

**MINUTES OF A SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE EUFAULA CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021 AT 5:15 P.M.**

The Eufaula City Council met in a scheduled session on Monday, June 21, 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 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, and Joel Smith, City Attorney.

HONORS AND RECOGNITION

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to approve the order of the amended agenda for the meeting of June 21, 2021. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Council President Register requested a roll call vote for the approval of the amended agenda for today's session. Yeas: Mr. Robinson, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Brown, President Pro Tem Hill, and Council President Register. Nays: None.

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 June 7, 2021.
- (b) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the prepaid Claims Docket dated May 31, 2021 in the amount of \$1,353,879.51.
- (c) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Claims Docket dated June 16, 2021 in the amount of \$53,064.91.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

VISITORS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Council President Register introduced Resolution 48-2021 (Authorize issuance of RFP for Engineering Services – June 2021). Mr. Robinson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 48-2021 (Authorize issuance of RFP for Engineering Services – June 2021). Mr. Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 48-2021 was adopted.

RESOLUTION
48-2021

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula desires to issue a Request for Proposals from qualified engineering and/or architectural firms to provide professional services related to a long-term project that will include facility and infrastructure construction in relation to a possible medical complex development and other commercial development of adjacent properties; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to procure the qualified services of the engineering and or architectural firms prior to initiation of any discussions and/or preparation of conceptual drawings which are needed to further develop the plans for such a project; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence to develop plans in the interest of evaluating related costs and securing financing opportunities for said projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Eufaula hereby authorizes the issuance of a Request for Proposals to any and all professional engineering and or architectural firms who consider themselves qualified for this work.

DONE, THIS 21st day of June, 2021.

THE CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register, President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 53-2021 (Commercial Redevelopment Incentive). Mr. Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 53-2021 (Commercial Redevelopment Incentive). Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 53-2021 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION
53-2021**

**RESOLUTION TO CREATE A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT
INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City desires to create a Commercial Development Incentive Program based on the use of tax-sharing arrangements to stimulate development of new and/or

underdeveloped commercial areas and redevelopment of existing commercial property, including downtown property, as well as to attract new business to the community; and

WHEREAS, the use of a performance based incentive such as a tax-sharing arrangement would allow the City of Eufaula to obtain architectural and/or project review and other input for participating projects as consideration for the incentive; and

WHEREAS, this type of incentive would enable the City of Eufaula to target development within the Downtown Redevelopment Area for redevelopment or refurbishment; and

WHEREAS, each project will be evaluated separately as to its qualification for this incentive by City staff and, if located within the Downtown Redevelopment District, presented to the Eufaula Downtown Redevelopment Authority for initial consideration, or if not located with the Downtown Redevelopment District, then to the City Council for consideration;

WHEREAS, each qualifying project will be submitted to the City for final consideration pursuant to Amendments 757 and 772 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Eufaula, Alabama, hereby authorizes and establishes the Commercial Development Incentive Program for qualified businesses located or to be located within the City of Eufaula as outlined in the attachment hereto, and further authorizes the Mayor and the City Clerk to adopt additional guidelines and applications as necessary and to utilize Amendments 757 and 772 to the Alabama Constitution 1901, as amended, in connection therewith.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Eufaula, Alabama, this the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Wes Register
Council President

Joy White
City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 54-2021 (Resolution for Purchase of Property (Graves – Garrison Estates)). Mr. Garrison abstained from the vote on Resolution 54-2021 (Resolution for Purchase of Property (Graves – Garrison Estates)) due to family/business connections with a/the party of the Garrison estate, part owner of the property for purchase. President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to adopt Resolution 54-2021 (Resolution for Purchase of Property (Graves – Garrison Estates)). Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 54-2021 was adopted.

RESOLUTION
54-2021

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula is in need of additional property for its downtown area to accommodate downtown redevelopment of the Martin Theater project; and

WHEREAS, the properties owned by the beneficiaries of the Estate of Gracelyn Graves and Estate of Constance Garrison (Parcel 1309324011048004) (Parcel 1309324013011000) and (Parcel 1309324013010001) are for sale and in a desirable location; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula City Council is supportive of expanding opportunities that will generate additional revenues for the City; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of the property by the City of Eufaula will serve a valid and sufficient purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eufaula that the purchase of property as described for a total of \$85,000 is approved and authorization is given to the Mayor, Jack B. Tibbs, Jr. to execute the transaction on behalf of the City of Eufaula.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 21st day of June, 2021.

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA,
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register
Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White
City Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Register introduced Resolution 49-2021 (Weed Abatement – James & Jacqueline Snipes, c/o Annette Newberry, Dale Road) and opened the floor for comments. There were no responses from the floor. Mr. Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 49-2021 (Weed Abatement – James & Jacqueline Snipes, c/o Annette Newberry, Dale Road). Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 49-2021 was adopted.

RESOLUTION
49-2021

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the City Council of Eufaula, Alabama, having examined the report from the Public Works Superintendent for the following properties:

<u>OWNER</u>	<u>LOCATION OF PROPERTY</u>	<u>PARCEL NUMBER</u>
James & Jacqueline Snipes c/o Annette Newberry 2629 Dancing Water Road Jonesboro, GA 30236	Dale Road	062403051005036000

Do hereby find that the properties in question constitute a public nuisance due to the weeds existing on the properties as defined under Ordinance 1997-13, and do hereby order the abatement of such public nuisance.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this _____ day of June, 2021.

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Wes Register, Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 50-2021 (Weed Abatement – Reginald Coley, 16 Deerfield Drive) and opened the floor for comments. There were no responses from the floor. Mr. Robinson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 50-2021 (Weed Abatement – Reginald Coley, 16 Deerfield Drive). President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 50-2021 was adopted.

RESOLUTION
50-2021

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the City Council of Eufaula, Alabama, having examined the report from the Public Works Superintendent for the following properties:

OWNER	LOCATION OF PROPERTY	PARCEL NUMBER
Reginald Coley 16 Deerfield Drive Eufaula, AL 36027	16 Deerfield Drive	061305160000026000

Do hereby find that the properties in question constitute a public nuisance due to the weeds and/or trash existing on the properties as defined under Ordinance 1997-13, and do hereby order the abatement of such public nuisance.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this _____ day of June, 2021.

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Wes Register, Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 51-2021 (Weed Abatement – L. Z. & Mary Opal Forshee, c/o Thomas Johnson, 201 Nancy Ross Drive) and opened the floor for comments. There were no responses from the floor. Mr. Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 51-2021 (Weed Abatement – L. Z. & Mary Opal Forshee, c/o Thomas Johnson, 201 Nancy Ross Drive). President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 51-2021 was adopted.

RESOLUTION
51-2021

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the City Council of Eufaula, Alabama, having examined the report from the Public Works Superintendent for the following properties:

OWNER	LOCATION OF PROPERTY	PARCEL NUMBER
L.Z. and Mary Opal Forshee c/o Thomas Johnson 87 Walden Woods Loop Eufaula, AL 36027	201 Nancy Ross Dr.	062403054005023000

Do hereby find that the properties in question constitute a public nuisance due to the weeds and/or trash existing on the properties as defined under Ordinance 1997-13, and do hereby order the abatement of such public nuisance.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this _____ day of June, 2021.

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
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Wes Register, Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 52-2021 (Weed Abatement – Felicia Walton Johns, 313 West Boundary Street) and opened the floor for comments. There were no responses from the floor. Mr. Robinson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 52-2021 (Weed Abatement – Felicia Walton Johns, 313 West Boundary Street). Mr. Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 52-2021 was adopted.

RESOLUTION
52-2021

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the City Council of Eufaula, Alabama, having examined the report from the Public Works Superintendent for the following properties:

OWNER	LOCATION OF PROPERTY	PARCEL NUMBER
Felicia Walton Johns 101 Nancy Ross Dr. Eufaula, AL 36027	313 West Boundary St.	062403053001001000

Do hereby find that the properties in question constitute a public nuisance due to the weeds and/or trash existing on the properties as defined under Ordinance 1997-13, and do hereby order the abatement of such public nuisance.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this _____ day of June, 2021.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

Council President Register introduced the Rezoning Request – Mark Simpson/Continental Pacific, LLC from the Planning Commission. Mr. Garrison offered a motion to schedule this matter on the next agenda for the next regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that the Mark Simpson/Continental Pacific, LLC matter was approved to be on the July 6, 2021 session agenda.

Council President Register introduced the authorization for city clerk/treasurer to open a bank account for American Rescue Plan funds. Mr. Robinson offered a motion to authorize the city clerk/treasurer to open an account for the American Rescue Plan funds. President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that the authorization was approved by Council.

Council President Register then called for the consideration of a restaurant on premise beer, wine, and liquor license for Joe's Crab Pot LLC, d/b/a Joe's Crab Pot, located at 621 East Barbour Street, Eufaula, AL. President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to approve the restaurant on premise beer, wine, and liquor license for Joe's Crab Pot, LLC, d/b/a Joe's Crab Pot. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that the motion had carried.

Council President Register introduced the rescheduling of the first Monday of July 2021 council meeting for Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Mr. Garrison offered a motion to reschedule the first Monday of July 2021 council meeting to Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Mr. Robinson 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 reported that the City of Eufaula finances continue a progressive trend.

Council President Register reported that at the last school board meeting, Mrs. Emily Jackson was named principal of Eufaula High School, and Mrs. Tina Richards was named principal of

Eufaula Primary School. Dr. James Lockwood was also nominated to the All-State School Board at the last meeting. The summer reading program's last live performance will be available on Facebook Thursday at 2:00 p.m., but all performances will be archived online through August 2021. A "Make and Take" crafts kit activity is available for pick up on Wednesdays through the end of July 2021 from the library for 3rd through 5th graders. The library has resumed its regular schedule with no mask restrictions, but live auditorium activities have not resumed at this time. With the easing of C-19 restrictions, all computers are again available to the public at the library.

Mr. Robinson reported that the local Weedon Field Airport management transition and operations are going well. Parks and Rec tournament season began on Thursday, June 10, 2021. All Parks and Rec teams are playing well. Life guards are needed at the community center, but applicants must be at least 16 years of age to apply. The Chamber continues to work on its five-year strategic plan through its committees consisting of economic development, tourism, community development, and membership services. Southeast Alabama Growth, Wallace Community College, and Work Force Development are working with city schools encouraging employment opportunities. Barbour County currently has approximately 2,000 jobs available throughout the county. A retired professor from AUM is performing an economic impact study that could potentially reopen the navigational waterway from Appalachicola through the Chattahoochee. The results will be reported to the Alabama, Georgia, and Florida congressional delegates in an attempt to reopen the vital shipping corridor. "Networking at Noon" will be held tomorrow, June 22, 2021 at the Chamber of Commerce at 12:00 noon.

Mr. Brown also reported that the garbage crew collected and hauled 73.92 tons of garbage. Trash crews picked up and hauled 74 tons of debris to the Barbour County landfill. The litter crew picked up 43 bags of trash throughout the city. The shop crew completed 15 work orders entered for vehicle and/or equipment repairs. The department produced 12 bales of recycled cardboard and 1 bale of plastic. Mr. Brown commended Public Works Director Tim Brannon and the Public Works Department for doing a great job in placing speed bumps in designated areas.

President Pro Tem Hill reported that a meeting was held last week to address the increase in criminal activity. He noted that the information presented was informative and well received, and that another meeting will be scheduled soon in a continued attempt to deter criminal activity. President Pro Tem Hill also commended first responders for their diligence and professionalism particularly during the most recent and challenging situations.

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 21st day of June, 2021.

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