City of Fayette
Fayette, Alabama
November 10, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on November 10, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Rod Northam, Councilmembers Tommy Williams, 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.

The opening prayer was given by Pastor Timothy Whitson from Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Allen of Restoration Springs.

Mayor Rod Northam announced a quorum was present and the meeting was open for the transaction of business.

## PUBLIC HEARING ON ALCOHOL LICENSE

Mayor Northam announced that this was the day and time scheduled for a public hearing on the application of BWI Properties LLC, doing business as Fannie's Courtyard Dining, for an alcohol license. No one appeared opposing the granting of the license. Ms. Brenda Walters of BWI Properties LLC, spoke concerning the alcohol license.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Herring moved the minutes of the regular session held on October 27, 2026, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

## FAYETTE GAS BOARD UPDATE

Mrs. Robin Williams, General Manager of the Fayette Gas Board, provided an overview of the Gas Board's daily operations. Mrs. Williams stated that the system includes approximately 222 miles of gas main serving the City of Fayette, the Bankston Community, the Town of Belk, the Town of Berry, and the Northside Community. Mrs. Williams reported that the Gas Board serves approximately 2,200 customers. Mrs. Williams discussed natural gas pricing, explaining that rates are variable and based on the monthly market index. She stated that the Gas Board does not have control over gas rates. Mrs. Williams further reported that the Gas Board employs 14 individuals and that one employee is on call 24 hours a day to respond to emergencies and provide service to customers. Mrs. Williams stated that revenues received by the Gas Board are used for system repairs, infrastructure improvements, ongoing projects, and public awareness initiatives. She also encouraged citizens to contact Alabama 811 before digging or whenever they have questions concerning the location of underground gas lines.

## 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 $1,672,624.88. Councilmember Morgan moved the payment of the City's General Fund expenses be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers Jr., 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 $51,279.63. Councilmember Rodgers Jr. moved the payment of the Park & Recreation Department's expenses be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, 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 $20,295.66. Councilmember Morgan moved the payment of the Municipal Court's expenses be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

## REPORT OF CITY TREASURER

City Treasurer Dawn Clapp reported for the month of October 2026, the City received $293,326.30 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated $33,804.26 for a combined total of $327,130.56. She reported the City received $6,963.49 in alcohol taxes. She also reported that the City received $39,472.51 in online sales tax.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for October 2026. The report was as follows: 41 incidents investigated; 16 accidents; 70 traffic citations; 41 traffic warnings and 37 arrests.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for October 2026. The Fire Department received 23 total calls.

## RESOLUTION 2026-15

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2026-15 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2026-15 is as follows:

## **RESOLUTION 2026-15**

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING AN ALCOHOL LICENSE**
**TO BWI PROPERTIES LLC**

***BE IT RESOLVED,*** by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, as follows:

That the application by BWI Properties LLC, doing business as Fannie's Courtyard Dining, located at 135 Temple Ave N, Fayette, AL 35555 for the following type of alcohol license:

**020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor**

be and is hereby approved.

***ADOPTED AND APPROVED*** by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, on this _____ day of November, 2026.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Sherry Fowler, the City Clerk of the City of Fayette, Alabama, a municipal corporation, do hereby certify under the Seal of the City of Fayette, Alabama, that the above and foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of the original adopted by the City Council on November 10, 2026, as the same appears upon the minutes of the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and the Official Seal of the City of Fayette, Alabama, on this the _____ day of November, 2026.

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Clerk, City of Fayette, Alabama

Councilmember Herring moved the Council adopt Resolution 2026-15. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENT

Mayor Northam requested that Councilmember Mickey Joe Morgan step down from the Zoning Board of Adjustment due to his service on the City Council. Councilmember Morgan recommended Mr. Greg Galloway as his replacement on the Board and requested the Council consider his appointment. Councilmember Herring moved the Council appoint Mr. Greg Galloway to the Zoning Board of Adjustment be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers Jr., the same was unanimously approved.

Mayor Northam further advised the Council that two additional vacancies currently exist on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and emphasized the need to fill those positions so the Board can convene and address pending matters requiring its consideration. He encouraged Council members to identify qualified candidates for the vacant positions and requested that the matter be discussed further at the next Council meeting.

## RENEW C3 PARTNERSHIP

Mayor Northam requested that the city renew its partnership with C3 - Northwest Alabama Economic Development Alliance (EDA) at an annual cost of $25,000.00. He discussed the importance of continued participation in regional economic development efforts and the potential benefits such a partnership provides to the City of Fayette. Councilmember Rodgers Jr. moved the council approve the renewal with C3. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Herring, the same was unanimously approved.

## ACCELERATING DISABILITY INCLUSION GRANT

Mrs. Ebony Rodgers, representing Dare 2 Believe Leadership and Empowerment Services, addressed the Council and requested that the City enter a partnership with the nonprofit organization. Mrs. Rodgers requested that the City support a $9,500.00 grant application for the purchase and installation of eight wheelchair-accessible picnic tables. The proposal includes the placement of six tables at Guthrie Smith Park, one table at Southside Park, and one table at the Fayette Aquatic Center to improve accessibility and promote inclusive recreational opportunities throughout the community. Councilmember Wilson moved the council approve the request. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Northam, Councilmembers Herring, Morgan, Williams and Wilson.
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Rodgers Jr.

Mayor Northam stated the motion passed.

## SUBSTITUTE TRANSPORTATION DRIVER PAY

Mayor Northam requested that the hourly pay rate for the substitute transportation driver be increased from $10.00 per hour to $12.00 per hour. Mayor Northam noted that the position has not received a pay increase since the Transportation Program was established and stated that the adjustment would help ensure the position remains competitive and adequately compensated. Councilmember Rodgers moved the Council approve the request. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Morgan, it was unanimously approved.

## PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented a Parade Permit request for the Veteran's Tree Lighting to be held on November 16, 2026. Councilmember Wilson moved the Council grant the parade permit. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Herring, it was unanimously approved.

## PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented a Parade Permit request from Myra Nichols for Old Fashion Christmas to be held on December 3, 2026. Councilmember Morgan moved the Council grant the parade permit. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Rodgers Jr, it was unanimously approved.

## PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented a Parade Permit request from Belinda Watts for the Christmas Parade to be held on December 7, 2026. Councilmember Rodgers moved the Council grant the parade permit. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

## CORRECTION TO AQUATIC CENTER FINANCIALS

Mayor Northam announced that, during the previous Council meeting, he had reported that the Fayette Aquatic Center had operated at a loss for the year. Following a review of the financial records by Chris Champion, Director of the Aquatic Center, it was determined that an income line item had been inadvertently omitted from the report. Mayor Northam clarified that, when the omitted revenue was included, the Aquatic Center had in fact concluded the year with a positive financial outcome.

## GREAT AMERICAN RECOVERY INITIATIVE SUMMIT

Mayor Northam invited the Council and the public to attend the Great American Recovery Initiative Summit, hosted by The Will Bright Foundation, which is scheduled to be held on December 3,

2026, at the Fayette Civic Center. Mayor Northam noted its importance in addressing recovery and community development initiatives.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam presented the Mayor's Report and congratulated the Fayette County High School football team on its first-round playoff victory over North Jackson and wished the team continued success. He also congratulated the Fayette County High School and Bevill State Community College volleyball teams on their successful seasons, noting that Fayette County High School advanced to the State Quarterfinals and Bevill State advanced to the State Semifinals, with both teams being eliminated by the eventual state champions.

Mayor Northam reported that the City's leaf collection program had begun for the season and advised that the street sweeper was in operation, with Steve Cook serving as the operator. He also reviewed attendance statistics from recent community events, including the Fayette Fair with 3800 in attendance, 48% were from Fayette, the Homecoming Parade with 881 in attendance, 64% were from Fayette, and the Pep Rally with 846 in attendance , 82% from Fayette.

## Upcoming Events

- **Veterans Day Holiday** – November 11, 2026
- **Veterans Christmas Tree Lighting** – November 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
- **Public Hearing for RG Heritage Zoning Request** – November 24, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
- **Thanksgiving Holiday** – November 26-27, 2026
- **Christmas at the Park** – November 26 through December 31, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. nightly
- **All 4 Him** – December 1-2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Old Fashion Christmas** – December 3, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **Festival of Trees** – December 3-23, 2026
- **FCHS Band Christmas Concert** – December 7, 2026, at 5:15 p.m.
- **Christmas Parade** – December 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Sherry Fowler reminded the Council of the upcoming Advocacy Day in Montgomery, scheduled for February 10, 2027. Mrs. Fowler encouraged Council members to register for the event and advised that all registrations must be submitted by December 14, 2026.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR MAYOR

Junior Mayor Cheyenne M. Price reported that the Fayette Junior City Council will participate in Central Church's "The Giving Closet" event on November 14, 2026. Ms. Price also announced that the next Junior City Council meeting has been postponed and will be held at 6:30 p.m. on November 16, 2026, due to the Veterans Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Additionally, Ms. Price informed the Council that the Fayette Junior City Council will host a Scavenger Hunt at the Fayette County Memorial Library on November 17, 2026, for children in grades K-12.

## REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HERRING

Councilmember Herring commented that the Tiger Paw painted in the center of the roadway at the four-way stop near City Hall for the Fayette Tiger pep rally looked very good and expressed appreciation for the effort and community spirit it represented.

## REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER MORGAN

Councilmember Morgan expressed his appreciation to the community for its strong participation and support of the Fayette Tiger Pep Rally. He noted that the event was well attended and reflected the community's enthusiasm for Fayette County High School and its student-athletes.

## REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER WILSON

Councilmember Wilson encouraged everyone to take time to thank a veteran for their service and sacrifice, especially in recognition of Veterans Day and the contributions made by members of the armed forces.

## REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER RODGERS JR

Councilmember Rodgers expressed his appreciation to the Street Department for its efforts in patching roadways throughout the city. He noted that several citizens had commented positively on the work being performed and stated that the department was doing a good job.

Councilmember Rodgers also announced that Brother to Brother will host mentorship training sessions at the Fayette Community Center on November 12, November 19, and December 3, 2026, beginning at 5:00 p.m. He further stated that Brother to Brother will host a meal for city and county first responders on November 25, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Fayette Community Center. Donations will be accepted to help support the event.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the council, upon the motion to adjourn being made by Councilmember Morgan and seconded by Councilmember Rodgers Jr, it was unanimously approved.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk