

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EUFAULA CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023**

The Eufaula City Council met in a scheduled session on Monday, May 15, 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 Reginald Screws 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, Joel Smith, City Attorney, and Representative Berry Forte.

HONORS AND RECOGNITION

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Robinson offered a motion to approve the order of the amended agenda for May 15, 2023. Councilman Brown seconded the motion. President Register announced that the agenda was approved and adopted. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilman Robinson, Councilman Garrison, Councilman Brown, President Pro Tem Otis Hill, and President Register. Nays: None. President Register announced that the amended 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 May 1, 2023.
- (b) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Prepaid Claims Docket dated April 30, 2023, in the amount of \$1,806,084.56.
- (c) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Claims Docket dated May 10, 2023, in the amount of \$21,765.47.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tibbs reported that he, Council President Wes Register, President Pro Tem Hill, and Councilman Marvin Brown recently attended the League of Municipalities Conference in Birmingham, Alabama. WTVM News Leader 9 recently interviewed city residents for an upcoming news segment about the City of Eufaula. A new boat towing service, Boat USA, will be locating to the city at the Chewalla Marina in the upcoming weeks. Tesla proposes to place numerous chargers in the city to service electric cars. The hotel project is still in the planning/design stages with initial steps being taken to begin the project in the coming months.

A roundabout has been installed at the intersection of West Broad Street and Orange Avenue. Chewalla Creek, Barbour Creek and Cheneyhatchee are also in the planning stages for upgrades and traffic-flow efficiency.

VISITORS

Ms. Rita Miller addressed the Council about potential plans upon council approval to open a bar at the old Split Shot Bar location on highway 431 south. Ms. Miller's interest was to open the bar with a moderate atmosphere as opposed to the old bar's past reputation. The Council was not in favor of approving the reopening of the old location and suggested opening her business at another location that would support a more reserved character. Ms. Miller thanked the Council for the opportunity to share her potential ideas.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

President Register introduced Resolution 41-2023 (Award bid to Trademark Custom Homes LLC for Courtroom Renovation Project). President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to adopt Resolution 41-2023 (Award bid to Trademark Custom Homes LLC for Courtroom Renovation Project). Councilman Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 41-2023 was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION 41-2023

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula opened bids on the 27th day of April, 2023 for the Courtroom Renovation Project; and

WHEREAS, there was one bidder – Trademark Custom Homes, LLC from Eufaula Alabama in the amount of \$ 116,963.60; and

WHEREAS, the source of funding for the renovation project will be from the capital projects fund and the Judge's court fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Eufaula authorizes the award of the bid in the amount of \$ 116,963.60 to Trademark Custom Homes, LLC and authorizes Mayor Jack B. Tibbs, Jr. to execute all documents for the project.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this ____ day of May, 2023.

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Wes Register, CMO
City Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

President Register introduced Resolution 43-2023 (Fitness Anonymous Donation). Councilman Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 43-2023 (Fitness Anonymous Donation). Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 43-2023 was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION
43-2023

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers must maintain a level of fitness to conduct their duties properly; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to limit costs for injury claims for officers to maintain a fitness level; and

WHEREAS, these levels of fitness require equipment that is unique to their training and mission; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department wishes to supplement this equipment with limited available funds; and

WHEREAS, anonymous donors wish to contribute approximately \$3,000.00 to the Department for acquisition of such equipment; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City of Eufaula, Alabama, that the City Council authorizes Mayor Jack Tibbs or his designee to accept the donation of \$3,000.00 from citizens wishing to remain anonymous for fitness equipment purchases; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the equipment shall be appropriated to the Police Department where such specialized equipment is required; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eufaula Police Department does hereby offer its thanks and gratitude to these anonymous citizens for their generous donation to and support of the Eufaula Police Department.

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PUBLIC HEARING

President Register introduced Resolution 42-2023 (Weed/Trash Abatement: David Daniel and Lottie Wright, Dale Road). President Register called for comments from the floor. Councilman Brown stated that this resolution needed property ownership clarification. President Register closed the floor, and Councilman Brown offered a motion to table Resolution 42-2023 (Weed/Trash Abatement: David Daniel and Lottie Wright, Dale Road). Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 42-2023 was tabled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

President Register introduced the matter of the Cody property that was recently torn down but now has trees that also need to be removed from the property. He presented the matter to Council for approval of the tree removal during this council session at the current cost of \$4,500.00. An official resolution would be signed and adopted during the June 5, 2023 council session; this action would avoid a potential cost increase that could occur prior to the next council meeting. Councilman Garrison offered a motion that the tree removal from the Cody property at the current cost of \$4,500.00 be allowed with the resolution to be presented during the June 6, 2023 council session for official signature and adoption, to avoid a potential cost increase that could occur prior to the June 6th council session. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced that the motion was approved with subsequent adoption by resolution during the June 6, 2023 council session.

REGULAR AGENDA (NEW BUSINESS)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Garrison commended the support and community attendance at the county commissioner's meeting in favor of Medical Center Barbour.

President Register announced that the summer reading program will begin June 1st at the Carnegie Library at 2:00 p.m. each Thursday in June. The library has a new youth services

librarian, Helena Nix, who recently earned a master's degree in Librarian Services. Eufaula High School graduation will be held May 19th, and the last school day for the year is May 25th. The 2023-2024 school year begins August 8th.

Councilman Robinson reported that the community center pool will be closed the month of August for roofing work. The disc golf course continues to get some final touches towards completion. Baseball/softball tournaments will be hosted here in the city throughout the month of June. The annual youth fishing rodeo will be held on July 14th at Old Creek Town. The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Executive Committee agreed on a resolution supporting the Council in the funding of Medical Center Barbour. A ribbon-cutting was recently held at the Eufaula Children's Plaza bathhouse. Farmer's Market will begin May 25th and will be held every Thursday throughout the summer from 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. July 4th Independence Day celebration will be held at Lakepoint State Park beginning at 5:00 p.m. on July 1st and fireworks display at 9:00 p.m.

Councilman Brown reported the following for the public works department: 20 bales of cardboard recycled, Code Enforcement issued 51 solid waste and non-compliance letters, the shop crew completed 45 work orders entered for vehicle and/or equipment repairs, the litter crew collected 260 bags of litter, the trash crew collected and hauled 122 tons of debris to the Barbour County landfill, and the garbage crew collected and hauled 120 tons of garbage.

President Pro Tem Hill reported that standard operating procedure and investigations continue. He also announced the Juneteenth celebration on June 19th at the Yoholo Micco Trail field/entrance across from the Chamber of Commerce from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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 15th day of May, 2023.

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