

**MINUTES OF A SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE EUFAULA CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021 AT 5:15 P.M.**

The Eufaula City Council met in a scheduled session on Monday, October 4, 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 Elder Larry Parks 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, and Marvin Brown. Absent: Ben Garrison and John Robinson.

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

HONORS AND RECOGNITION

Mayor Tibbs recognized and commended Executive Pastor Chuck Locke of the Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Keith Dovre and other Ridgecrest Church volunteers. The church volunteer team assisted in the cleanup for residents on Gammage Road after the March 3, 2019 storm, and Country Club of Alabama (CCA) after the March 31, 2020 storm. The storms caused considerable damage to both areas. Pastor Locke stated that the team consists of approximately 38 members that have also traveled to assist with storm cleanup in New York, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia. Mayor Tibbs presented Pastor Locke and Mr. Dovre with city coins for their service and dedication to help others.

Mayor Tibbs recognized and commended the following employees for their years of city employee service. Mayor Tibbs presented the following employees with appreciation certificates: Warren Jones, Ethan Parrish, and John Phillips (10 years of service each); William Bradley and Jeanette Williams (15 years of service each); and Jimmy Davis, Marcus Parrish, and Thomas Killingsworth (20 years of service each).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Brown offered a motion to approve the order of the agenda for the meeting of October 4, 2021. President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. Council President Register then announced that the 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 20, 2021.
- (b) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Claims Docket dated September 29, 2021 in the amount of \$27,398.50.

President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced the Consent Agenda was adopted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tibbs announced that new business projects in the city are on hold for a temporary period due to the costs/shortage of materials, labor, etc. These issues have caused business owners to re-establish completion/opening dates into 2022 instead of the end of 2021. Mayor Tibbs will attend an upcoming meeting to stock Alabama lakes with Florida bass, a meeting with State ALDOT Director John Cooper to discuss several potential city developments, and an upcoming meeting with Senator Tuberville about a new hospital. Mayor Tibbs introduced and welcomed John Murray, the newest member of the Airport Advisory Board and the Industrial Development Board (IDB). The Airport Board has voted to move forward with the airport terminal/application of grant and is also on the current session's agenda for council vote. Mineral Manufacturing will be annexed into the city simultaneously extending a city benefit through its natural gas usage. Mr. Phil Clayton noted that the airport is a corporate gateway to the city, and that any enhancements to the airport could potentially prove beneficial to the City of Eufaula attracting more high tech businesses to the area.

VISITORS

Ms. Renee Robinson addressed the council regarding an insurance matter involving her personal vehicle described as a 2012 sedan. She stated that because the vehicle was housed with the Eufaula Police Department, the City of Eufaula is liable for the vehicle damages. Ms. Robinson requested that this matter be resolved within twenty-one (21) days from October 1, 2021, the date that she filed the claim. She then thanked the council for the opportunity to speak about her claim.

Mr. Brandon Myers addressed the council regarding the Jim Whaley Tires construction on highway 431 south. Mr. Myers stated that he initially met with Jim Whaley on September 5, 2018. He noted his concerns and issues with the ongoing project: no installation of ingress/egress on Comer Street, installation of an 8' privacy fence before the beginning of construction, removal of a very large tree, and installation of shrubbery along the length of the privacy fence. In the three years since the beginning of the Whaley project, Mr. Myers noted that Mr. Whaley has not held firm to any of the items initially outlined from the beginning of the construction project. The 8' privacy fence has not been installed, the shrubbery is not installed, the tree is partially cut down, and there are plans to install ingress/egress on Comer Street. Mr. Myers also stated his concern about increased traffic on Comer Street if there is ingress/egress. Council President Register stated that the City will reach out to Mr. Whaley and express Mr. Myers' concerns about the construction.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Council President Register introduced Resolution 95-2021 (Authorizing survey of Mineral Mfg. Co. for annexation). President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to adopt Resolution 95-2021 (Authorizing survey of Mineral Mfg. Co. for annexation). Mr. Brown seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 95-2021 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION
95-2021**

WHEREAS, Eufaula Mineral Manufacturing Corporation and the City of Eufaula desire to have a portion of their property (Tax ID #062307250000002.000) located on U.S. Highway 131 annexed into the City Limits of the City of Eufaula; and

WHEREAS, such annexation will bring increased revenues into the City; and

WHEREAS, in order to apply for annexation into the City Limits, a survey of the subject property is necessary; and

WHEREAS, as the proposed annexation will increase revenues for the City, the City Council of the City of Eufaula has determined it will be in the public interest to pay for professional services to have the property surveyed.

DONE THIS 4th day of October, 2021.

THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register, President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Register introduced Resolution 93-2021 (Weed abatement: Lillian Dolemba, South Eufaula Orange Avenue). Council President Register then called for comments. There were no comments. Mr. Brown offered a motion to adopt Resolution 93-2021 (Weed Abatement: Lillian Dolemba, South Orange Avenue). President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 93-2021 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION
93-2021**

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
Lillian C. Dolemba 5 Stokesia Ct. N. Homosassa, FL 34446	South Orange Ave.	062402042008006000

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 October, 2021.

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register,
City Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 94-2021 (Weed Abatement: Fariha Anwar, South Eufaula Avenue). Council President Register then called for comments. There were no comments. President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to adopt Resolution 94-2021 (Weed Abatement: Fariha Anwar, South Eufaula Avenue). Mr. Brown seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 94-2021 was adopted.

RESOLUTION
94-2021

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
Fariha Anwar 3785 Highcroft Circle Norcross, GA 30092	S. Eufaula Ave.	062404181003003000

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 October, 2021.

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register, City Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

Council President Register introduced the inscription on World War II monuments stating that Barbara Martin requested that her father's name, Marvin Edwards, be inscribed on the World War II monument at her expense. He continued that it is the recommendation of Teri Bush, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, that the Eufaula City Council, at the request of Ms. Barbara Martin, allow Mrs. Martin to have her father's name inscribed on the existing World War II monument at her own expense. Mrs. Bush further recommends that any subsequent requests be approved by the city clerk or his or her designee upon receipt and verification of service in World War II. President Pro Tem Hill then offered a motion to adopt the inscriptions on the World War II monument with the recommendation that any subsequent requests be approved by the city clerk or his or her designee upon receipt and verification of service in World War II.

Council President Register introduced the authorization for Barge Design Solutions to apply for Airport Terminal Grant. President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to approve the authorization for Barge Design Solutions to apply for the Airport Terminal Grant. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that the authorization was adopted.

Council President Register introduced the authorization for Barge Design Solutions to apply for a grant to seal coat the runway. Mayor Tibbs stated that the project is 90% funded, but also a 5% match for ALDOT and a 5% match for the City. President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to approve the authorization for Barge Design Solutions to apply for a grant to seal coat the runway. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that the authorization was adopted.

REGULAR AGENDA (NEW BUSINESS)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council President Register reported that effective today, masks are no longer required but recommended in the Eufaula City Schools buildings, and still required on all school buses. 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. 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. The Carnegie Library can be contacted about pre-registration for this activity.

Mr. Brown reported that the garbage crew collected and hauled 64 tons of garbage. Trash crews collected and hauled 68 tons of debris to the Barbour County landfill. The litter crew collected 101 bags of trash throughout the city. The shop crew completed 20 work orders entered for vehicle and/or equipment repairs. The department also produced 13 bales of recycled cardboard.

Fire Chief Feggins gave an update about the fire department's breast cancer t-shirt project. Chief Feggins noted that the t-shirts have arrived and are being delivered to patrons/businesses who will wear the shirts on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 in support of breast cancer awareness for the month of October. Fire Chief Feggins encouraged support for the fire department as they plan to do additional cure-for-cancer projects.

President Pro Tem Hill was contacted by Allie Reddick of the Southeast Alabama Conference Ministers, Spouses, & Widows Organization, 12th Annual Conference, held at the historical St. Luke A.M.E. Church, September 22-24, 2021. With the input of President Pro Tem Hill, the organization chose Crowne Healthcare and Medical Center Barbour for their love project. Crowne patients were provided various items such as lotion, shampoo, body spray, conditioner, soap, etc., and Medical Center Barbour staff was provided various snacks. President Pro Tem Hill thanked them for their kindness and support in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the same was on motion by President Pro Tem Hill duly made and seconded by Mr. Brown, adjourned this 4th day of October, 2021.

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register, City Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer