

**MINUTES OF A SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE EUFAULA CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 AT 5:15 P.M.**

The Eufaula City Council met in a scheduled session on Monday, September 20, 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 Dr. Terry Batton 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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Garrison offered a motion to approve the order of the amended agenda for the meeting of September 20, 2021. Mr. Robinson 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. Council President Register then announced that the amended agenda was 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 September 7, 2021.
- (b) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Prepaid Claims Docket dated August 31, 2021 in the amount of \$1,128,797.34.
- (c) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the claims Docket dated September 16, 2021 in the amount of \$57,542.94.

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

Mayor Tibbs commended Public Works Director Tim Brannon, Don Cobb, and Frank Jordan for assisting the Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue with a repair while passing through the city en route to duty for Tropical Storm Ida flood assistance.

VISITORS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Council President Register introduced Resolution 89-2021 (Senior Center Contract). President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to adopt Resolution 89-2021 (Senior Center Contract). Mr. Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 89-2021 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION
89-2021**

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula contracts with Southern Alabama Regional Council on Aging/Area Agency on Aging (SARCOA) to administer and operate the Nutrition/Transportation Program of Title III of the Older Americans Act, 1965 as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eufaula, Alabama, that Mayor Jack B. Tibbs, Jr., in his official capacity as Mayor, be authorized to enter into a renewal agreement with Southern Alabama Regional Council on Aging/Area Agency on Aging for Elderly Services for FY 2022.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20th day of September, 2021.

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA,
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register, Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk

Council President Register introduced Resolution 90-2021 (ADETF 2022 Distributing Agency). Mr. Brown offered a motion to adopt Resolution 90-2021 (ADETF 2022 Distributing Agency). Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 90-2021 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION
90-2021**

WHEREAS, it is desirous and advantageous for Law Enforcement Agencies to cooperate in and encourage participation in Task Forces; and

WHEREAS, ADECA and ALEA have formed the Alabama Drug Enforcement Task Force to which the Eufaula Police Department has been a member of since its inception; and

WHEREAS, the ADETF is funded by grants and monies from various entities to allow the member Agencies to participate and equip its Task Force Officers with equipment at little or no cost to the participating Agency; and

WHEREAS, these funds must be managed and accounted for in accordance with State, Federal and local methods and guidelines and a primary distributing Agency is designated and is responsible for the accounting and distribution of these funds; and

WHEREAS, the Eufaula Police Department has been asked to manage these monies for FY '22 totaling \$202,557.00 for ADETF Region B, which consists of 9 Agencies and 13 Task Force Officers and to be responsible for the allocation and reimbursement of grant funds and the accurate accountability of all funds; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City of Eufaula, Alabama, that the City Council authorizes Chief of Police Steve Watkins or his designee to enter into a mutual agreement with the ADECA/ALEA Drug Enforcement Task Force, Region B, to manage and allocate these monies in accordance to established rules and regulations, and to be accountable for the accurate reporting of the same.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20th day of September, 2021.

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register
City Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White
City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 91-2021 (Approval of additional pay for employees). Mr. Robinson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 91-2021 (Approval of additional pay for employees). President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 91-2021 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION
91-2021**

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula employees have worked throughout the past twelve (12) months during the COVID-19 pandemic and employees have continued working under very unique and demanding conditions related to the pandemic to meet the daily needs of our community without additional compensation for their work; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula wishes to recognize these notable contributions with a one-time bonus payment to compensate said employees who are currently employed with the City, with no resignation pending, as of September 20, 2021, as follows:

- Police Officers and Fire Fighters full-time employees (\$1,500.00)
- All other full-time employees (\$1,000.00)
- Regular part-time employees (\$500.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula wishes to acknowledge longevity in addition to the base bonus payment to full-time employees for consecutive years of service as follows:

- Between 3 and 5 years of service to receive an additional \$ 100.00
- Between 5 and 10 years of service to receive an additional \$ 200.00
- Between 10 and 15 years of service to receive an additional \$ 300.00
- Between 15 and 20 years of service to receive an additional \$ 400.00
- Over 20 years of service to receive an additional \$ 500.00;

WHEREAS, calculation of compensation will be based on employment status beginning October, 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, and prorated for employees with less than a year of service based on the number of months employed, with compensation will be awarded and paid in the month of September, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to make the foregoing bonus and longevity payments to eligible City employees.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20th day of September, 2021.

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register, Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 92-2021 (FY2022 Budget). President Register recommended that the council consider an appropriation to the Liberty Legacy Foundation. The foundation provides civic education programs, resources, and training to inspire and empower students and school staff personnel. Mr. Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 92-2021 (FY 2022 Budget) with the amendment to add the recommendation of an appropriation in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the Liberty Legacy Foundation. President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 92-2021 was adopted.

RESOLUTION
92-2021

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the purposes of financing the conduct of affairs of the City of Eufaula, Alabama, during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, the budget of the City's revenues and expenses for such period, prepared and submitted to the City Council by the Mayor, is hereby approved and adopted as the official Annual budget of the City of Eufaula, Alabama.

2. That the revenues set forth in the General Fund estimated as follows:

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| GENERAL REVENUES | | 16,359,900 |
| TRANSFER IN- CEME. | 900 | |
| TRANSFER IN-CP FD | 600,000 | |
| TRANSFER IN-RESCUE SQUAD | 610,000 | |
| TRANSFER IN-COURT/ PRETRIAL | 19,500 | |
| SALES OF SURPLUS PROPERTY | 25,000 | |
| TRANSFER IN-PRIOR YEARS SURPLUS | 590,000 | |
| TOTAL OTHER SOURCES | | 1,845,400 |
| TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES | | 18,205,300 |

3. That the expenditures set forth in the various departments be as follows:

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| ADMINISTRATIVE | 1,330,700 | |
| MUNICIPAL COURT | 244,500 | |
| PERSONNEL | 112,400 | |
| GENERAL MAINTENANCE | 222,050 | |
| AIRPORT | 66,900 | |
| POLICE | 3,898,000 | |
| FIRE | 3,774,752 | |
| CORRECTIONS | 389,000 | |
| BUILDING | 218,700 | |
| PUBLIC WORKS | 2,390,648 | |
| RECYCLING | 79,750 | |
| ANIMAL CONTROL | 139,950 | |
| HORTICULTURE | 562,700 | |
| TOTAL DEPARTMENTS | | 13,430,050 |
| BARBOUR COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. | 6,000 | |
| SPECTRACARE | 3,000 | |
| RETIRED SR. VOL PROGRAM | 10,000 | |
| BOARD OF EDUCATION | 540,000 | |
| MCCOO COMPLEX – AI EXTENSION SERVICE | 21,500 | |
| MCCOO COMPLEX – OLD SPECTRACARE AREA | 14,000 | |
| PROMOTION OF PERFORMING ARTS | 12,350 | |
| CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (est) | 230,000 | |
| EMERGENCY MGT AGENCY | 10,000 | |
| SENIOR AID PROGRAM, | | |
| TRANSPORTATION & NUTRITION | 2,000 | |
| PRO RATA SHARE | 8,000 | |
| SE AL COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP | 1,200 | |

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| PRIDE BOARD | 5,000 | |
| BOYS & GIRLS CLUB | 10,000 | |
| MAIN STREET | 1,000 | |
| FRIENDS OF LAKE EUFAULA | 1,000 | |
| CHAMBER- INS/MAINT. | 17,000 | |
| CHAMBER – IN-KIND CITY DEPTS | 4,800 | |
| FAMILY SERVICE CENTER | 14,000 | |
| RAM EUFAULA-(est) | 30,000 | |
| DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY | 50,000 | |
| CHAMBER – RETAIL STRATEGIES | 15,000 | |
| EUFAULA PREGNANCY CENTER | 1,000 | |
| TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL | | 1,006,850 |
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| TFO – CDBG | 28,600 | |
| TFO - DEBT SERVICE | 1,725,000 | |
| TFO - PARKS & RECREATION | 870,000 | |
| TFO - CARNEGIE LIBRARY | 422,000 | |
| TFO – SENIOR CENTER | 143,000 | |
| TFO - UNAPPROP RESERVE | 165,000 | |
| TFO – TRANSP, MAIN ST, FAA, HCA | 414,800 | |
| TOTAL OTHER USES | | 3,768,400 |
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| TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES | | 18,205,300 |

4. The amounts listed above, as shown by the official budget, and the same are hereby appropriated to such uses, and authority is hereby granted to the Mayor and City Clerk to approve the expenditures of the amounts shown for the purpose indicated.

5. That the Mayor and City Clerk, hereby authorized and directed to make the appropriate disbursement upon receipt of valid invoices.

6. That all positions included in the official budget are hereby approved and the City Clerk/Treasurer is herewith directed to fill all positions for such payments; and future hiring shall be limited to filling essential positions.

7. That payment of the amounts to other agencies, under appropriations of the General Fund, shall be contingent upon receipt of revenues sufficient for such payment.

8. That the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to make minor adjustments of appropriated amounts between and among the various accounts of the General Fund as necessitated by changing requirements, provided that he shall inform the City Council of any such adjustments made.

9. That over the next few months the financial condition of the City will be reviewed and adjustments made as necessary.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this ___ day of _____, 2021.

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Wes Register, City Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

Council President Register opened the floor for nominations to the Personnel Advisory Panel. Mr. Robinson nominated Joe Herring. There were no other nominations. Council President Register closed the floor for nominations. 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 announced that Joe Herring was elected to the Personnel Advisory Panel to complete an unexpired term that will terminate June 7, 2023.

REGULAR AGENDA (NEW BUSINESS)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Garrison commended all endorsements for Eufaula businesses, the census count, and the overall well-being of the City of Eufaula.

Council President Register announced that the vaccination drive held at Eufaula High School on September 18th was a success, exceeding the initial expectation of vaccines to be administered. The mask requirement for Eufaula City Schools has been extended until Friday, October 1, 2021. Friends of the Library will hold their first book sale since the beginning of the pandemic, from October 20-23, 2021, during regular library hours. Patrons are encouraged to bring donated books to the library after Friday, October 1, 2021. The Carnegie Library and the Barbour County Co-op Extension office will sponsor a scavenger hunt for the kids on Monday, October 11, 2021, grades K-2 will hunt at 10:00 a.m., and grades 3-5 will hunt at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Robinson announced that an airport board meeting will be held Monday, September 27, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Robinson commended Parks & Rec Director Keef Pettis and staff for managing the department's budget during the ongoing challenges of COVID. A new girls' flag football league will begin this fall. The "Work Out for a Cause" for the Duane Mock family will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021. A lake clean-up will be held in the coming weeks. Church league softball and the swim team season are both set to begin today. The Eufaula Fest will be held October 9-10, 2021, with approximately 46 participating vendors. A small business workshop will be held by Zoom conference at the Eufaula Chamber of Commerce on various meeting dates through December 2021. The Chamber of Commerce can be contacted for additional information and details.

Main Street Eufaula received three awards of excellence at the Eighth Annual Main Street Alabama: Public Works Director Tim Brannon for Main Street Hero, John Mott for Historic Rehabilitation, and Ann Sparks for Main Street Eufaula Pajama Party. Various industries in town have expanded creating many new jobs. The Alabama-Chattahoochee-Flint River Water

System Revitalization Project is going well. Several new businesses have held ribbon-cutting ceremonies in the last few weeks. The Chamber of Commerce is accepting new requests for its Hometown Heroes Veteran Banner Program with a deadline of Monday, September 27, 2021. The Christmas Parade will be held downtown Eufaula on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Brown reported for the week of September 13-17, 2021, that the garbage crew collected and hauled 69 tons of garbage. Trash crews collected and hauled 123 tons of debris to the Barbour County landfill. The litter crew collected 100 bags of trash throughout the city. The shop crew completed 14 work orders entered for vehicle and/or equipment repairs. The department also produced 11 bales of recycled cardboard.

President Pro Tem Hill requested Police Chief Watkins report on a couple of incidents that have taken place in the city. Fire Chief Feggins encouraged support for the fire department in an effort to contribute to the cure of various types of cancer. The fire department currently has t-shirts for sale through the end of September 2021 in support of breast cancer awareness month.

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 20th day of September, 2021.

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Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer