

**MINUTES OF A RESCHEDULED MEETING OF THE EUFAULA CITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022**

The Eufaula City Council met in a rescheduled session on Tuesday, May 17, 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 Richard Hunter 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, Councilman Marvin Brown, Councilman Ben Garrison, and Councilman John Robinson.

Also present: Mayor Jack B. Tibbs, Jr., Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer, and Joel Smith, City Attorney. Representative Berry Forte was also present during this session.

**HONORS AND RECOGNITION**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilman Garrison offered a motion to approve the order of the rescheduled and amended agenda of Tuesday, May 17, 2022. 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, and 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 May 2, 2022.
- (b) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Prepaid Claims Docket dated April 30, 2022 in the amount of \$1,434,105.50.
- (c) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Claims Docket dated May 12, 2022 in the amount of \$262,710.42.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Tibbs announced that he recently met with the local NAACP Chapter 5075 in an effort to discuss measures of reducing crime and improving safety in the City of Eufaula. Additional meetings will be scheduled in the coming weeks. Mayor Tibbs also met with the Eufaula Police Department and the Barbour County Sheriff's Department encouraging a supportive effort between the agencies to reduce crime. Mayor Tibbs also announced that Dave's Catfish is progressing well in its initial phase of construction.

**VISITORS**

Debbie Simmons addressed the council members about several weed abatements on Old Abbeville Road. She stated that there are several lots located in that area, each containing trash, debris, old vehicles, weeds, etc. Mrs. Simmons suggested a neighborhood watch as one alternative to abatements and crime. Council members responded that this concern will also be addressed with the proper city authority for abatement procedure.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

President Register introduced Resolution 52-2022 (Authorize Lighting Service Agreements with Alabama Power). Councilman Robinson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 52-2022 (Authorize Lighting Service Agreements with Alabama Power). President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. President Register announced that Resolution 52-2022 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION  
52-2022**

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula desires to enter into Lighting Service Agreements with Alabama Power Company for the Public Works Department location and School Street; and

WHEREAS, there will be no upfront costs or additional fees associated with the upgrade of fixtures to LED technology and the conversion; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Power Company has presented two agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Eufaula authorizes Mayor Jack B. Tibbs, Jr. to execute the two agreements with Alabama Power Company.

DONE THIS 17th of May, 2022.

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Wes Register, Council President

ATTEST:

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Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

President Register introduced Resolution 53-2022 (Authorize submittal of TAP grant application for sidewalks). President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to adopt Resolution 53-2022 (Authorize submittal of TAP grant application for sidewalks). Councilman Garrison seconded the motion. President Register announced that Resolution 53-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION  
53-2022

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Transportation has requested applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP); and

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula desires to install additional sidewalks in the area including Lake Drive, Tiger Drive, and St. Francis Road which is a qualifying project for TAP; and

WHEREAS, the project area includes Eufaula High School and Admiral Moorer Middle School and would enhance the safety and security of children walking to and from school; and

WHEREAS, the project is an 80/20% match with eligible project costs estimated at approximately \$307,116.00 with the City's match estimated at approximately \$120,159.00, which includes engineering, survey and stormwater cost (if required);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Eufaula does hereby authorize the submission of the grant application and commits to fund its required portion of the cost and approves Mayor Jack B. Tibbs, Jr. in his official capacity to execute the application.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 17th day of May, 2022.

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Wes Register  
Council President

ATTEST:

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Joy White  
City Clerk/Treasurer

President Register introduced Resolution 54-2022 (Authorize accepting donation of TAC van for EPD tactical unit). Councilman Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 54-2022 (Authorize accepting donation of TAC van for EPD tactical unit). Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. President Register announced that Resolution 54-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION  
54-2022

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies must utilize specialized units, personnel and tactics at times to apprehend criminals and suppress crime; and

WHEREAS, these specialized units require equipment that is unique to their training and mission; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department wishes to supplement these unit's equipment with limited available funds; and

WHEREAS, Eufaula has a Tactical Team within it's police department and has entered into mutual aid agreements with surrounding departments for support, and needs reliable, customized transportation to assist in this aid, and

WHEREAS, the Houston County Commission and the Houston County Sheriff's Department wishes to donate a specialized 2004 Ford E350 van (VIN 1FTSS34P84HB28473) to the Eufaula Police Department; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City of Eufaula, Alabama, that the City Council authorizes Mayor Jack Tibbs or his designee to accept the donation of a 2004 Ford E350 transport van, valued at \$9,000.00 from the Houston County Commission and the Houston County Sheriff's Department; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the equipment shall be appropriated to the Police Department's Tactical Unit for operations where such specialized equipment is required; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Eufaula does hereby offer its thanks and gratitude to the Houston County Commission and the Houston County Sheriff's Department for their generous donation to and support of the Eufaula Police Department.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of May 2022.

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Wes Register  
City Council President

ATTEST:

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Joy White  
City Clerk

President Register introduced Resolution 55-2022 (Amending Personnel Handbook to authorize Juneteenth (June 19<sup>th</sup>) as a city holiday for eligible employees). Councilman Robinson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 55-2022 (Amending Personnel Handbook to authorize Juneteenth (June 19<sup>th</sup>) as a city holiday for eligible employees). Councilman Garrison seconded the motion. President Register announced that Resolution 55-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

55-2022

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2019 the City Council of Eufaula adopted and approved the City of Eufaula Employee Handbook which replaced all previous versions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to recognize Juneteenth as an official paid holiday for eligible city employees to commemorate the abolition of slavery throughout the United States and its territories; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Eufaula desires to add to the list of Holidays under Article IV. Leaves of Absence, Section II. Holidays (a) Designated. Juneteenth Holiday (June 19<sup>th</sup>).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Eufaula hereby authorizes the Juneteenth Holiday (June 19<sup>th</sup>) be added to the list of recognized holidays for eligible city employees.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 17th day of May, 2022.

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Wes Register  
City Council President

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Joy White  
City Clerk/Treasurer

President Register introduced Resolution 57-2022 (Engineering Resolution – LWCF – Eufaula). Councilman Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 57-2022 (Engineering Resolution – LWCF – Eufaula). Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. President Register announced that Resolution 57-2022 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION  
57-2022**

**A RESOLUTION FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Eufaula is applying for a FY 2022 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant from the Alabama Department of Economic & Community Affairs, established by the LWCF Act of 1965; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Eufaula requires specific project engineering services in conjunction with the application and implementation, if grant awarded, of the City’s FY 2022 LWCF Grant project; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Eufaula solicited professional engineering services for preliminary engineering services during application phase, engineering design phase, and construction observation phase, if grant awarded, as set forth in the City’s FY 2022 LWCF Grant application to support improved recreational facilities for the citizens in Eufaula, Alabama.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the City of Eufaula as follows:

**Section 1.** That the proposal selected, was in accordance with the Common Rule;

**Section 2.** That the proposal submitted by **Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC)** was determined most advantageous to the City of Eufaula;

**Section 3.** That the City of Eufaula can enter into an agreement with **Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC)** for professional engineering design and construction observation as outlined in the City ‘s FY 2022 LWCF Grant application if awarded by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA); and

**Section 4.** That, Jack Tibbs, Jr., Mayor of the City of Eufaula is authorized to negotiate and enter into an agreement with **Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC)** for said professional engineering design and construction observation.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City of Eufaula on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, 2022.

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Wes Register, President

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Joy White, City Clerk

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Council President Register introduced Resolution 56-2022 (Authorize submittal of LWCF grant application for pickle ball courts). Councilman Robinson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 56-2022 (Authorize submittal of LWCF grant application for pickle ball courts). Councilman Garrison seconded the motion. President Register announced that Resolution 56-2022 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION**

**56-2022**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Eufaula proposes to construct recreational resources at Reeves Recreation Complex to provide for the health and well being of the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Eufaula intends to make application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for grant assistance to construct pickle ball courts from the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, said programs are limited to funding a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the proposed project costs or maximum of **\$500,000.00** which will be used to further develop recreation activities at in Eufaula.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Eufaula will hold in reserve fifty percent (50%) of the proposed total project costs of \$547,975.00 or **\$273,988.00** cash for the purpose of matching the Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in the event a grant is awarded, the City of Eufaula understands that it will sign assurances to comply with all applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations.

**ADOPTED THIS THE 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2022.**

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Wes Register, President

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Joy White, City Clerk

**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.

Council President Register announced that he and President Pro Tem Hill recently attended the Alabama League of Municipalities Conference that included positive and welcomed networking opportunities. He announced that on last evening the World Series trophy was at the local Chamber of Commerce with an attendance of approximately 450 participants. President Register thanked the police department for their participation. Eufaula High School graduation will be held on Friday, May 20, 2022, in addition to primary and middle school awards ceremonies and graduations to be held next week. Eufaula City Schools will dismiss for summer vacation on Friday, May 27, 2022. The Carnegie Library will host a reading program that will begin in June.

Councilman Robinson announced that the fan installation for the T-hangar at the airport is scheduled for Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. He also announced that the community center is currently accepting volunteers to serve in various capacities. Councilman Robinson announced that scholarships have also been awarded to several students at various local schools. Eufaula will host several ball tournaments that are scheduled over the next several weeks. Kids fishing rodeo is scheduled for Friday, July 22, 2022. A small business winner has been determined and will be announced during a live presentation. Industrial recruitment is progressing and ongoing. A "Networking at Noon" will be held at the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

Mr. Brown reported that the garbage crew collected and hauled 53 tons of garbage. Trash crews collected and hauled 65 tons of debris to the Barbour County landfill. The litter crew collected 61 bags of litter throughout the city. The shop crew completed 12 work orders entered for vehicle and/or equipment repairs. The department recycled 19 bales of cardboard.

President Pro Tem Hill thanked Mayor Tibbs for meeting with the NAACP, and stated that the council members are willing to work together for solutions to help reduce crime. He stated that there is a need for citizens to diligently assist the authorities in resolving potentially harmful incidents.

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

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Wes Register, Council President

ATTEST:

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Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer