

City of Fayette
Fayette, Alabama
October 13, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on October 13, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Pro Tempore Tommy Williams, Councilmembers Steve Herring, Mickey Joe Morgan, 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 Zack Freeman. Mayor Rod Northam was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Pastor Scott Davis of Fayette First Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pastor Scott Davis.

Mayor Pro Tempore Tommy Williams 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 session held on September 22, 2026, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers Jr., 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 \$791,131.28. Councilmember Wilson moved the payment of the City's General Fund expenses be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, 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 \$21,549.43. Councilmember Rodgers Jr. moved the payment of the Park & Recreation Department's expenses be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, 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 \$19,359.96. Councilmember Rodgers Jr. moved the payment of the Municipal Court's expenses be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF CITY TREASURER

City Treasurer Dawn Clapp reported for the month of September 2026, the City received \$303,098.66 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$37,518.88 for a combined total of \$340,617.54. She reported the City received \$8,360.41 in alcohol taxes. She also reported that the City received \$37,541.13 in online sales tax.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for September 2026. The report was as follows: 41 incidents investigated; 10 accidents; 82 traffic citations; 58 traffic warnings and 24 arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for September 2026. The Fire Department received 18 total calls.

HOUSING ABATEMENT UPDATE

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor provided updates on two properties currently under abatement review.

- **423 4th Street NW:** Chief Taylor reported that the structure is an abandoned house and that the allotted time frame for compliance has expired. He stated that the matter requires Council action to move forward with abatement. Councilmember Wilson made a motion to proceed with the abatement. Upon the motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and it was unanimously approved.
- **406 Temple Avenue South:** Chief Taylor further reported that the allotted time frame for compliance at this property has also expired and that Council action is required to continue with the final abatement process. Councilmember Rodgers Jr. made a motion to proceed with the abatement. Upon the motion was seconded by Councilmember Wilson and it was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE 2026-06

Mayor Pro Tempore Williams presented Ordinance 2026-06 to the council for their consideration. Ordinance 2026-06 is as follows:

Ordinance No. 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette provides municipal garbage collection services to residents and commercial establishments within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the current monthly garbage collection fees of **\$23.50 for residential customers** and **\$28.00 for commercial customers** no longer reflect the operational costs associated with providing safe, reliable, and compliant solid waste services; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it necessary and appropriate to adjust these monthly fees to ensure continued service, equipment maintenance, and compliance with state and local regulations.

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

Section 1. Amendment to Garbage Collection Fees

The monthly garbage collection fees are hereby amended as follows:

- **Residential customers:** from **\$23.50 per month** to **\$25.00 per month**.
- **Commercial customers:** from **\$28.00 per month** to **\$29.50 per month**.

Section 2. Effective Date

The revised fees shall take effect on **January 1, 2027**, and shall apply to all billing cycles beginning on or after that date.

Section 3. Repealer Clause

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this amendment are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is declared invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance.

Section 5. Effective

This ordinance shall become effective upon its publication as provided by law.

Adopted and Approved this _____ day of October, 2026.

Mayor, City of Fayette

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Rodgers Jr. moved that Ordinance 2026-06 be adopted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2026-14

Mayor Pro Tempore Williams presented Resolution 2026-14 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2026-14 is as follows:

RESOLUTION: 2026-14
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE
ALM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

WHEREAS, the Alabama League of Municipalities (ALM) has created the ALM Economic Development Academy, a year-long training and certification program; and

WHEREAS, the ALM Economic Development Academy is designed to educate and engage municipal officials on the essential elements and phases of economic development while specifically highlighting their vital role in economic initiatives and projects; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Fayette to participate in the ALM Economic Development Academy to develop strategies to enhance economic development within the City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Fayette, is hereby authorized to apply for the ALM Economic Development Academy and to pay any associated tuition for the Academy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council approves for the payment of actual travel expenses for Rod Northam, Mickey Joe Morgan, Floyd Rodgers Jr., Jackson Kimbrell and Jamie Christian.

ADOPTED and APPRROVED this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Herring moved that Resolution 2026-14, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Rodger Jr., it was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2026-13

Mayor Pro Tempore Williams presented Resolution 2026-13 to the council for their consideration. Resolution 2026-13 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2026-13

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITY OF
FAYETTE IN THE “SALES TAX HOLIDAY”**

WHEREAS, during its 2012 Regular Session, the Alabama Legislature enacted Act No. 2012-256, effective April 26, 2012, which provides an exemption of the state sales and use tax for certain severe weather preparedness supplies during the first full weekend in July of 2012 and the last full weekend of February in subsequent years; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 2012-256 authorizes the City Council to provide for an exemption of city sales and use taxes for purchases of items covered by the Act during the same time period in which the state sales and use tax exemption is in place, provided a resolution to that effect is adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Fayette City Council has affirmatively voted to grant the exemption of City sales and use taxes on purchases covered by Act No. 2012-256 during the last full weekend of February 2027, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 26, 2027 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 28, 2027, the last full weekend of February in 2027;

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FAYETTE CITY COUNCIL that it does hereby provide for an exemption of the City sales and use tax on purchases of items covered by Act No. 2012-256 beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 26, 2027 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 28, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the October 13, 2026, meeting of the Fayette City Council, and be immediately forwarded to the Alabama Department of Revenue in compliance with Code of Alabama, § 11-51-210 (e).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Fayette City Council has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Mayor on this the 13th day of October, 2026.

