

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EUFAULA CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023**

The Eufaula City Council met in a scheduled session on Monday, July 17, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. in the police department courtroom at 545 East Barbour Street. Council President Register called the meeting to order, and Councilman John W. Robinson offered the invocation. 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 Ben Garrison, Councilman John W. Robinson.
Absent: Councilman Marvin Brown.

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

HONORS AND RECOGNITION

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Robinson offered a motion to approve the order of the amended agenda for July 17, 2023. President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilman Robinson, Councilman Garrison, President Pro Tem Hill, and President Register. Nays: None. After the roll call vote, President Register announced that the agenda was approved and adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the regular scheduled session minutes of Monday, July 3, 2023.
- (b) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Claims Docket dated July 12, 2023, in the amount of \$22,557.39.
- (c) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Prepaid Claims Docket dated June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$2,241,388.31.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

VISITORS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

President Register introduced Resolution 68-2023 (Extending Moratorium on Short Term Rentals). Councilman Robinson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 68-2023 (Extending Moratorium on Short Term Rentals). President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 68-2023 was approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION
68-2023**

**A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON PERMITS AND
LICENSES RELATING TO SHORT TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eufaula, Alabama that City Council Resolution 22-2023 authorizing a moratorium on permits and licenses relating to short term rental properties be affirmed and extended for a period of up to six (6) additional months from July 17, 2023, and expiring the earlier of (1) January 17, 2024, or (2) the effective date of any duly amended zoning ordinance that addresses short-term rental properties on a permanent basis.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this _____ day of July, 2023.

THE CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register, CMO
City Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

President Register introduced Resolution 69-2023 (Extending Moratorium on Tiny Homes). Councilman Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 69-2023 (Extending Moratorium on Tiny Homes). Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 69-2023 was approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION
69-2023**

**A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM RELATING TO
CONSTRUCTION AND RESIDENTIAL USE OF TINY HOMES AND CARGO
CONTAINER HOMES AND STORAGE BUILDINGS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eufaula, Alabama that City Council Resolution 3-2023 authorizing a moratorium on permits relating to the construction and residential use of tiny homes and cargo container homes and storage

buildings be affirmed and extended for a period of up to six (6) additional months from July 17, 2023, and expiring upon the earlier of (1) January 17, 2024 or (2) the effective date of any duly adopted zoning ordinance amendment addressing tiny homes and cargo container homes and storage buildings.

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Wes Register, CMO
City Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

President Register introduced Resolution 70-2023 (Authorize Mayor to Execute Agreement with SouthPoint Church). Councilman Robinson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 70-2023 (Authorize Mayor to Execute Agreement with SouthPoint Church). Councilman Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 70-2023 was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION
70-2023

WHEREAS, The City of Eufaula, Alabama (“Licensor”) and SouthPoint Church (“Licensee”) wish to enter into a License Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Licensee desires a license to use an approximate 100’ strip of greenspace located within the public right-of way at the intersection of the easterly right of way of U.S. Highway 431 North and the centerline of Oaks Landing Road; and

WHEREAS, Licensor has agreed to grant to Licensee an approximate 100’ strip of greenspace at the above designated location; and

WHEREAS, the space shall be used for the purpose of constructing and installing signs for directing the traveling public to SouthPoint Church; and

WHEREAS, the License shall commence on July 17, 2023 and shall expire on June 30, 2033, unless an earlier termination or revocation of license by Licensor should occur.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes Mayor Jack B. Tibbs, Jr., to execute the License Agreement.

ADOPTED ON THE 17TH DAY OF July, 2023.

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Wes Register, CMO
President

ATTEST:

Joy White, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

President Register introduced the nomination/re-nomination of members to the County Board of Equalization. He explained that the Board of Equalization is a part of the Department of Revenue that is responsible for all appointments, and the City Council's responsibility is to nominate or re-nominate three of its board members from Barbour County. Councilman Garrison then offered a motion to re-nominate Craig Harris and Brad Murph for another four-year term of service. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced that Craig Harris and Brad Murph were re-nominated for a four-year term of service to the Board of Equalization.

President Register then opened the floor for the third nomination, and Councilman Garrison nominated Michelle Hawkins. President Register called for any other nominations, and there were none. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilman Robinson, Councilman Garrison, President Pro Tem Hill, and President Register. Nays: None. After a roll call vote, President Register announced that Michelle Hawkins was nominated for a four-year term of service to the Board of Equalization. If these nominated members are appointed by the Board of Equalization, their terms begin on October 1, 2023 and expire on October 1, 2027.

President Register announced that Cynthia Davis and Kim Ware were re-appointed by the Mayor to the Historic Preservation Commission to each serve a three-year term that will expire March 19, 2026.

REGULAR AGENDA (NEW BUSINESS)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Garrison reported that finances continue an upward trend. He also commended the businesses that continue to operate in the City of Eufaula and are doing well. Medical Center Barbour is also doing well during its transitional period.

President Register announced that the school board meeting would be held Tuesday, July 18th in the board meeting room at the central office at 5:30 p.m. Summer programs are ending and band camp, ACT camp, etc., are now in session. Superintendent Brannan and school staff are preparing for the upcoming school year 2023-2024. Breakfast and lunch will be free throughout the Eufaula City Schools System for the year. Friends of the Library will host its annual book sale August 2-5, 2023 in the library auditorium.

President Register also announced that beginning with the next council meeting on August 7, 2023, all council meetings will be held at the City Board of Education Central Office, Board Meeting Room, 333 State Docks Road, Eufaula, AL 36027 until further notice due to moderate renovations at the Eufaula Police Department. He thanked the school board and the superintendent for allowing the council to use their meeting area during renovations.

Councilman Robinson reported that the Dixie Softball State Tournament was held last weekend with very successful participation. The kids' fishing rodeo was also a great success. Renovations/repairs have begun at the community center. Co-ed flag football registration is now open, and parents are encouraged to register their children ages 5 to 16. Soccer tryouts will begin in August. Juneteenth Celebration has been rescheduled for Saturday, July 22, 2023 and will be celebrated at the Yoholo Micco Trail field/entrance across from the Chamber of Commerce from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Joy FM Radio was at the Broad Street gazebo last week. Eufaula Fest will be held October 7-8, 2023 and applications are now available at the Chamber of Commerce. Farmer's Market continues throughout the summer every Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Governor's Park has been cleaned up by Councilman John W. Robinson and church group as a survey project for the City of Eufaula.

President Register reported for Councilman Brown the public works department's recent activity: 20 bales of cardboard recycled, Code Enforcement issued 6 solid waste and non-compliance violations, the litter crew collected 169 bags of litter, the trash crew collected and hauled 107 tons of debris to the Barbour County landfill, and the garbage crew collected and hauled 143.5 tons of garbage.

President Pro Tem Hill reported that the Eufaula Police Department continues its investigation of very recent and ongoing active cases and various crimes through standard operations and procedure.

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 17th day of July, 2023.

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