

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EUFAULA CITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

The Eufaula City Council met in a scheduled session on Monday, March 20, 2023, 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 Don Dillard 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 Tibbs, Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer, and Joel Smith, City Attorney.

**HONORS AND RECOGNITION**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to approve the order of the agenda for Monday, March 20, 2023. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. President Register 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 March 6, 2023.
- (b) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Prepaid Claims Docket dated February 28, 2023, in the amount of \$2,563,135.57.
- (c) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Claims Docket dated March 15, 2023, in the amount of \$5,220.77.

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 the first Juneteenth celebration will be held on Monday, June 19, 2023 on the adjoining grounds of the Chamber of Commerce, Broad Street. Mayor Tibbs will meet on Thursday with ADECA, RAM Hospitality, and Southeast Regional Planning for assistance with the hotel infrastructure. Mayor Tibbs will also meet Wednesday morning with Minerals Manufacturing and Southeast Gas to discuss the use of gas to make electricity for arc furnaces. Sidewalks for Moorer Middle School and Eufaula High School students are tentatively scheduled to be installed along Lake Drive during the summer months 2023. Mayor Tibbs also discussed the limited funding that will be allocated between all Alabama hospitals and the additional funding needed to maintain them. Mayor Tibbs requested that the Council consider the completion of the trail that runs out to Frost-Marlow Road by applying for a grant. Mayor Tibbs also listed several projects that will require the assistance of Martha Roby who is

contracted for a limited term to advise Council. Mayor Tibbs and Councilman Garrison will attend a business meeting in Washington, DC with Sen. Katie Britt and Rep. Barry Moore to discuss appropriations that are crucial in establishing and maintaining various city projects.

### **VISITORS**

Derrick Russaw appeared before the Council and addressed the Council with concerns about the Eufaula Police Department's investigation of the murder of his brother, Eric Russaw, that occurred on February 5, 2021.

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

President Register introduced Resolution 21-2023 (Authorize Mayor to execute Agreement with E-911 Board for Assigning Street Numbers for Addresses). President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to adopt Resolution 21-2023 (Authorize Mayor to Execute Agreement with E-911 Board for Assigning Street Numbers for Addresses). Councilman Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 21-2023 was adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION 21-2023**

WHEREAS, The City of Eufaula desires to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the Barbour County Emergency District; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula desires that the District be responsible for assigning street numbers for addresses within the geographical jurisdiction of the City of Eufaula; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula may opt out of this MOU and handle addressing internally upon sixty (60) days written notice to the district.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes Mayor Jack B. Tibbs, Jr., to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Barbour County Emergency Communications District.

DONE THIS 20th day of March, 2023.

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Wes Register, CMO  
City Council President

ATTEST:

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Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

President Register introduced Resolution 22-2023 (Correction of Date of Resolution 22-2023 Extending Moratorium on Short-term Rental Properties). Councilman Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 22-2023 (Correction of Date of Resolution 2-2023 Extending Moratorium on Short-term Rental Properties). President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 22-2023 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION  
22-2023**

**A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON PERMITS AND  
LICENSES RELATING TO SHORT TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES**

WHEREAS, resolution 2-2023 was approved on January 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the expiring date stated July 17, 2024 and the correct date is July 17, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eufaula, Alabama, that Resolution 113-2022 adopted by the Council on October 17, 2022 authorizing a ninety (90) day moratorium on permits and licenses relating to short term rental properties be affirmed and further extended for a period of six (6) additional months from January 17, 2023, and expiring July 17, 2023, to provide additional time to study and develop a permanent zoning and land-use solution.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 2023.

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President Register introduced Resolution 23-2023 (Award Bid to Anderson Construction Ft. Gaines, GA for Community Center Renovation). Each of the council members gave their input about this project to help determine the best resolution to get the repairs done. Council also considered the very likely change in future pricing as compared to current bid. Councilman Robinson offered a motion to approve Resolution 23-2023 (Award Bid to Anderson Construction Ft. Gaines, GA for Community Center Renovation). Councilman Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 23-2023 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION  
23-2023**

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula opened bids on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023 for the Community Center Renovation Project; and

WHEREAS, there was one bidder – Anderson Construction Company of Fort Gaines, GA, base bid plus alternates of \$ 4,448,073.00; and

WHEREAS, the bid amount after changes and deletions is \$ 3,942,147; and

WHEREAS, the bid can be further reduced to \$3,929,015 if City provides Builders' Risk Insurance and waives building permits.

WHEREAS, the source of funding for the renovation project will be from the 2022 Bond Issue and from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Eufaula authorizes the award of the bid in the amount of \$ 3,929,015 to Anderson Construction Company of Fort Gaines, GA and authorizes Mayor Jack B. Tibbs, Jr. to execute all documents for the project.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20th of March, 2023.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION**

President Register introduced the board appointment for the Board of Zoning Adjustments and opened the floor for nominations to fill the vacancy. Councilman Garrison nominated Chris

Mitchell to fill the vacancy. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. There were no other nominations and President Register closed the floor. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilman Robinson, Councilman Garrison, Councilman Brown, President Pro Tem Hill, and President Register. Nays: None. President Register announced that Chris Mitchell was appointed to serve an unexpired term on the Board of Zoning Adjustments set to expire on October 1, 2023.

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

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Garrison reported that the finances of the City of Eufaula continue to an optimistic trend.

President Register announced that Music and Arts will be held at Eufaula High School on Thursday, March 23, 2023. The art show will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. Katie Vickers will host Photography Basics, Part III at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Carnegie Library Auditorium. Spring break for Eufaula City Schools will be March 27, 2023 through March 31, 2023. A safety committee meeting was recently held and the police department was commended for working to keep each of the city schools, staff, and students safe daily. Carnegie Library will host various activities beginning Friday, March 31, 2023 to coincide with the Eufaula Pilgrimage.

Councilman Robinson reported that the boat dock at Old Creek Town has been repaired and he thanked Keef Pettis and all of the sponsors that helped to get the project completed. Opening day for baseball and softball will be Saturday, April 1, 2023 beginning 9:00 a.m. The Eufaula Pilgrimage will be held March 31, 2023 through April 1, 2023. An Ag Day will be held Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. on the adjoining grounds of the walking trail entrance. Elite Sonar will host its ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 on State Docks Road. The nature of this business is the installation of boating equipment. WestRock will host a hiring fair at the Eufaula Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Councilman Brown reported the following for March 6, 2023 through March 17, 2023: the street department recycled 25 bales of cardboard, Code Enforcement issued 31 non-compliance letters, the shop crew completed 30 work orders entered for vehicle and/or equipment repairs, the litter crew collected 179 bags of litter, the trash crew collected and hauled 175 tons of debris to the Barbour County landfill and the garbage crew collected and hauled 184 tons of garbage.

President Pro Tem Hill reports that Police Chief Watkins and department continue its investigation of cases and various crimes through standard operations and procedure.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the same was on motion by Councilman Robinson, and duly seconded by Councilman Brown adjourned this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

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