection service. He also reported that there were currently 40 customers over 90 days past due.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam congratulated City Attorney Dale Lawrence on his new role at the Public Defender's Office.

Mayor Northam said the Budget Committee will meet on July 17th at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Northam also told the Council the City is taking applications/resumes for Wastewater, Police, Fire, Park and Recreation, Civic Center Director and City Attorney.

Mayor Northam informed the Council of the following upcoming events:

- Sales tax holiday- July 17th-19th
- Giving Closet Back to School bash- July 18th 9:00-12:00 at Central Church
- Farmers Market- July 18th at 8:00 a.m. at the City Hall
- Kung Fu Panda 2 movie- July 21st at 10:00 a.m. at the Civic Center
- Farmers Market- July 25th at 8:00 a.m. at the City Hall
- Gospel Singing- July 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center
- Lyle Lyle Crocodile movie- July 28th at 10:00 a.m. at the Civic Center
- Airport Ribbon cutting- July 28th at 11:00 a.m. at the Airport
- Job Fair- July 30th at 12:00 p.m. at the Civic Center

REPORT OF JUNIOR CITY MAYOR SEAN WHITE

Junior City Mayor Sean White said that it had been a pleasure to serve as Junior City Mayor. Mayor Northam and the Council thanked him for his service to the City.

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