

**MINUTES OF A SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE EUFAULA CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021 AT 5:15 P.M.**

The Eufaula City Council met in a scheduled session on Monday, February 1, 2021, at 5:15 p.m. in the Police Department Courtroom at 545 East Barbour Street. Council President Register called the meeting to order, and Chaplain Brad Mitchell offered the invocation. Council President Register led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon call of the roll the following members were present: Council President Wes Register, President Pro Tem Otis Hill, Marvin Brown, Ben Garrison, and John Robinson.

Also present: Mayor Jack Tibbs, Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer, and Joel Smith, City Attorney.

HONORS AND RECOGNITION

Mayor Tibbs commended YouthBuild – Eufaula Housing Authority for their recent community project, painting the fire bell base/frame located on Broad Street. Mayor Tibbs introduced Melanie Little, Program Director. Mrs. Little noted that YouthBuild is a national organization funded by the Department of Labor as a part of the Eufaula Housing Authority under the direction of Mr. Tom Wachs, Executive Director. Mrs. Little introduced three of the staff members: Dan Anderson, NCCER Construction Skills Instructor, Billy McClendon, Case Manager, Jewel Braxton, Job Developer/Consultant, and Anthea Merrill, GED Instructor. The following members were also present: Larry Boos, C. J. Jones, and Wayne Thomas.

YouthBuild is an eight (8) step life skills program offered to qualifying, underserved young adults ages 16 to 24 years of age. The program has a variety of community partnerships, including Wallace College where students may earn their GED/high school diploma. Members may also obtain NCCER (National Center for Construction Education and Research) certification in-class room, hands on skills, life skills, critical thinking skills, leadership, and community service. The program also offers education, job training, leadership development, counseling, and graduate support. Education includes training for welding, heating and air-conditioning, and electrical line work to earn a short certificate. Mr. Garrison and Mr. Robinson commended the students and encouraged them to serve as mentors for the program.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Garrison offered a motion to approve the order of the amended agenda for February 1, 2021. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Council President Register asked for a roll call vote that is recorded as follows: Yeas: Mr. Robinson, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Brown, President Pro Tem Hill, and President Register. Nays: None. After a roll call vote, Council President Register announced the motion had carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Register reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda for council approval.

- (a) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the regular session minutes of January 19, 2021.
- (b) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Claims Docket dated January 27, 2021, in the amount of \$10,475.48.

Mr. Robinson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced the motion had carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tibbs reported that a Health Authority meeting was held today, and Lynn Mergen, Medical Center Barbour Administrator, reported that all vaccines have been exhausted with a waiting list of approximately 500 people. Urgent Care and the health department were also providing vaccines to the public, but their recent supply has also been exhausted. The next shipment should provide approximately 1,000 doses of the vaccine.

VISITORS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Council President Register introduced Resolution 3-2021 (Authorizing Change Order to 2020 Paving Contract (adding West Browder Street)). Mr. Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 3-2021. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced the motion had carried.

RESOLUTION 3-2021

WHEREAS, West Browder Street is a 640-foot section of unpaved street located within the city limits of Eufaula; and

WHEREAS, there are several residences located on the street, which is in deplorable condition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Eufaula does hereby authorize that West Browder Street be added to the 2020 City Street Resurfacing Project at a cost not to exceed \$6,900; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract with Midsouth Paving, Inc. be amended and Mayor Jack B. Tibbs, Jr., in his official capacity, be authorized to execute the change order to include the additional street.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this _____ day of February, 2021.

THE CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register, President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 4-2021(Authorizing Renewal of Easement Agreement with Corp of Engineers for Hunters Inlet – February 2021). Mr. Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 4-2021. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced the motion had carried.

RESOLUTION
4-2021

WHEREAS, the renewal of an easement for a drainage pipe to be used to channel storm water runoff from Hunters Inlet Subdivision to Walter F. George Lake, is found by the Secretary of the Army, under and by virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary by Title 10, United States Code, Section 2668 to be in the public interest of the City of Eufaula; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula desires to renew same easement for the benefit of the public as noted in the attached document NO. DACW01-2-20-0317.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eufaula, Alabama that the renewal be accepted as offered for a term of TWENTY FIVE (25) years, beginning May 1, 2020, and ending April 30, 2045 and that payment of an administrative fee in the amount of THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND NO/100 Dollars (\$3,400) be paid as noted in the renewal instrument.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF February, 2021.

Wes Register
Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 5-2021 (Resolution Extending Employee Relief – CARES Act). Mr. Hill offered a motion to adopt Resolution 5-2021. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced the motion had carried.

RESOLUTION
5-2021

WHEREAS, pursuant to the CARES Act passed by Congress in 2020, City employees were eligible for up to 80 hours of paid sick leave until December 31, 2020, when the paid leave benefit expired under the Act;

WHEREAS, in December, 2020, Congress passed additional legislation reauthorizing additional funding for fiscal support programs established by the CARES Act, but failed to extend the paid sick leave benefits provision of the Act, which expired on December 31, 2020;

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula desires to briefly extend the emergency paid sick leave benefits established pursuant to the CARES Act and to maintain its commitment and concern for the employees that serve the City during this unprecedented time; and

WHEREAS, employees who have not used the total 80 hours originally allotted pursuant to the CARES Act will be eligible to use any unused portion of their original allotment under the CARES Act that remained at close of business on December 31, 2020, through the extended period ending March 31, 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eufaula, Alabama that the Emergency Paid Sick Leave be extended to March 31, 2021.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS DAY 1st DAY OF February, 2021.

Wes Register
Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 6-2021 (Resolution Authorizing Professional Fees for Splash Pad Entrance Project). Mr. Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 6-2021. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced the motion had carried.

RESOLUTION
6-2021

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula desires to proceed with the next phase of the Splash Pad Park which will be the design and construction of the entrance and bathrooms; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula in conjunction with the Alabama Cooperative Extension/Auburn University wishes to secure the services of LIV Design Partners to design the structure and oversee the construction of the entrance/ bathrooms at the Splash Pad Park; and

WHEREAS, the architectural fees in the amount of \$8,000 will be paid by Alabama Extension Cooperative, Auburn University through the ALPro Obesity Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the additional fees for Civil Engineering, Topographic Survey, Architectural Specification Writer, Geotechnical Report, Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing, Structural Engineer and Landscape Fees are expected not to exceed \$20,000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eufaula, Alabama that the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept and execute the agreement with LIV Design Partners for these professional services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of the plans and specifications, the Mayor is authorized to move forward with a request for bids to complete the construction of this project.

Adopted and Approved this 1st DAY of February, 2021.

Wes Register
Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Register introduced Resolution 2-2021 (Fixing Costs – L.Z. & Mary Opal Forshee – 201 Nancy Ross Drive). Council President Register called for responses from the audience. There were no responses from the audience. Mr. Robinson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 2-2021. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced the motion had carried.

**RESOLUTION
2-2021**

BE IT RESOLVED, that we the City Council of the City of Eufaula, Alabama, examined the report of the Public Works Superintendent, adopted Resolution 109-2020 on November 2, 2020, declaring the property in question constituted a public nuisance due to the weeds existing on the property and ordered the abatement of such public nuisance. The cost of abating the nuisance is as follows:

Parcel # 062403054005023000

12/28/2020 – Bush Hog (1) hour	\$ 80.00
Administrative Fee	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
TOTAL DUE	\$ 280.00

Property located at 201 Nancy Ross Drive

OWNER: L.Z. and Mary Opal Forshee
87 Walden Woods Loop
Eufaula, AL 36027

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this _____ day of February, 2021.

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register, President

ATTEST:

Joy White, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

Council President Register introduced the authorization to move forward with procuring bids for the telephone service/system for council action/discussion. Mr. Hill offered a motion to adopt the authorization to move forward with the bid process. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced the motion had carried.

Council President Register called for the consideration of a retail off-premise beer and wine license for Anshree Food Mart LLC, located at 1056 North Eufaula Avenue, Eufaula, AL. Mr. Garrison offered a motion to approve the retail off-premise beer and wine license for Anshree Food Mart LLC. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that the motion had carried.

Council President Register introduced the authorization to move forward with the purchase of the City of Eufaula keepsake coins for council action/discussion. Mr. Robinson offered a motion for authorization to move forward with the purchase of City of Eufaula keepsake coins. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that the motion had carried.

REGULAR AGENDA (NEW BUSINESS)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Garrison stated that positive momentum contributes largely to the city's successful progression particularly during the pandemic.

Council President Register reported that city schools began in-person schooling on Monday, February 5, 2021. Superintendent Joey Brannan will continue to hold weekly staff meetings and evaluate and assess the COVID-19 numbers. Council President Register congratulated Dr. Brandon Kiser, a finalist for the 2021 Alabama Middle School Principal of the Year award. Eufaula Elementary School was recently named the 2021 Legislative School Performance Recognition Program School by the Alabama State Department of Education. This program is created within the State Department of Education to reward public schools and demonstrate

high performance by being ranked in the top 25%. It also demonstrates exemplary progress by proving the overall annual ranking of the school by at least one letter grade.

Council President Register announced that the Carnegie Library reopened on Monday, January 25, 2021. Masks are still required, and curbside service is still available.

Mr. Robinson stated that basketball started today. Masks are required to enter the gym at the community center. Baseball registration has begun, and the sign-up fee is \$40.00. Mr. Robinson is hopeful that parks and recreation will be able to provide opportunities for YouthBuild to utilize their training/skills. Chamber of Commerce memberships are now due and if anyone desires to become a member, contact the Chamber.

Mr. Brown reported that the construction crew patched potholes and picked up some appliances in various locations. The garbage crew collected and hauled 76 tons of garbage. Trash crews picked up and hauled 50 tons of debris to the Barbour County landfill. The litter crew picked up 62 bags of trash throughout the city. The shop crew had 17 work orders entered for vehicle and/or equipment repairs. Twelve (12) bales of cardboard was recycled. Mr. Brown asked about obtaining speed bumps for certain streets in the Edgewood community that have excessive speeding. Mr. Brannon responded that if enough residents are in agreement, speed bumps may be obtained. Some of the newly paved streets in the Edgewood area require replacement of existing speed bumps.

President Pro Tem Hill/Chief Watkins reported that car break-ins are down. Chief Watkins also noted that certain measures have been put into place for patrolling the Edgewood area for excessive speed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the same was on motion by Mr. Garrison duly made and seconded by Mr. Robinson, adjourned this 1st day of February, 2021.

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