

**MINUTES OF A SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE EUFAULA CITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021 AT 5:15 P.M.**

The Eufaula City Council met in a scheduled session on Monday, December 6, 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 B. Tibbs, Jr., Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer, and Joel Smith, City Attorney.

**HONORS AND RECOGNITION**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Robertson offered a motion to approve the order of the agenda for the meeting of December 6, 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 November 15, 2021.
- (b) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Claims Docket dated November 30, 2021, in the amount of \$1,882.50.

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 reported that he met with the governor's chief of staff and Senator Richard Shelby's staff who have agreed to assist with the planning of a new hospital for the City of Eufaula. Mayor Tibbs also reported that he has several upcoming meetings in the coming weeks related to developing city projects including local industrial projects. Humminbird has recently expanded their facility, but has another upcoming expansion that will again create additional jobs. Dave's Catfish House will begin construction of its new facility here in the city after the New Year 2022. The new owner of Reeves Peanut Company is tentatively scheduled to open up a new business in the coming New Year. New housing ventures are developing in the city to accommodate a high demand for homes. Water Works and Sewer Board welcomes a new general manager relocating from Thomasville.

## **VISITORS**

Ms. Dawn Ivey, General Manager of the Southeast Alabama Solid Waste Disposal Authority, thanked the council for an opportunity to address the council about the next renewal contract in 2022. Ms. Ivey gave an overview of the Southeast Alabama Solid Waste Disposal Authority and its formation, which includes the six founding members of the Authority, Dale, Geneva, Henry, and Houston counties, City of Ozark, and the City of Eufaula. The Authority is a not-for-profit, self-sufficient entity that exists to meet its finances and serve its members. Ms. Ivey explained the process of the existing compaction system and the building of a new tipping floor at the Henry County facility beginning in January 2022.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Council President Register introduced Resolution 113-2021 (Amendment to Exploration – Demolition Agreement with RAM). President Register noted that this amendment allows RAM, at its expense, to raze and remove certain vacant buildings owned by the City that are adjacent to, and west of, the primary hotel building. Mr. Garrison then offered a motion to adopt Resolution 113-2021 (Amendment to Exploration – Demolition Agreement with RAM). Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 113-2021 was adopted.

## **RESOLUTION**

113-2021

WHEREAS, RAM Eufaula Hospitality Two, LLC (“RAM”) and the City of Eufaula, Alabama (“City”) have entered into a development agreement pursuant to which RAM intends to renovate and develop the Bluff City Inn for operation as a full service hotel and restaurant;

WHEREAS, in connection with the development agreement, RAM and the City have previously entered into an Exploration Demolition Agreement in order that RAM could conduct structural due diligence inspections of the Bluff City Inn;

WHEREAS, RAM has requested that the City enter into an Amendment to Exploration Demolition Agreement in order that RAM may, at its expense, raze and remove certain vacant buildings owned by the City that are adjacent to, and west of, the primary hotel building; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eufaula, Alabama desires to enter in the Amendment to Exploration Demolition Agreement with RAM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Eufaula, Alabama, that the Mayor of the City of Eufaula, Alabama is hereby authorized to sign and enter into the Amendment to Exploration Demolition Agreement with RAM Eufaula Hospitality Two, LLC on behalf of the City of Eufaula.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2021.**

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Wes Register  
Council President

ATTEST:

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Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Council President Register introduced Resolution 111-2021 (Fixing costs: Steve Johnson, 906 Cleveland Street). Council President Register then called for comments from the audience. There were no comments. President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to adopt Resolution 111-2021 (Fixing costs: Steve Johnson, 906 Cleveland Street). Mr. Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 111-2021 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION  
111-2021**

BE IT RESOLVED, that we the City Council of the City of Eufaula, Alabama, examined the report of the Public Works Superintendent, adopted Resolution 85-2021 on September 7, 2021, declaring the property in question constituted a public nuisance due to the weeds existing on the property and ordered the abatement of such public nuisance. The cost of abating the nuisance is as follows:

**Parcel # 062403052008015000**

10/27/21 –	Bush Hog and Operator, 1.0 hr@ <u>\$80.00</u> per hour	\$ 80.00
	Administrative Fee	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>

Property located at 906 Cleveland St.

OWNER: Steve Johnson  
906 Cleveland  
Eufaula, AL 36027

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2021.

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Wes Register, President

ATTEST:

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Joy White, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 112-2021 (Fixing costs: Melanie D. Comer, Kendall Street). Council President Register then called for comments from the audience. There were no comments. Mr. Robinson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 112-2021 (Fixing costs: Melanie D. Comer, Kendall Street). President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 112-2021 was adopted.

RESOLUTION  
112-2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that we the City Council of the City of Eufaula, Alabama, examined the report of the Public Works Superintendent, adopted Resolution 84-2021 on September 7, 2021, declaring the property in question constituted a public nuisance due to the weeds existing on the property and ordered the abatement of such public nuisance. The cost of abating the nuisance is as follows:

**Parcel # 061309323002001003**

10/27/21 –	Bush Hog and Operator, 1.0 <a href="#">hr@\$80.00</a> per hour	\$ 80.00
	Administrative Fee	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>

Property located at Kendall Street

OWNER: Melanie Comer  
565 Knowles Road  
Cataula, GA 31804

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#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION**

Council President Register opened the floor for reappointment to the Eufaula Health Care Authority for Jay Jaxon, Jr. who wished to be reappointed to serve another three-year term. Mr. Garrison offered a motion to reappoint Jay Jaxon, Jr. to the Eufaula Health Care Authority. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Jay Jaxon, Jr. was reappointed to the Eufaula Health Care Authority to serve another three-year term that will expire December 1, 2024.

Council President Register opened the floor for reappointment to the Eufaula Health Care Authority for Jim Martin who wished to be reappointed to serve another three-year term. Mr. Garrison offered a motion to reappoint Jim Martin to the Eufaula Health Care Authority. President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Jim Martin was reappointed to the Eufaula Health Care authority to serve another three-year term that will expire December 1, 2024.

Council President Register opened the floor for nominations to the vacant position on the Eufaula Health Care Authority. Mr. Robinson nominated Wes Register for the position. There were no other nominations and President Register closed the floor for nominations. Mr. Garrison seconded the nomination by Mr. Robinson to nominate Wes Register. 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. After the roll call vote, Council President Register announced that he was nominated and appointed to fill the Eufaula Health Care Authority vacant position to serve a three year term that will expire December 1, 2024.

## **REGULAR AGENDA (NEW BUSINESS)**

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Garrison reported that the City's finances continue a progressive trend. He noted that Eufaula is an area that could positively appeal to various groups, particularly young adults. Mayor Tibbs added that housing continues to be a concern, but is expected to potentially begin developing soon.

Council President Register reported that the in-person Santa Claus Program was held Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., and had approximately 86 participants. December is the "Food for Fines" month at the Carnegie Library, and canned goods are being accepted as payment for those fines. Each can is worth \$2.00 for an overdue fine. Eufaula High School will present its winter concert at the Presbyterian Church on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Robinson reported that approximately 181 kids have signed up for basketball this season. The first basketball game will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022. Community center renovations are expected to begin after the first of the New Year 2022. The Jaxon Life Senior Center expects to operate full time early New Year 2022. Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2021. The Chamber of Commerce class of 2024 has been elected. The Barbour County Commission now has a representative on the board, and the budget has been approved for 2022. The Annual Christmas Parade will be held on tomorrow, Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. weather permitting. The Chick-Fil-A ribbon cutting was held last Wednesday, December 1, 2021. The Tour of Homes was a success with over 400 participants over the past weekend.

Mr. Brown reported that the garbage crew collected and hauled 67 tons of garbage. Trash crews collected and hauled 52 tons of debris to the Barbour County landfill. The litter crew collected 71 bags of trash throughout the city. The shop crew completed 13 work orders entered for vehicle and/or equipment repairs. The department also produced 10 bales of recycled cardboard. Mr. Brown commended Public Works Director Tim Brannon and his department for consistently responding to maintenance requests and keeping the city clean. David Ewing and Councilman Marvin Brown will meet tomorrow at city hall to discuss the Edgewood renovations. Mayor Tibbs announced that a bid was submitted to acquire the waste water treatment facility which sits on Corps property.

### **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. Garrison, adjourned this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

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Wes Register, City Council President

ATTEST:

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Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer