

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
August 11, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 11, 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, 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 Cheyenne Maynard-Price and City Attorney Dale Lawrence.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Milborn Savage.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Milborn Savage.

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 session held on July 28, 2026, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

Mrs. Kathy Bordelon of the Fayette Garden Club and Mr. Felix Caine of Brother 2 Brother thanked the City for supporting their recent basketball tournament. The proceeds from the tournament went to purchase backpacks and school supplies for local children. 130 backpacks were distributed.

PAVING BIDS

Mr. Luke Porter reported to the Council on the bids received on the City's Paving Project. He said that two bids were received. The bids were as follows: (1) ST Bunn Construction Co. Inc. - \$681,111.88; and (2) Central Alabama Asphalt and Construction Co.- \$689,750.60. Mayor Northam said that \$500,000.00 had been allocated for the paving project in the budget. No action was taken.

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 \$1,024,496.03. Councilmember Morgan moved the payment of the City's General Fund expenses be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, 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 \$143,079.29. Councilmember Williams moved the payment of the Park & Recreation Department's expenses be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers, 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 \$18,857.50. Councilmember Herring 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 July 2026, the City received \$298,424.22 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$36,292.06 for a combined total of \$334,716.28. She reported the City received \$8,351.59 in alcohol taxes. She also reported that the City received \$37,556.94 in online sales tax.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for July 2026. The report was as follows: 46 incidents investigated; 7 accidents; 113 traffic citations; 162 traffic warnings and 53 arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for July 2026. The Fire Department received 33 total calls.

HOUSING ABATEMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor gave a report on the activities of the Municipal Housing Code Abatement Board. He informed the Council that a public hearing needed to be set for the Stacie Moore property located at 406 Temple Avenue S, Fayette, Alabama 35555. Councilmember Wilson moved a public hearing be set for the Moore property on September 8, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

TURN OUT EQUIPMENT FOR NEW FIREFIGHTERS

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor requested the Council approve the purchase of turnout gear and equipment for the new firefighters. He said the turnout gear and equipment cost \$6,604.00. Councilmember Morgan moved the Council approve the purchase of the turnout gear and equipment for the new firefighters at a cost of \$6,604.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

REPAIR OF GARBAGE TRUCK

Mayor Northam reported to the Council that the old garbage truck needed some repairs. He said the repairs would cost \$1,675.30. Councilmember Wilson moved the Council approve the repair of the old garbage truck at cost of \$1,675.30. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2026-09

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2026-09 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2026-09 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2026-09

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAYETTE TO MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE RICHARD ARTHUR FIELD AIRPORT.

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette intends to apply for state and federal matching funds for airport improvement projects for the Richard Arthur Field Airport during fiscal year 2027.

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

1. That the City of Fayette is authorized to make applications for airport improvement funding assistance from the State of Alabama Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration, for the purpose of undertaking projects in fiscal year 2027 to make improvements at the Richard Arthur Field Airport.
2. That the applications be submitted for and on behalf of the City of Fayette by its Mayor who is authorized by this resolution to sign the application and any related forms or documents on behalf of the city.
3. That the City of Fayette is authorized to enter into an airport improvement funding agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation, and the Federal Aviation Administration, for the purpose of undertaking projects to make improvements at the Richard Arthur Field Airport, with partial funding provided by the State of Alabama and the Federal Aviation Administration.
4. That the agreement be executed in the name of the City of Fayette for and on behalf of the City of Fayette by its Mayor.
5. That the authority of the City of Fayette to enter into contracts with the State of Alabama and the Federal Aviation Administration has been reviewed by the City's attorney, and in his/her opinion, the City of Fayette is duly authorized to commit the City of Fayette to agreements with the Alabama Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Fayette hereby affirms that the local matching share of funds in the amount required for this airport improvement project has been officially approved, placed into the budget of the airport and is available for expenditure upon execution of the Federal Aviation Administration's and the State of Alabama's funding agreements and the start of the project.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Fayette on this ____ day of August, 2026.

Rod Northam, Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Councilmember Morgan moved the Resolution 2026-09 be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers, it was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2026-10

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2026-10 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2026-10 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2026-10
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING TRANSPORTATION PLAN PURSUANT TO THE
REBUILD ALABAMA ACT (ACT 2019-2)

WHEREAS, the 2019 Alabama Legislature has passed an HB2 to levy an additional excise tax on gasoline and diesel fuel; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette is to receive a portion of said tax based on the ratio of population of each municipality to the total population of all municipalities of the state; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette pledges to keep this money in a separate fund and expend it only for the maintenance, improvement, replacement and construction of roads as mandated by the law passed; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette shall adopt an annual transportation plan no later than August 31 for the next fiscal year – 2027- based on an estimate of revenues;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Fayette estimates that its anticipated allocation from the Rebuild Alabama Act fund for the Fiscal Year 2027 will be approximately \$50,000.00 to be used for street maintenance, improvement, replacement and construction of roads within the City of Fayette, with the increasing allocations for each fiscal year thereafter.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, on this 11th day of August, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Wilson moved the Resolution 2026-10 be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

ART MUSEUM BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

Mayor Northam stated the Art Museum Board had recommended that the following board members be reappointed: Ms. Anne Perry and Mrs. Austyn Jones. The Art Museum Board also recommended that Mr. Cal McDonald and Ms. Halie Savage be appointed to fill the unexpired terms of Mr. Vincent Williams and Mrs. Carol Gates who had resigned from the board. Councilmember Rodgers moved the Council reappoint Ms. Anne Perry and Mrs. Austyn Jones to the Board and appoint Mr. Cal McDonald and Ms. Halie Savage to the Board to fill the unexpired terms of Mr. Vincent Williams and Mrs. Carol Gates. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

FAYETTE ART MUSEUM DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Mayor Northam recommended that the Council approve the job description for the Art Museum Director that had presented to them at a previous meeting. He said Art Museum Director Anne Perry would work 18-25 hours per week at \$20.00 an hour. Councilmember Rodgers moved the Council approve the job description for the Fayette Art Museum Director. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

Mayor Northam requested the Council approve the application and participation of himself and Councilmembers Morgan and Rodgers in the Alabama League of Municipalities (ALM) Economic Development Academy. He stated the fee for the City's representatives to participate was \$3,500.00. Councilmember Herring moved the Council approve the City's representatives participating in the ALM Economic Development Academy at a cost of \$3,500.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, it was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE 2026-03

Mayor Northam presented Ordinance 2026-03 to the Council for their consideration. Ordinance 2026-03 is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2009-04, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED AND AMENDING §16-97 -MONTHLY USER CHARGE RATES, DIVISION 5, USER CHARGE SYSTEM OF ARTICLE II. SEWERS OF CHAPTER 16. WATER AND SEWERS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Article IV of the User Charge Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1995-03, as amended by Ordinance 2002-02, as amended by Ordinance 2008-07, and as amended by Ordinance 2009-04 and as amended by Ordinance 2022-04 and as amended by Ordinance 2025-10, be and the same is hereby stricken in its entirety and the following substituted therefor, viz:

"Section 3. The following monthly user charge rates shall be paid for operation maintenance, replacement, and debt service:

a. Residential and Small Commercial:

First 2,000 Gallons, minimum – \$30.79

2,001 – 10,000 gallons, - per/1,000 Gallons- \$3.08

Over 10,000.00 gallons – per /1,000 Gallons - \$2.39

Each fiscal year (Oct. 1st- Sept.30th) hereafter- the minimum rate will increase or decrease based upon the Consumer Price Index –W, US City average, over the past 12 months ending June of each year.

b. Large Commercial and Industrial:

First 10,000 Gallons, minimum – \$83.88

Over 10,000.00 gallons – per /1,000 Gallons - \$1.54

Each fiscal year (Oct. 1st- Sept.30th) hereafter- the minimum rate will increase or decrease based upon the Consumer Price Index –W, US City average, over the past 12 months ending June of each year.

SECTION 2. That Section 16-97, *Monthly User Charge Rates*, Division 5. *User Charge System* of ARTICLE II. Sewers of CHAPTER 16. WATER AND SEWERS of the CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA is hereby amended by striking such article in its entirety and substituting the following therefor:

"Section 16-97. Monthly User Charge Rates. The following monthly user charge rates shall be paid for operation maintenance, replacement, and debt service:

a. Residential and Small Commercial:

First 2,000 Gallons, minimum – \$30.79

2,001 – 10,000 gallons, - per/1,000 Gallons- \$3.08

Over 10,000.00 gallons – per /1,000 Gallons - \$2.39

Each fiscal year (Oct. 1st- Sept.30th) hereafter- the minimum rate will increase or decrease based upon the Consumer Price Index –W, US City average, over the past 12 months ending June of each year.

b. Large Commercial and Industrial:

First 10,000 Gallons, minimum – \$83.88

Over 10,000.00 gallons – per /1,000 Gallons - \$1.54

Each fiscal year (Oct. 1st- Sept.30th) hereafter- the minimum rate will increase or decrease based

upon the Consumer Price Index –W, US City average, over the past 12 months ending June of each year.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be effective as of October 1, 2026.

Adopted this the _____ day of August, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor Northam stated the Council would vote on the proposed ordinance at the next Council meeting.

ORDINANCE 2026-04

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1996-18, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED AND AMENDING §16-102 –*REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGE OF HOLDING TANK WASTE PRODUCED FROM RESIDENTIAL OR BUSINESS SEPTIC TANKS* AND §16-103 - *REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGE OF HOLDING TANK WASTE PRODUCED FROM INDUSTRIAL TANKS*, DIVISION 6, HOLDING TANKS OF ARTICLE II. SEWERS OF CHAPTER 16. WATER AND SEWERS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF FAYETTE.

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

SECTION 1. Paragraphs (D) and (E) of Section II of the Ordinance ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS AND FEES FOR THE DISCHARGE OF HOLDING TANK WASTE INTO THE CITY OF FAYETTE SEWER SYSTEM, Ordinance No. 1996-18, and as amended by Ordinance 1998-03, and as amended by Ordinance 2022-05, and as amended by Ordinance 2025-09, be and the same is hereby stricken in its entirety and the following substituted therefor, viz:

"(D) The rate for discharge of holding tank waste produced from residential or business septic tanks shall be \$25.48 per one thousand gallons.

Each fiscal year (Oct. 1st- Sept.30th) hereafter- the minimum rate will increase or decrease based upon the Consumer Price Index –W, US City average, over the past 12 months ending June of each year.

"(E) There shall be a minimum charge of \$25.48 per discharge of holding tank waste produced from residential or business septic tanks into the City sewer system.

Each fiscal year (Oct. 1st- Sept.30th) hereafter- the minimum rate will increase or decrease based upon the Consumer Price Index –W, US City average, over the past 12 months ending June of each year.

SECTION 2. Paragraphs (D) of Section III of the Ordinance ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS AND FEES FOR THE DISCHARGE OF HOLDING TANK WASTE INTO THE CITY OF FAYETTE SEWER SYSTEM, Ordinance No. 1996-18, and as amended by Ordinance 1998-03, and as amended by Ordinance 2022-05, and as amended by Ordinance 2025-09, be and the same is hereby stricken in its entirety and the following substituted therefor, viz:

"(D) The rate for discharge of holding tank waste produced from industrial tanks shall be - \$33.98 per one thousand gallons.

Each fiscal year (Oct. 1st- Sept.30th) hereafter- the minimum rate will increase or decrease based upon the Consumer Price Index –W, US City average, over the past 12 months ending June of each year.

The City Council reserves the right to increase the industrial tank discharge rate per one

thousand gallons on a case by case basis.

"(E) There shall be a minimum charge of \$33.98 per discharge of holding tank waste produced from industrial tanks into the City sewer system.

Each fiscal year (Oct. 1st- Sept.30th) hereafter- the minimum rate will increase or decrease based upon the Consumer Price Index –W, US City average, over the past 12 months ending June of each year.

The City Council reserves the right to increase the minimum charge for discharge of holding tank waste produced from industrial tanks on a case by case basis.

SECTION 3. That Paragraphs (d) and (e) of Section 16-102, *Requirements for discharge of holding tank waste produced from residential or business septic tanks*, Division 6. *Holding Tanks* of ARTICLE II. Sewers of CHAPTER 16. WATER AND SEWERS of the CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA is hereby amended by striking such paragraphs in their entirety and substituting the following therefor:

"(d) The rate for discharge of holding tank waste produced from residential or business septic tanks shall be \$25.48 per one thousand gallons.

Each fiscal year (Oct. 1st- Sept.30th) hereafter- the minimum rate will increase or decrease based upon the Consumer Price Index –W, US City average, over the past 12 months ending June of each year.

"(e) There shall be a minimum charge of \$25.48 per discharge of holding tank waste produced from residential or business septic tanks into the City sewer system.

Each fiscal year (Oct. 1st- Sept.30th) hereafter- the minimum rate will increase or decrease based upon the Consumer Price Index –W, US City average, over the past 12 months ending June of each year.

SECTION 4. That Paragraph (d) of Section 16-103, *Requirements for discharge of holding tank waste produced from industrial tanks*, Division 6. *Holding Tanks* of ARTICLE II. Sewers of CHAPTER 16. WATER AND SEWERS of the CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA is hereby amended by striking such paragraph in its entirety and substituting the following therefor:

"(d) The rate for discharge of holding tank waste produced from industrial tanks shall be - \$33.98 per one thousand gallons.

Each fiscal year (Oct. 1st- Sept.30th) hereafter- the minimum rate will increase or decrease based upon the Consumer Price Index –W, US City average, over the past 12 months ending June of each year.

The City Council reserves the right to increase the industrial tank discharge rate per one thousand gallons on a case by case basis.

"(e) There shall be a minimum charge of \$33.98 per discharge of holding tank waste produced from industrial tanks into the City sewer system.

Each fiscal year (Oct. 1st- Sept.30th) hereafter- the minimum rate will increase or decrease based upon the Consumer Price Index –W, US City average, over the past 12 months ending June of each year.

The City Council reserves the right to increase the minimum charge for discharge of holding tank waste produced from industrial tanks on a case by case basis.

SECTION 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be effective as of October 1, 2026.

Adopted this the _____ day of August, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor Northam stated the Council would vote on the proposed ordinance at the next Council meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY PROSECUTOR

Mayor Northam asked the Council were they ready to consider the appointment of a new city attorney and new city prosecutor. He said current City Attorney Dale Lawrence’s last day would be September 11, 2026. Councilmember Williams moved the Council appoint Mr. Zachary Freeman as City Attorney and City Prosecutor effective September 11, 2026. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the following vote was taken:

- AYES: Councilmembers Herring, Morgan, Williams and Rodgers
- NAYES: Councilmember Wilson
- ABSTAIN: Mayor Northam

Mayor Northam stated the motion passed.

LEASE AGREEMENT FOR OLD CITY HALL

Mayor Northam presented the Council with the Renewal- Letter of Intent from Fayette Medical Homecare, LLC for their review. He said the tenant at old City Hall was requesting several improvements be made. Mayor Northam said he would recommend granting them a one year lease at their current rate of rent. Councilmember Morgan moved the Council offer to lease the old City Hall to the current tenant for one year at their current rate of rent. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers, the following vote was taken:

- AYES: Mayor Northam, Councilmembers Herring, Morgan, Wilson and Rodgers
- NAYES: Councilmember Williams

Mayor Northam stated the motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Councilmember Herring moved the Council set a public hearing to consider an amendment of the Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to the Flood Plain District on September 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at which time the Council will consider the adoption of the ordinance set forth below. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved. The notice and ordinance are as follows:

STATE OF ALABAMA	)	IN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
	:	CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA
FAYETTE COUNTY	)	

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

As mandated by the provisions of Section 11-52-70, et seq, *1975 Code of Alabama*, notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, will consider the adoption of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Fayette, Alabama, adopted July 15, 1996, such proposed ordinance being fully set forth below.

The proposed ordinance will be considered by the City Council at a public hearing to be held at City Hall in the City of Fayette, Alabama, on the 22nd day of September, 2026, at 5:00 o'clock, p.m., at the said time and place all persons will have the right and are invited to be present and to be heard either for or against the adoption of said Amendment.

This the 11th day of August, 2026.

City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY ORDINANCE ENTITLED "ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA", ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 15, 1996, REFERRED TO AND IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 11, SHORT TITLE OF SAID ZONING ORDINANCE AS THE "ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA".

THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT, and under authority granted by Section

11-52-77, 1975 Code of Alabama, Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, as follows:

1. That SECTION 61 FLOOD PLAIN DISTRICT and SECTION 61.1 FP-1 FLOOD PLAIN DISTRICT of the *Zoning Ordinance of the City of Fayette, Alabama, adopted and approved on July 15, 1996*, be and the same are hereby DELETED by striking such sections in their entirety.

2. That the Zoning Map of the City of Fayette, Alabama, adopted and approved by the City Council on July 15, 1996, is hereby altered, changed, amended and modified as follows:

That the zoning classification of the lands shown on the said Zoning Map as Flood Plain District or FP-1 Flood Plain District be and are hereby reclassified to a M-1 Light Manufacturing District.

3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its publication.
DONE this the _____ day of September 2026.

Mayor, City of Fayette

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Fayette

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam reported that the ALM Municipal Leadership institute was October 20-22.

Mayor Northam informed the Council of the following upcoming events:

- Farmers Market- August 15th @ 8:00 a.m. at the City Hall.
- Leadership Class Reception- August 16th @ 2:00 p.m. at City Hall
- Disc Golf Tournament- August 22nd at the Park
- Farmers Market- August 22nd @ 8:00 a.m. at City Hall
- Fayette Arts Festival- September 12th @ Civic Center
- Frog Level Festival- October 2nd-3rd.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Sherry Fowler stated all accounts balanced for June. She said that the July bank statements had just been received and were in the process of being reconciled.

REPORT OF JUNIOR CITY MAYOR CHEYENNE MAYNARD-PRICE

Junior City Mayor Cheyenne Maynard-Price said the Junior City Council is planning a car wash in the near future.

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 Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk