

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EUFAULA CITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023**

The Eufaula City Council met in a scheduled session on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. at the Board of Education meeting room located at 333 State Docks Road. 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 W. Robinson.

Also present: Mayor Jack B. Tibbs, Jr., Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer and Joel Smith, City Attorney.

**HONORS AND RECOGNITION**

Jill Wachs, Barbour County 4-H agent, along with the Wildlife Habitat Education group (WHEP), came before the Council to announce the team's win at the state competition. Two team members excelled competing in the national competition in Iowa and won 5<sup>th</sup> place. The program encourages hands-on experience with wildlife and is open to ages 9 to 18.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilman Garrison offered a motion to approve the order of the agenda for August 7, 2023. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. After the roll call vote, 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 scheduled session minutes of July 17, 2023.
- (b) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Claims Docket dated August 3, 2023, in the amount of \$66,528.77.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Tibbs discussed potential resolutions for a couple of paved streets in the Edgewood community. The city continues to develop new businesses with some in the beginning construction stage, but all are progressing well. Several demolition/cleanup projects will also take place throughout the city in the coming months.

Mayor Tibbs greeted the school administration and teacher's staff at the annual Teacher's Institute that was held on July 28th. He stated that the staff is enthusiastic about making 2023-2024 a successful school year.

Mayor Tibbs reported that initial stages of construction and a press release is expected by the fall for the Bluff City Inn project. Plans are being coordinated for the Bluff City Inn building structure, street repair, and the highway 431 north and south bridge(s) repair that should tentatively come to completion by the middle of 2025.

### **VISITORS**

Mack Houston, Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) President, addressed Council about their support of the organization. The FOP started as an organization (union) for police officers to help maintain their rights within their departments but has evolved into a non-profit organization of charitable support through community events. Mr. Houston suggested ways to encourage the community and all officers of the police department to join the organization. The annual dues for members of the FOP is \$75.00 and meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m. The FOP will sponsor various future events for the support of the organization and the community. Mr. Louie Wayne Johnson spoke in agreement with Mr. Houston and solicited support for the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) organization and its police officers and sheriff's deputies. He noted that the community needs to also work together with our law enforcement for a better community.

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

President Register introduced Resolution 71-2023 (Accept Proposal from Plans to Prosper for Courtroom Renovation). Councilman Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 71-2023 (Accept Proposal from Plans to Prosper for Courtroom Renovation). President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 71-2023 was approved and adopted.

### **RESOLUTION 71-2023**

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula is renovating the courtroom located at the Eufaula Police Department Complex, 545 E. Barbour Street; and

WHEREAS, Plans to Prosper Interior Design will supervise the full courtroom renovation and has submitted an itemized proposal in the amount of \$ 5,500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Eufaula authorizes Mayor Jack B. Tibbs, Jr., to execute the submitted proposal with Plans to Prosper Interior Design in the amount of \$ 5,500.00.

DONE THIS 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

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Wes Register, CMO  
Council President

ATTEST:

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Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

President Register introduced Resolution 76-2023 (Accept Proposal from Plans to Prosper from Restroom located on West Broad Street). President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to adopt Resolution 76-2023 (Accept Proposal from Plans to Prosper from Restroom located on West Broad Street). Councilman Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 76-2023 was approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION  
76-2023**

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula has entered into agreement with Telsa to install electric chargers at 129 West Broad Street; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula desires to build a restroom for use by Telsa customers and the public; and

WHEREAS, Plans to Prosper Interior Design has submitted a proposal for design of the restroom in the amount of \$ 4,500,00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Eufaula authorizes Mayor Jack B. Tibbs, Jr., to execute the submitted proposal with Plans to Prosper Interior Design in the amount of \$ 4,500.00.

DONE THIS 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

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President Register introduced Resolution 77-2023 (Transportation Plan for State Gas Tax Funds). Councilman Robinson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 77-2023 (Transportation Plan for State Gas Tax Funds). Councilman Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 77-2023 was approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION  
77-2023**

WHEREAS, Legislative Act 2019-2, an act to levy an additional excise tax on gasoline and diesel fuel; to provide for the collection and distribution of the proceeds from the additional excise to the state, county, municipal and Alabama State Port Authority transportation for infrastructure purposes; and

WHEREAS, the excise tax is a total of 10 cents per gallon increased incrementally over a (3) three-year period; and

WHEREAS, municipal governing bodies of each qualified municipality shall adopt an annual Transportation Plan not later than August 31 for the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula received \$ 51,808.32 in FY2020, \$ 76,697.52 in 2021, \$ 98,951.43 in 2022; and estimates receiving approximately \$ 103,000.00 FY2023 and \$ 104,000.00 FY2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the FY2024 Transportation Plan for the City of Eufaula is to reserve the funds for future paving project(s).

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

President Register introduced Resolution 72-2023 (Weed/Trash Abatement: Buddy E. Lawrence, TV McCoo Boulevard). President Register called for comments from the floor. There were no comments. President Register closed the floor, and Councilman Brown offered a motion to adopt Resolution 72-2023 (Weed/Trash Abatement: Buddy E. Lawrence, TV McCoo Boulevard). President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 72-2023 was approved and adopted.

**RESOLUTION  
72-2023**

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>
Buddy E. Lawrence 214 N. Eufaula Ave. Eufaula, AL 36027	TV McCoo Boulevard	062402042004007000

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 August, 2023.

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Joy White, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer

President Register introduced Resolution 73-2023 (Weed/Trash Abatement: Anthony Reeves, Wilson Street). President Register called for comments from the floor. There were no comments. President Register closed the floor, and Councilman Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 73-2023 (Weed/Trash Abatement: Anthony Reeves, Wilson Street). Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 73-2023 was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION  
73-2023

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>
Anthony Reeves 15230 Jennette Lane Woodbridge, VA 22193	Wilson St.	062403052010015000

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 August, 2023.

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City Clerk/Treasurer

President Register introduced Resolution 74-2023 (Weed/Trash Abatement: Carolyn Ann Greene & Gilbert James Foy, 47 Overlook Drive). President Register called for comments from the floor. There were no comments. President Register closed the floor, and Councilman Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 74-2023 (Weed/Trash Abatement: Carolyn Ann Greene & Gilbert James Foy, 47 Overlook Drive). Councilman Brown seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 74-2023 was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION  
74-2023

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

OWNER	LOCATION OF PROPERTY	PARCEL NUMBER
Carolyn Ann Greene and Gilbert James Foy 47 Overlook Drive Eufaula, AL 36027	47 Overlook Drive	062404200001120000

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.

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President Register introduced Resolution 75-2023 (Weed/Trash Abatement: David & Johnnie Sue Marshall, 1395 North Eufaula Avenue). President Register called for comments from the floor. There were no comments. President Register closed the floor, and Councilman Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 75-2023 (Weed/Trash Abatement: David & Johnnie Sue Marshall, 1395 North Eufaula Avenue). President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 75-2023 was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION  
75-2023

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

OWNER	LOCATION OF PROPERTY	PARCEL NUMBER
David and Johnnie Sue Marshall 1395 N. Eufaula Ave. Eufaula, AL 36027	1395 N. Eufaula Avenue	061305210000002001

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 August, 2023.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION**

**REGULAR AGENDA (NEW BUSINESS)**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Garrison stated that the economy continues to show signs of improvement. He added that a decrease in the short-term bank CD rate would positively affect the economy, travel, tourism, etc.

Councilman Garrison also noted that Medical Center Barbour's emergency room (ER) care continues to improve as the staff strives for better efficiency and service to the community.

President Register announced that Mitzi Yarborough will be teaching free yoga classes at the Carnegie Library beginning Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. Eufaula City Schools will begin their first day of school on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, and the first EHS football will be held away at Enterprise on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. President Register wished everyone a safe and successful 2023-2024 school year. He also announced that the newsletter, *Middle District Minutes*, is a law enforcement newsletter that recognized the Eufaula Police Department for two incidents involving their assistance. President Register commended the department and thanked them for what they do and their cooperation with other law enforcement agencies.

Superintendent Brannan noted that the school year would begin on August 8<sup>th</sup> and several projects at the schools have been completed. He also announced that the Teacher's Institute was a success, and that the school staff was enthusiastic about the 2023-2024 school year. President Register thanked Superintendent Brannan and staff for their hospitality allowing the Council to use their facility during renovations at the Eufaula Police Department.



Councilman Robinson reported that the Airport Board met on July 27<sup>th</sup> and continues to work on standard operating procedures. Sweet T's ball team, winners at the state tournament, recently won the World Series. Renovations/repairs have begun at the community center and are progressing well. C. A. S. T. for Kids fishing activity for special needs kids will be held on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Boys & Girls Club recently had a field trip at the community center. First Aid and CPR classes will be held at the community center on August 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, \$99 per person, ages 12 & up. The Chamber of Commerce will host a one-on-one on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Ann Sparks is the contact for this event. Eufaula Fest will be held October 7-8, 2023 and applications are now available at the Chamber of Commerce. A Eufaula – Barbour County hiring event will be held at Wallace Community College on September 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Councilman Brown reported for the public works department's recent activity, July 24<sup>th</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>: 23 bales of cardboard recycled, Code Enforcement issued 34 solid waste and non-compliance violations and 5 illegal dump sites, the litter crew collected 169 bags of litter, the shop crew had 53 work orders for repairs, the trash crew collected and hauled 138 tons of debris to the Barbour County landfill, and the garbage crew collected and hauled 141 tons of garbage.

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

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