

**MINUTES OF A SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE EUFAULA CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022 AT 5:15 P.M.**

The Eufaula City Council met in a scheduled session on Tuesday, January 18, 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 Councilman Marvin Brown 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, Jr., Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer, and Joel Smith, City Attorney. Trenton Buffenbarger, senior student of Eufaula High School, observed procedure of today's city council session.

HONORS AND RECOGNITION

Council President Register presented Major Mark Ingram of the National Guard 1103rd Support Battalion, with a city coin from the city council and mayor for his contributions to engage with the community. Major Lee Braswell was welcomed to the 1103rd Support Battalion as the replacement for Major Ingram, and also presented with a city coin from Council President Register.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to approve the order of the amended agenda for the meeting of January 18, 2022. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Council President Register requested a roll call vote for the adoption of the amended agenda. The roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Mr. Robinson, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Brown, President Pro Tem Hill, and Council President Register. Nays: None. Council President Register then announced that the amended agenda was approved and 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 January 3, 2022.
- (b) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Prepaid Claims Docket dated December 31, 2021, in the amount of \$1,614,611.75.
- (c) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Claims Docket dated January 12, 2022, in the amount of \$78,150.48.

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 select streets in District III that are in disrepair from roadway flooding will be repaired. Mayor Tibbs requested that the Council carefully consider the appropriation to the Healthcare Authority that is on the agenda for this evening's session. If approved, the appropriation would be allotted for repairs to Medical Center Barbour. Mayor Tibbs also announced that there are increased interests in numerous and probable projects desiring to locate here in Eufaula that will contribute to the city's progressive growth.

VISITORS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Council President Register introduced Resolution 12-2022 (Resolution – Feasibility study to determine Route Alignments for SR-6 (US-82) relocation). Mayor Tibbs commented that a feasibility study would help to determine route alignments to safely merge Gammage Road and highway 82 traffic entering and exiting highway 431. Council members then discussed other alternatives for merging, entering, and exiting traffic safely onto and off of highway 431 from Gammage Road and highway 82. Mayor Tibbs and council members agreed that the feasibility study should be very helpful with making the best determination for safe alignments. Mr. Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 12-2022 (Resolution – Feasibility study to determine Route Alignments for SR-6 (US-82) relocation). Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 12-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION 12-2022

THAT the City enter into agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to a project for:

Feasibility study to determine route alignments for SR-6 (US-82) relocation just north of Eufaula; Project #STPAA-0006 (); CPMS Ref# 100074527

Which agreement is before this Council, and that the agreement be executed in the name of the City, by the Mayor for and on its behalf and that it be attested by the City Clerk and the official seal of the City be affixed thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept on file by the City.

DONE THIS ____ day of _____, 2022.

THE CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register, City Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 13-2022 (Authorize moving forward with bidding out the Purchase and installation of Highway Light Poles and Fixtures). President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to adopt Resolution 13-2022 (Authorize moving forward with bidding out the Purchase and installation of Highway Light Poles and Fixtures). Mr. Brown seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 13-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

13-2022

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula has identified several street lighting poles and fixtures that are down and need to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula Public Works Department has estimated the cost for the street light poles, fixtures and installation at approximately \$ 72,500.00; and

WHEREAS, due to the estimated cost of replacement, the City wishes to proceed with the bid process; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the Public Works Director to move forward with the bid process to purchase and install highway street lighting poles and fixtures as outlined in specifications.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 18th of January, 2022.

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register
City Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White
City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 14-2022 (Authorize appropriation to HCA). Mr. Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 14-2022 (Authorize appropriation to HCA). President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 14-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

14-2022

WHEREAS, the roof of the hospital, Medical Center Barbour is in need of re-roofing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula wishes to appropriate funds to the City of Eufaula Healthcare Authority for the purpose of funding the re-roofing of the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Marty Robbins Roofing has proposed a contract amount of \$ 405,825.00 to complete the project and provide a fifteen (15) year material warranty from Duro-Last Roofing; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be appropriated to the City of Eufaula Healthcare Authority, and subsequently, the Healthcare Authority will appropriate the funds to Medical Center Barbour for the stated purpose to re-roof the Main hospital, ICU, OR and ER and administration building.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Eufaula hereby authorizes the Finance Department to appropriate \$ 405,825.00 to the City of Eufaula Healthcare Authority.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 18th of January, 2022.

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register
City Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White
City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 16-2022 (Renew contract with Southeast Alabama Solid Waste Disposal Authority). Mr. Robinson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 16-2022 (Renew contract with Southeast Alabama Solid Waste Disposal Authority). Mr. Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 16-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

16-2022

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula is a member of the Southeast Alabama Solid Waste Disposal Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula wishes to continue to have a site or sites for the disposal of Solid Waste; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula has determined that it is in the public interest to continue to participate with the Southeast Alabama Solid Waste Disposal Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula wishes to exercise the option to renew the contract for seven (7) years until April 8, 2029 unless otherwise extended or terminated by mutual agreement of the parties.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes Mayor Jack Tibbs, Jr. to execute the renewal contract with Southeast Alabama Solid Waste Disposal Authority.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 18th of January, 2022.

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
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Wes Register
City Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White
City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 17-2022 (Authorize purchase of pole barn for Weedon Field Airport). Mr. Robinson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 17-2022 (Authorize purchase of pole barn for Weedon Field Airport). Mr. Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 17-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

17-2022

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula wishes to purchase and install a pole barn to protect equipment located at Weedon Field Airport; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to the city for the purchase and installation is approximately \$ 12,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration is in the process of approving the location.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Eufaula hereby authorizes the purchase and installation of the pole barn for Weedon Field Airport.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 18th of January, 2022.

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register
City Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White
City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 18-2022 (Resolution to purchase two transit vans). Mr. Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 18-2022 (Resolution to purchase two

transit vans). President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 18-2022 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION
18-2022**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Eufaula, Alabama, as follows:

1. That the Eufaula Barbour Transit Authority is authorized to enter into Contract Number MA 999 210000000349 with the State of Alabama; acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation for the purchase of two (2) 2022 Ford Mobility High Roof Transit Vans.
2. That one van will be purchased with CARES Act funding with no match requirement. The City of Eufaula will provide local matching funds calculated at 20% of the total price being \$13,071.00 for the second van to be purchased
3. That both contracts be executed in the name of Eufaula Barbour Transit Authority by the Mayor of the City of Eufaula for and on its behalf.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 18th day of January, 2022.

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register, President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 19-2022 (Authorize Master Contract for lighting services for Old Creek Town). Mr. Robinson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 19-2022 (Authorize Master Contract for lighting services for Old Creek Town). Mr. Brown seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 19-2022 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION
19-2022**

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula pursues the opportunity to identify cost reductions through the use of new technology when feasible; and

WHEREAS, the City has consulted with Alabama Power regarding the upgrade of fixtures to LED technology at Old Creek Town Park which would involve no upfront costs or additional fees, and would result in a monthly savings to the City; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Power Company has presented a contract with an initial term of 36 months to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into a Master Contract with Alabama Power for these lighting services for Old Creek Town Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Eufaula authorizes Mayor Jack B. Tibbs, Jr. to execute the contract with Alabama Power Company.

DONE THIS 18th of January, 2022.

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register, Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 20-2022 (Authorizing Mayor to execute agreement for engineering services for Community Center Renovations and Old Creek Town). President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to adopt Resolution 20-2022 (Authorizing Mayor to execute agreement for engineering services for Community Center Renovations and Old Creek Town). Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 20-2022 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION
20-2022**

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula wishes to procure professional engineering services for the Eufaula Community Center renovation and Old Creek Town Park improvements; and

WHEREAS, Barge Design Solutions has submitted a proposal for the project in the amount of \$373,179.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eufaula that the engineering services agreement submitted by Barge Design Solutions is hereby approved and Mayor Jack B. Tibbs, Jr., in his official capacity, is authorized to execute all necessary documents relating to said agreement.

DONE THIS 18th day of January, 2022.

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register, Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

Council President Register introduced Resolution 21-2022 (Authorizing Stifel to sell bonds). President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to adopt Resolution 21-2022 (Authorizing Stifel to sell bonds). Mr. Garrison abstained from the vote on Resolution 21-2022 (Authorizing Stifel to sell bonds). Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced that Resolution 21-2022 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION
21-2022**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council (the "Council") of the **CITY OF EUFAULA** (the "City"), as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The Council has ascertained and does hereby find and declare as follows:

(a) it may be in the best financial interest of the City (i) to realize interest cost savings that may be available by refunding all or a portion of certain outstanding indebtedness, including its outstanding General Obligation Warrants, Series 2012, 2014, and 2015 issues, and a USDA loan, and (ii) to acquire additional funds for capital improvements within the City,

(b) in order to provide the funds for the purposes describe in (a) above, it will be necessary for the City to issue its General Obligation Warrants, Series 2022-A, and General Obligation Taxable Warrants, Series 2022-B, to be dated the date of delivery (collectively the "Warrants"); and

(c) in connection with the Warrants, it will be necessary for the City to enter into a Warrant Purchase Agreement (the "Warrant Purchase Agreement") with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated (the "Underwriter") on such sale date.

Section 2. Underwriter and Bond Counsel. The Council hereby confirms the appointments of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated as Underwriter, and Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP as Bond Counsel, for the Warrants. The Underwriter is authorized to take such action as is necessary to rate and market the Warrants, and to sell such Warrants when, in their discretion, and upon consultation with the City, conditions are favorable.

Section 3. Authorization to Sign Warrant Purchase Agreement. Upon the sale of the Warrants, the Council hereby authorizes and directs any one of the Mayor or the Council President or the City Clerk/Treasurer to execute a Warrant Purchase Agreement between the City and the Underwriter immediately following such sale, the execution thereof on behalf of the City being subject to ratification by the Council at its February 7, 2022 regular meeting.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of January, 2022.

Wes Register
Council President

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Attest _____
Joy White
City Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Register introduced Resolution 15-2022 (Weed/Trash Abatement: Horace Guilford, Davis Street). President Register called for comments from the audience. There were no comments. Mr. Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 15-2022 (Weed/Trash Abatement: Horace Guilford, Davis Lane). Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced that Resolution 15-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION
15-2022

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the City Council of Eufaula, Alabama, having examined the report from the Public Works Superintendent for the following properties:

<u>OWNER</u>	<u>LOCATION OF PROPERTY</u>	<u>PARCEL NUMBER</u>
Horace Guilford 5835 Highway 431 South Eufaula, AL 36027	Davis Lane	0624030510084000

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 January, 2022.

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register,
City Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

REGULAR AGENDA (NEW BUSINESS)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Garrison reported that all city departments are within budget and that the city's finances continue a progressive and optimistic trend.

Council President Register reported that the students returned to school today under a mask mandate. The mask requirement policy will continue in the schools until there is no more than a 2% positivity rate and 10% exposure rate in the buildings, and then the mask mandate will expire. Eufaula High School now offers after school tutoring for many subjects, Monday through

Friday, from 3:40 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. January is School Board Member Appreciation month, and Council President Register will present a proclamation to the city school board during their regularly scheduled school board meeting on Monday, January 24th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the central office. Bryan Gill, Eufaula native, will host a book signing at the Carnegie Library on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Gill's book is entitled, *Devils in Alabama*. A children's program will be held on Monday, February 21, 2022. Library Director, Ronnie Smith has been appointed to the Alabama Virtual Library Council, a state website used for research and reference information. Council members had a short discussion about the purchase of another knuckleboom truck later in 2022. Details and further discussion to come at a later time.

In Mr. Robinson's report, he thanked fellow council members for working together to adopt several resolutions that will help to improve city developments/functions. He also acknowledged and thanked Mr. Bob Dixon for a very generous donation to the city's parks and recreation department. The six and under tournament scheduled for June 24, 2022 has been rescheduled for July 1, 2022. Mr. Robinson noted that there is still a great concern for businesses to attract enough applicants to fill a large number of available jobs locally and abroad.

Mr. Robinson then stated that talks to revive barge transportation on the Chattahoochee-Appalachicola River are developing to move various company products efficiently. In October 2022, over 225 delegates and families will be in town for the Alabama-Mississippi-Tennessee tourism conference. Council members forwarded letters to the participants of the Eufaula Christmas Tour of Homes 2021 acknowledging their participation and generosity in response to the annual event. Mr. Robinson also reported that the local Spectrum cable/phone/internet services need improvements to prevent frequent outages of those services to city residents. Mayor Tibbs also added that with increased FAA appropriation, there is potential for additional improvements to the airport.

Mr. Brown reported that an area street in District III needs repairing from rain runoff and flooding. Council members and Mayor Tibbs discussed the issue and are developing solutions for this issue. Mr. Brown then reported that the garbage crew collected and hauled 75 tons of garbage. Trash crews collected and hauled 58 tons of debris to the Barbour County landfill. The litter crew collected 111 bags of litter throughout the city. The shop crew completed 16 work orders entered for vehicle and/or equipment repairs. The department also produced 16 bales of recycled cardboard.

Teri Bush then announced that the Department of Conservation selected Mayor Jack Tibbs for the Alabama State Park Eagle Award for his work to bring tourism to Eufaula and visitors to Lakepoint State Park. He is invited to Lake Guntersville State Park on Saturday, February 5, 2022 for the awards ceremony.

Mr. Garrison added that the Dr. Martin Luther King Service Day has been a great success over the past years and has produced great outreach. He noted that we should recognize those before us that have made great contributions and efforts in response to civil rights.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the same was on motion and duly seconded by Mr. Garrison, adjourned this 18th day of January, 2022.

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register, Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer