

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EUFAULA CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022**

The Eufaula City Council met in a regular session on Monday, November 7, 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 Gary Fleming 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 Marvin Brown, Councilman Ben Garrison, and Councilman John Robinson.

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

HONORS AND RECOGNITION

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Robinson offered a motion to approve the order of the agenda for Monday, November 7, 2022. Councilman Garrison seconded the motion. President Register then 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 session minutes of October 17, 2022.
- (b) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Claims Docket dated November 2, 2022, in the amount of \$13,478.82.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tibbs announced that an efficient plan with related costs for demolition is being negotiated for several local properties. City codes for demolition cleanup will also be enforced to encourage a cleaner community and potentially reduce criminal activity with associated properties.

Mayor Tibbs then announced that the street repairs have begun in Edgewood. The Edgewood housing rehab project has been delayed due to various and unforeseen circumstances of Covid, work related issues, materials, etc., with a tentative completion date of late spring-early summer 2023.

VISITORS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

President Register introduced Resolution 115-2022 (Authorize Mayor to Execute Agreement with Southeast Regional Planning and Development for Redistricting). Councilman Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 115-2022 (Authorize Mayor to Execute Agreement with Southeast Regional Planning and Development for Redistricting). President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 115-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION
115-2022

WHEREAS, The City of Eufaula desires to engage Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (SEARP&DC) to prepare a redistricting plan for the City; and

WHEREAS, this is required after each census and before the next municipal election; and

WHEREAS, the fee shall not exceed \$ 3,500.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes Mayor Jack B. Tibbs, Jr., to execute the agreement with Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.

DONE THIS 7th day of November, 2022.

THE CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register, City Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

President Register introduced Resolution 116-2022 (Authorize Appropriation to the Health Care Authority (HCA)). Councilman Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 116-2022 (Authorize Appropriation to the Health Care Authority (HCA)). President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 116-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

116-2022

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula appropriated funds of \$ 200,000.00 to the City of Eufaula Healthcare Authority in the FY2023 general fund budget.

WHEREAS, the amount of \$ 16,666.67 has been remitted to the Healthcare Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula desires pay the balance of the FY2023 appropriation in the amount of \$ 183,333.33 in a one-time payment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Eufaula hereby authorizes the Finance Department to pay \$ 183,333.33 in a one-time payment to the Healthcare Authority.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 7th of November, 2022.

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A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register
City Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White
City Clerk/Treasurer

President Register introduced Resolution 117-2022 (Resolution Conforming Renewal of Airport Lease). Councilman Robinson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 117-2022 (Resolution Conforming Renewal of Airport Lease). Councilman Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 117-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION
117-2022

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula, Alabama (the “City”) owns the airport known as Weedon Field (the “Airport”); and

WHEREAS, the City leased the Airport to Eufaula Jet Center, LLC (“EJC”), pursuant to that certain Airport Lease between the City, as Lessor, and EJC, as Lessee, dated October 1, 2022 (the “Lease”); and

WHEREAS, the initial term of the Lease expired on September 30, 2022, and Paragraph 3 of the Lease provides for the automatic renewal of the Lease for an additional term of 10 years if, in the good faith termination of the City, EJC has “successfully complied with all the requirements set forth in this lease and has complied with the spirit of good citizenship”; and

WHEREAS, the City hereby finds that EJC has successfully complied with the requirements set forth in the Lease and complied with the spirit of good citizenship, and therefore the City desires to confirm that the Lease automatically renewed for an additional term of ten years commencing October 1, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City hereby confirms that EJC has complied with the requirements of the Lease and complied with the spirit of good citizenship, and therefore the Lease automatically renewed for an additional term of ten years commencing on October 1, 2022.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 7th day of November, 2022

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PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

President Register opened the floor for nominations for a vacant position to serve on the Parks & Recreation Board for a six-year unexpired term. Councilman Garrison nominated James Bailey to serve on the Parks & Recreation Board for a six-year unexpired term. There were no other nominations, and President Register closed the floor. Councilman Robinson abstained from the vote, and a roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilman Garrison, Councilman Brown, President Pro Tem Hill, and Council President Register. Nays: None. President Register then announced that James Bailey was appointed to serve an unexpired six-year term on the Parks & Recreation Board. This term will expire October 17, 2025.

REGULAR AGENDA (NEW BUSINESS)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Garrison announced that Janet Kinney is the new chief executive director of Medical Center Barbour, and that he is pleased with her goals and vision for the hospital. Councilman Garrison also reported that the outlook for Medical Center Barbour's maximum performance of services to the surrounding counties and City of Eufaula residents is optimistic. Council President Register congratulated the Eufaula High School cheerleaders for placing first in the 5A competition at the super regionals in Mobile, Alabama recently, and will be heading to state competition. President Register also congratulated Eufaula High School senior Patrick Screws who will participate in the 64th annual North-South All-Star football game which will take place on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, in Mobile, Alabama. He also congratulated the Eufaula High School football team for a successful season.

President Register commended the Eufaula School System and teacher Olivia Jones who teaches an ACT prep course. Eufaula School Systems has also received an award for its 109-year accreditation, award being accepting by Dr. Joey Brannan, Eufaula City Schools superintendent, and Ms. Emily Jackson, Eufaula High School principal, on behalf of Eufaula City Schools. November is designated as "Thank a teacher" month.

Councilman Robinson announced that pre-bids for community center repairs will be reviewed November 18-28, 2022. Preparations and repairs are also being done at the softball/baseball and soccer fields for next season. The 8U and 10U soccer tournaments were held this past weekend. The rural tourism conference began this week here in the city. Christmas Open House was held downtown on Monday, November 7, 2022.

Councilman Brown reported for the week of October 24, 2022, through November 4, 2022, that the street department recycled 35 bales of cardboard and 2 bales of plastic. Code Enforcement issued 152 solid waste non-compliance letters. The shop crew completed 49 work orders entered for vehicle and/or equipment repairs. The litter crew collected 209 bags of litter. Trash crews collected and hauled 204 tons of debris to the Barbour County landfill. Garbage crew collected and hauled 171 tons of garbage.

Police Chief Steve Watkins reported that the Trunk or Treat Halloween event on October 31, 2022, was successful and participation included 3,200–4,000 participants. The police department continues routine day-to-day operations, activities, and investigations.

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 7th day of November 2022.

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