

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

The Eufaula City Council met in a scheduled session on Monday, February 15, 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 Associate Pastor Don Dillard 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**

Mayor Tibbs commended Eufaula High School Career Tech and Amanda Ates, Assistant Principal and Tech Director. Ms. Ates thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. The month of February is Career Technical Education Month. The program offers specialized curriculum and integrates technical training with numerous local business partnerships that prepare students for the technical work force. Eufaula businesses currently employ forty-two (42) Eufaula High School students. Ms. Ates reported that since August 19, 2020, students have worked 12,857 total work hours and earned \$78,973.27 in wages. Ms. Ates noted that with these excellent figures, there is potential for further enhancement of the program through the interest and participation of additional students which is encouraged and welcomed.

The 2021-2022 school term will also bring additional courses offered in the technical training curriculum such as Animal Science that includes Poultry Science, Poultry Industrial Maintenance, Ag Industrial Maintenance, and Ag Applied Engineering Technology. The partnership with Tyson Foods has been productive and encouraging. Dual enrollment with Wallace College will allow students access to the Alabama Work Force grant that offers training in these high demand job areas. Dual enrollment with Wallace is no cost to the students and students become certified to work in the industrial maintenance industry. Ms. Ates extended an invitation to the mayor and council to visit and see what is offered to prepare students for their future in the work force. Meagan Hutto spoke about her positive experience and preparation with the program and the benefits that she has gained in the process.

Steven Webb also spoke about his experience, preparation, and completion of the Criminal Justice and Ag programs, encouraging students to utilize the resources of the program. Council members also commended and encouraged the students to pursue their goals and to complete the program. Eufaula High School Principal Reeivice Girtman added that all students should be prepared to walk into their future with a plan for a career. Council President Register added that the students express themselves well, and that they are a great representation of the program and schools.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Robinson offered a motion to approve the order of the agenda for February 15, 2021. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, Council President Register announced the motion had carried.

## **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 February 1, 2021.
- (b) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Prepaid Claims Docket dated January 31, 2021 in the amount of \$1,310,856.64.
- (c) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Claims Docket dated February 10, 2021 in the amount of \$397,249.83.

Mr. Garrison moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced the motion had carried.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Tibbs and two council members will attend a business meeting later this week. Details of the meeting will be announced at a later date.

## **VISITORS**

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Council President Register introduced Resolution 7-2021(Fuel Purchasing State). Mr. Hill offered a motion to adopt Resolution 7-2021. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, Council President Register announced the motion had carried.

## **RESOLUTION 7-2021**

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula wishes to continue to purchase gasoline and diesel off the Alabama State bid list; and

WHEREAS, the contract is for a 12-month period with an option to extend; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of management to continue purchasing gasoline and diesel off the Alabama State bid list.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Eufaula City Council that the Mayor be hereby authorized to sign all documents relating to the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED the 15th day of February, 2021.

CITY OF EUFAULA ALABAMA,  
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

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Wes Register  
City Council President

ATTEST:

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Joy White  
City Clerk/Treasurer

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION**

Council President Register opened the floor for nominations to the Board of Zoning & Adjustments. Mr. Robinson nominated Kenny Wertz. Mr. Garrison seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Council President Register closed nominations. Council President Register asked for a roll call vote and the vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Mr. Garrison, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Brown, President Pro Tem Hill, and President Register. Nays: None. This term will expire October 1, 2023.

**REGULAR AGENDA (NEW BUSINESS)**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Garrison reported that the City of Eufaula continues an upward trend on finances and that he is optimistic that it will continue. He also stated that shopping Eufaula first also makes a big difference, and that all departments are within budget.

Council President Register reported that city schools are continuing in-person schooling. The next school board meeting is tomorrow night. Recently, Southeast Gas gave the schools approximately \$5,000.00 from its 2021 Give Back to Schools Initiative. Due to inclement weather, schools will be delayed by a couple of hours tomorrow morning.

Superintendent Joey Brannan stated that Eufaula High School Career Tech is going very well, and that everyone is doing a great job. He also noted that he is excited about the partnerships that have been formed between the local businesses and the school. Mr. Brannan commended the Career Tech staff for doing a great job noting the focus on the career tech courses and the local partnerships for student preparation for the future.

Council President Register announced that the Carnegie Library now has Wi-Fi hotspots that will allow patrons access to the internet. The library is working with the Oklahoma Correctional Institute to digitize the high school yearbooks for access through the internet. Council President

Register announced that a Planning Commission meeting will be held tomorrow with discussion about the progression of a strip mall south of town.

Mr. Robinson reported that due to COVID-19, the airport is not fully functional. There will be a Chamber meeting tomorrow and the Board members will divide into smaller groups to create objectives/goals to have a working plan by summer 2021. The Chamber is actively pursuing business/economic opportunities for the City of Eufaula.

Mr. Robinson also reported that basketball has begun, and masks are required upon entrance to the gym. It is possible that tournaments will take place in May 2021 dependent upon the situation with COVID-19. This week is the final week for baseball registration, and the fields are being prepared for the beginning season.

Mr. Brown reported that the construction crew has been installing speed bumps in the Edgewood community. The garbage crew collected and hauled 72 tons of garbage. Trash crews picked up and hauled 55 tons of debris to the Barbour County landfill. The litter crew picked up 102 bags of trash throughout the city. The shop crew had 20 work orders entered for vehicle and/or equipment repairs. Ten bales of cardboard was recycled.

President Pro Tem Hill reported that the police and fire departments are fulfilling routine duties. Mr. Hill recently attended the Advocacy Day/League of Municipalities in Montgomery, AL noting that the conference was very informative. There were several representative and senator speakers that gave updates on various matters to include the lottery and broadband. There was also a question/answer session about COVID-19. Mr. Hill addressed a concern with the progression of two new prisons for Alabama and the impact they would have on the local community. Dr. Ed Mackey addressed education and the impact of COVID-19. He also expressed his support for a full summer school program for the next several years.

Mr. Robinson commended the Eufaula Fire Department/EMT for being successful in helping a citizen that suddenly became very ill and required surgery, but the patient is doing well. Mr. Robinson noted that the training and necessary equipment was vital and successful in this unexpected situation.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

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Wes Register, City Council President

ATTEST:

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Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer