

**MINUTES OF A SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE EUFAULA CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022**

The Eufaula City Council met in a scheduled session on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. in the Police Department courtroom at 545 East Barbour Street. Council President Register called the meeting to order, and Pastor Gary Fleming 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: Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer, Joel Smith, City Attorney, Chamber of Commerce Programs & Finance Director Katrina Wright, and the Chamber of Commerce Junior Ambassadors observed proceedings of today's city council session.

HONORS AND RECOGNITION

Council President Register and council members welcomed and congratulated the Eufaula High School cheerleaders and Coach Meg Herring for their accomplishments and thanked them for representing the city well. The team's accomplishments include: Space Center Regional Medium Varsity Game Day Champions, South Super Regional 6A Game Day Champions for the third consecutive year, Magic City Regional Medium Varsity Game Day Champions, AHSAA 6A Game Day State Champions, and Top 10 in the nation (out of 60 teams) in Medium Varsity Game Day NHSCC UCA High School Nationals. President Register presented city coins to each of the team members on behalf of the city council. The team consists of young ladies in 8th grade through 12th grade.

President Pro Tem Hill also commended the cheerleaders' achievements and wished them continued success, and Councilman Brown added that he was very proud of the cheerleaders. Councilman Robinson also stated, "Hard work always brings success", and that he and the Council are very proud of the cheerleaders. Councilman Garrison added that there is a place in the world for positive attitudes and positive spirits while encouraging the team to continue to be positive and to keep smiling. The cheerleaders honored Councilman Brown's cheer request with energy and enthusiasm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Robinson offered a motion to amend the order of today's agenda. President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. Mr. Garrison then offered a motion to approve the order of the amended April 18, 2022 agenda to move Resolution 43-2022 (Fixing costs – Mallard-Brown, Hunter Street) to "Public Hearing" from "Ordinances and Resolutions". President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Yeas: Mr. Robinson, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Brown, President Pro Tem Hill, President Register. Nays: None. Council President Register then announced that the agenda was approved and adopted.

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 April 4, 2022.
- (b) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Prepaid Claims Docket dated March 31, 2022 in the amount of \$1,788,290.28.
- (c) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Claims Docket dated April 13, 2022 in the amount of \$92,878.98.

President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced the Consent Agenda was approved and adopted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

VISITORS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Council President Register introduced Resolution 44-2022 (Authorize Professional Services Agreement with Long Engineering). President Register explained that the City is entering into agreement with the State of Alabama for a feasibility study to determine route alignments for SR-6 (US 82) relocation just north of Eufaula. President Register noted that the city attorney has recommended revisions and the resolution will be implemented upon those recommended revisions. Councilman Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 44-2022 (Authorize Professional Services Agreement with Long Engineering) assuming the recommended revisions by the city attorney are met. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. Council President Register then announced that Resolution 44-2022 had been adopted.

RESOLUTION 44-2022

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula entered into an agreement with the State of Alabama on January 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the project is a feasibility study to determine route alignments for SR-6 (US 82) relocation just north of Eufaula; Project # STPAA-0006; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula desires to obtain professional engineering services to develop a concept layout for the US-431/US-82 Intersection Relocation; and

WHEREAS, Long Engineering, Inc. has presented a proposal to provide the service for a cost of \$ 25,728.00; and

WHEREAS, the City will be reimbursed 80% of the cost from the State of Alabama.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Eufaula authorizes Mayor Jack B. Tibbs, Jr. to execute the document to move forward with the Professional Services Agreement with Long Engineering, Inc. once recommended changes by the City Attorney are implemented by Long Engineering, Inc. in the agreement.

DONE THIS 18th day of April, 2022

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register, Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Register introduced Resolution 43-2022 (Fixing Costs – Teresa Mallard/Edward Brown, Hunter Street). Council President Register opened the floor for any comments, questions, or concerns. There were no comments, questions, or concerns from the floor. President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to adopt Resolution 43-2022 (Fixing Costs – Teresa Mallard/Edward Brown, Hunter Street). Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. Council President Register announced that Resolution 43-2022 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION
43-2022**

BE IT RESOLVED, that we the City Council of the City of Eufaula, Alabama, examined the report of the Public Works Superintendent, adopted Resolution 25-2022 on February 7, 2022, 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 # 062403051012002000

03/22/2022 – Backhoe & Operator 2.0 hrs. @ \$100.00 per hr.	\$ 200.00
Bush Hog & Operator 2.0 hrs. @ \$80.00 per hr.	\$ 160.00
Administrative Fee	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
TOTAL DUE	<u>\$ 560.00</u>

Property located on Hunter Street

OWNER: Teresa Mallard/Edward Brown
803 Bluff Park Apts.
Eufaula, AL 36027

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this _____ day of April, 2022.

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Wes Register, President

ATTEST:

Joy White, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

REGULAR AGENDA (NEW BUSINESS)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Garrison reported that all city departments are within budget and that the city's finances continue a progressive and optimistic trend. Councilman Garrison attributes the optimistic trend to local shopping as reflected in the city's revenue, and is very proud of the collective effort.

Council President Register announced that this is the last week for testing in the city schools. President Register and Councilman Garrison attended the EHS Career Tech tour for college credits held on April 8, 2022. He stated that they learned about all of the career tech programs in communication, media arts, business, leadership, engineering, ROTC, etc. The school board meeting will be held tomorrow night. The EHS production, "High School Musical" will take place on April 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. and April 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., tickets at the door. Carnegie Library will host the summer reading program every Thursday in June 2022. Additional information may be found on the Carnegie Library's website.

Councilman Robinson reported that there will be a Chamber Board of Directors Retreat tomorrow, April 19, 2022, for the first time since COVID. Monday, May 2, 2022 through Friday, May 6, 2022, is designated as small business week in Eufaula. Councilman Robinson encouraged consistent support of our small businesses in the city. Councilman Robinson attended the grand opening of the new Eufaula Housing Authority noting the beauty of the new

facility and the upcoming plans of the Authority's managed properties. Councilman Robinson continued that there are several local companies that have upcoming projects that will have an immediate and positive impact on employment in the city.

Councilman Robinson continued that the ground-breaking for the splash pad entrance was recently held adjacent to the Chamber of Commerce in early April 2022. Councilman Robinson then acknowledged the presence of Programs & Finance Director Katrina Wright, and the Chamber of Commerce Junior Ambassadors who observed proceedings of today's city council session. Ms. Wright stated that the Junior Ambassadors have existed for approximately six years, and are very visible in the community providing assistance and support in various capacities. She noted that the group began with only a couple of volunteers, and has now grown to approximately 25 members.

Councilman Robinson welcomed Les Swain as the new athletic coordinator at the community center. There are 379 players during this softball/baseball season, up by 100 players from last year. Several tournaments will be hosted here in the city this summer. A kid's fishing rodeo will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022. The flashlight Easter egg hunt was a success with 1,000 eggs being picked up by the kids in approximately one minute. There were approximately 600 parents and kids in attendance.

Mr. Brown reported for the week of April 11-15, 2022, that the garbage crew collected and hauled 61 tons of garbage. Trash crews collected and hauled 100 tons of debris to the Barbour County landfill. The litter crew collected 52 bags of litter throughout the city. The shop crew completed 20 work orders entered for vehicle and/or equipment repairs. The department recycled 16 bales of cardboard.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the same was on motion by Councilman Garrison, and duly seconded by Councilman Robinson, adjourned this 18th day of April, 2022.

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