

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
August 25, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on August 25, 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, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Waste Water Director Matt Buckner, Junior Mayor Cheyenne Maynard-Price and City Attorney Dale Lawrence.

The opening prayer was given by City Attorney Dale Lawrence.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Junior Mayor Cheyenne Maynard-Price.

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 August 11, 2026, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Fayette County Memorial Library Director Jessica Crowe reported to the Council on its summer reading program. She said they had almost 38 programs and 1,791 participants. She also said they had 10 counselors that helped with the programs. She requested an allocation of \$12,000.00 for the library in the City's budget.

ACE UPDATE

Ace Coordinator Jackson Kimbrell reported they had held the second meeting of the Downtown Fayette initiative. He also reported on the Leadership Program.

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

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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 25th day of August, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Morgan moved that Ordinance 2026-03 be adopted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

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 25th day of August, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Rodgers moved that Ordinance 2026-04 be adopted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, it was unanimously approved.

account statements were not received in time to be reconciled.

REPORT OF JUNIOR MAYOR

Junior Mayor Cheyenne Maynard-Price said the Junior City Council is planning to hold a carwash fundraiser soon.

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

REPAIR OF MAINTENANCE TRUCK

Mayor Northam said Mr. Joey Byars had reported to him that the hydraulic cylinders on the City's bucket truck needed to be rebuilt at a cost of \$1,600.00. Councilmember Morgan moved the Council approve the repair of the hydraulic cylinders on the bucket truck for \$1,600.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

HEALTHY HOMES PRODUCTION GRANT

Mayor Northam reported the Community Service Programs of West Alabama is partnering with the University of Alabama SafeState Program to provide Healthy Homes Production Grants in the twelve-county West Alabama region. He said they had requested the City participate as a third-party in-kind contributor by providing approximately 5% of one staff member's annual time (or equivalent support) to assist with outreach, recruitment, coordination and related program activities. No action was taken.

LAW ENFORCEMENT LIABILITY COVERAGE

Mayor Northam reported that it will cost the city \$6,000.00 per officer to retain its current insurance coverage for the officers. He said this is for 10 million dollars of coverage. For 1 million dollars of coverage, it would cost \$3,500.00 per officer. He said currently this coverage for the officers did not cost an additional amount. No action was taken by the Council.

REVIEW OF BUDGET ITEMS

Mayor Northam reviewed with the Council some of the budget items in the upcoming budget.

PAVING PROJECT

At the previous meeting, Mr. Luke Porter reported to the Council on the bids received for 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. Mr. Porter had recommended the Council accept the lowest bid from ST Bunn Construction Co. Inc. in the amount of \$681,111.88. Councilmember Wilson moved the Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Fayette that it hereby awards the bid for the City Paving Project to the lowest responsible bidder, ST Bunn Construction Co. Inc. in the amount of \$681,111.88.

Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

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 thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, the Lawrence Mill Volunteer Fire Department and other first responders who helped fight the tow house fires on August 21, 2026.

Mayor Northam said the ALM Municipal Leadership Institute was October 20-22.

Mayor Northam informed the Council of the following upcoming events:

- Flag Park Meeting- August 27th at 12:00 at the Civic Center
- Rose House Inn Ribbon Cutting- August 28th at 12:00
- ALM Committee Meetings- September 2nd in Montgomery
- Design Alabama- September 2nd at Synergic Center in Northport
- Labor Day Holiday- September 7th
- Fayette Arts Festival- September 12th 9:00-3:00 at the Civic Center
- Frog Level Festival- October 2nd and 3rd downtown

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Sherry Fowler reported that for July 2026, all of the City's accounts balanced. She said this did not include the accounts for the General fund and Park & Recreation Department because the