Mayor Rod Northam

ATTEST:

City Clerk Sherry Fowler

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Sherry Fowler, the City Clerk of the City of Fayette, Alabama, a municipal corporation, do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears upon the minutes of the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama.

I have hereunto set my hand and the Official Seal of the City of Fayette, Alabama, on this the ____ day of October 2026.

Clerk, City of Fayette, Alabama

Councilmember Herring moved that Resolution 2026-13, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, it was unanimously approved.

GAS BOARD REAPPOINTMENT

Mayor Pro Tempore Williams reported that a request had been received from the Fayette Gas Board for Mr. Brent Daniel to be reappointed to a full term on the Board, and for Mr. Tommy Norwood to be reappointed as Treasurer for another term. Councilmember Rodgers Jr. moved that the Council approve the request. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

STREET SWEEPER

Mayor Pro Tempore Williams asked that the Council consider authorizing Mayor Northam to negotiate for the purchase of a street sweeper. Councilmember Morgan moved that the Council approve the request. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers Jr. the same was unanimously approved.

CIVIC CENTER AIR CONDITONER REPAIR

Mayor Pro Tempore Williams reported to the Council that the main A/C unit at the Civic Center was out of service. The cost to repair would be \$3569.00. No action was taken at this meeting and the matter will be considered at the upcoming meeting.

STREET LIGHT UPGRADE

Mayor Pro Tempore Williams reported to the Council that three street lights had been identified that were not upgraded to LED when the other City-provided lights were converted, and requested that these three lights be added to the upgrade list. Councilmember Rodgers Jr. moved that the Council approve the request. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson the same was unanimously approved.

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH CHARTER/SPECTRUM

Mayor Pro Tempore Williams reported to the Council that the franchise agreement with Charter/Spectrum was up for renewal for a 10-year term. Councilmember Wilson moved that the Council approve the agreement. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore Williams, Councilmembers Morgan, Wilson and Rodgers Jr.

NAYES: Councilmember Herring

ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Pro Tempore Williams stated the motion passed.

WILL BRIGHT FOUNDATION - COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Pro Tempore Williams reported to the Council that the Will Bright Foundation had requested permission to use the Youth Southside Community Center two nights per month for recovery-meeting celebrations. Councilmember Rodgers Jr. moved that the Council approve the request. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan the same was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR ALCOHOL LICENSE

Mayor Pro Tempore Williams reported the City had received an application from BWI Properties LLC, DBA Courtyard Dining for an alcohol license. Councilmember Morgan moved a public hearing be set for November 10, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR ZONING CHANGE

Mayor Pro Tempore Williams reported that the City had received a request from RG Heritage, LLC for a zoning change to rezone property from the R-2 Residential District to the M-1 Light Manufacturing District. Councilmember Herring moved that a public hearing be set for November 24, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers Jr., the motion was unanimously approved

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Pro Tempore Williams read the report submitted by Mayor Northam.

The Mayor welcomed the following new employees:

- **Chad Aldridge – Police Department**
- **Jami Olive – Civic Center Director**
- **Landon Sullivan – Wastewater Department**

The mayor thanked everyone for their support during the Frog Level Festival, stating it was another great event and a great weekend for the community.

Upcoming Events:

- **Homecoming Parade** – October 16
- **FCHS Football vs. Oakman (Homecoming)** – October 16 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Class Night Out** – October 17 at the Multipurpose Complex
- **FJCC Movie Night** – October 24
- **Fall Festival** – October 25 at the Multipurpose Complex
- **Election Day** – November 3

REPORT OF JUNIOR MAYOR CHEYENNE MAYNARD-PRICE

Junior Mayor Cheyenne Maynard-Price said the Junior City Council held a carwash on September 26th at ZR Elite Roofing, and the proceeds went to purchase ten American Flags for the Scout Troop.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HERRING

Councilmember Herring commented on the efforts of everyone involved in making the Frog Level Festival a success. He also thanked the City crew for doing a good job paving the streets.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER MORGAN

Councilmember Morgan stated that the Frog Level Festival was a huge success and commended everyone involved on a great job.

REPORT OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE WILLIAMS

Mayor Pro Tempore Williams congratulated the FCHS Volleyball team and also the Beville State Volleyball team for their 16-game win streak. He also announced that there have been issues with City sanitation garbage bills not being delivered in a timely manner by the USPS. He stated that bills are due by the 15th of each month and that citizens may come to City Hall and pay even if they have not received their bill.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER RODGERS JR

Councilmember Rodgers Jr. thanked Fayette Area Chamber of Commerce Director Emily Montague for the great job she did with the Frog Level Festival, stating that she does an outstanding job every year.

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