COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF LUVERNE

June 23, 2025

The City of Luverne Council met in regular session on June 23, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the City Hall Building. The following members were present:

Mayor Ed Beasley

Betty Dawson, Councilwoman

Kip Smith, Councilman

Kathy Smyth, Councilwoman

Elliott Jones, Councilman

Eddie Billings, Councilman

Attorney Mike Jones

Mike Johnson, Chief

Margie Gomillion, Clerk

Visitors: Steve Defee Larry Coggins Ryan McGhee Veco Adams

Anthony King Jasmine Jones Jarrod James

Mayor Beasley called the meeting to order. The mayor called on Councilman Smith to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag and Mike Jones to say a prayer.

The mayor called for the approval of the minutes of June 9, 2025. Councilman Billings made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilwoman Dawson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved.

Mayor Beasley stated everything was routine for the administrative report. Everyone has a copy of the report in their packet.

The mayor called everyone’s attention to the police report. Councilman Billings stated since the last meeting, the police department had 191 calls for service not including building checks, made 24 traffic stops, wrote 19 citations, and gave 5 warnings. The department made 6 misdemeanors and 1 felony arrest. There have been 8 animal control calls since the last meeting.

Mayor Beasley called on Councilman Billings for the park report. Councilman Billings stated he had no report.

The mayor stated he spoke with Mrs. Kathyrn and everything is good at the library.

Mayor Beasley called on Councilman Smith to report on Fire/Rescue. Councilman Smith stated he had no report.

The mayor stated Robyn Snellgrove called him this morning, and she will be showing the Vanity Fair building Wednesday morning at 11.

Mayor Beasley called on Steve Defee to report on the airport. Mr. Defee stated we did receive the letter from ALDOT about applying for the 50/50 grant, which is all we can qualify for at the moment. With the council’s permission I will reach out to Michael Cole, who is the engineer on the retainer for that to put together the grant to send to ALDOT. The application has to be turned in the end of September. It will be the latter part of the year before we know if we get it. We will have to get another contractor to come back and give us another quote on the asphalt just for the ramp itself.

The mayor stated there was a public hearing today for Waller Martin to rezone the property located at 507 S Forest and 55 Spivey St (Lot 1) and empty lots (Lot 2 and Lot 3) adjoining Lot 1 from R3 to B3. After some discussion, Councilman Jones made a motion to adopt the amendment to the official zoning ordinance to rezone the property located at 507 S Forest and 55 Spivey St (Lot 1) and empty lots (Lot 2 and Lot 3) adjoining Lot 1 from R3 to B3. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Yea: Kip Smith Abstained: Betty Dawson

Kathy Smyth

Elliott Jones

Eddie Billings

The motion carried. The ordinance is as follows:

**ORDINANCE 25-03**

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LUVERNE, ALABAMA.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Luverne, Alabama, that the Official Zoning Map of the City of Luverne, Alabama be and is hereby amended as follows:

The following property located within the limits of the City of Luverne, Alabama, is hereby designated as B3 property:

To amend the zoning map and zoning of property located in the City of Luverne to rezone the property located at 507 S. Forest Ave and 55 Spivey St (Lot 1) and empty lots (Lot 2 and Lot 3) adjoining Lot 1, said property more particularly described as follows

Lot 1:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in Block A-6 (also shown on vesting deed as Block A-16) as per Supplement to Luverne Land Company Plat, in the City of Luverne, Alabama, all improvements thereon included. Also, NW ¼ of SW ¼, Section 16, Township 8, Range 18, and NE ¼ of SE ¼ and S ½ of SE ¼ of NE ¼, Section 17, Township 8, Range 18, containing 100 acres, more or less.

Lot 2:

Lot 8 in Block A7, as per Supplement to Luverne Land Company Plat of the City of Luverne, Alabama, together with dwelling house and improvements thereon.

Lot 3:

Lot number 9 of Block A 7 of the supplement plat to the Luverne Land Company plat of the Town of Luverne, Crenshaw County, Alabama. Said Luverne Land Company plat being recorded in Book 13, Page 354, and the supplement plat is recorded in Book 24, Page 400 in Probate Office of Crenshaw County, Alabama.

That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted and approved this 23rd day of June, 2025.

Mayor Beasley stated Mike Jones has resigned from the Electric Board. After some discussion, Councilman Billings made a motion to appoint Councilman Jones to the Electric Board. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

Yea: Betty Dawson Abstained: Elliott Jones

Kip Smith

Kathy Smyth

Eddie Billings

The motion carried.

Councilwoman Dawson stated she is getting a lot of feed back of when 9th, 10th and Woodford Ave will be paved. The chief stated he was told when they finish working over by the Co-op they are supposed to begin paving.

Councilman Jones stated he will start working on the budget the first of next month, so if anyone has any needs get with me.

Attorney Jones stated he sent an email to the council in reference to AT&T requesting a revision of their lease. The council was in agreement to not revise the contract.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Billings made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Smyth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned.