

**May 19, 2025
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
1705 MAIN STREET
DAPHNE, AL
6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

There being a quorum present Council President Ron Scott called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Scott, Joel Coleman, Angie Phillips, and Ben Hughes

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Olen, Tommie Conaway and Doug Goodlin

Also Present: Candace Antinarella, City Clerk; Patrick Dungan, City Attorney; Mayor LeJeune; Lt. Jason Lazzari, Police; Chief Tacon, Fire; Adrienne Jones, Planning; Emmie Powell, Library; Kelli Reid, Finance; Bobby Purvis, Public Works; Troy Strunk, City Development; Schuyler Smith, Junior City Councilmember; Dareon Maynard, Junior City Councilmember; John Wallace Simpson, Junior City Councilmember; Lakyn Coggin, Junior City Councilmember; and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation was given by Council President Ron Scott.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor LeJeune presented the Mental Health Awareness Proclamation.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor LeJeune presented the National Boat Safety Week Proclamation.

PUBLIC HEARING: City Attorney presented on the proposed amendments to the Land Use and Development Ordinance, Article XXIV, Vacation of Easement and/or Right-of-Way.

Public hearing opened at 6:10pm. No one came forward to speak.

Public hearing closed at 6:11pm.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES:

The minutes from the May 5, 2025 regular meeting were approved.

4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Phillips said the next meeting is June 16th at 4:30pm.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilman Goodlin was absent. Council President Scott said the minutes from the April meeting were in the packet.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is June 9th at 4:30pm and the minutes from the April meeting were in the packet.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Olen was absent.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway was absent.

5. **REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:**

A. **Board of Zoning Adjustments**

Mrs. Jones said the minutes from the August 2024 meeting and the summarization from the May 2025 meeting were in the packet. She said there will be no June meeting.

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to reappoint Carolyn Courson to the Board of Zoning Adjustments for a 3-year term from May 2025 – May 2028. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to reappoint James Covert to the Board of Zoning Adjustments for a 3-year term from May 2025 – May 2028. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Phillips to appoint Miranda Baggett to the Board of Zoning Adjustments for a 3-year term from May 2025 – May 2028. Seconded by Councilman Hughes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. **Daphne Public School Commission**

C. **Downtown Redevelopment Authority**

D. **Industrial Development Board**

Councilman Scott said the next meeting is May 20th at 4:30pm.

E. **Library Board**

F. **Planning Commission**

G. **Recreation Board**

Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is June 9th at 6pm in the Jubilee Conference Room.

H. **Utility Board**

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is May 28th at 5:00pm and the minutes from the March meeting are in the packet.

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Public participation opened at 6:16pm.

Margie Whiteside, 412 College Avenue, said the coyotes in Daphne are dangerous.

Rebecca Canale, 1503 Captain O'Neal Drive, asks what is the remedy for the coyotes.

Becky Stevens, 2009 Old County Rod, expressed her concerns about the coyotes.

Public participation closed at 6:21pm.

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7. **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor LeJeune thanked everyone for coming out to share their thoughts. He said the recent May Day celebration was great and thanked multiple departments and individuals for their help and work with the event. He said Daphne Court is moving to the Civic Center starting the first Tuesday in June.

8. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:**

City Attorney said there was no report.

9. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:**

Chief Tacon, Fire, said the Fire Department is holding drivers' test and shared about the upcoming retirement of John Persson.

Ange Baggett, Marketing and Tourism, said May Day was a huge success. She reminded everyone the Sunday Concert series ended Sunday evening and Brown Bag by the Bay will continue through May.

Emmie Powell, Library, shared about the Summer Reading Program and its kickoff on June 2nd. She also invited everyone to enjoy the planetarium on June 26th.

Bobby Purvis, Public Works, said the department has been repairing and working on multiple drainage issues and invited everyone to the Public Works' Day celebration on May 21st.

Kelli Reid, Finance, shared about the recent animal adoption event at Bryant Bank and said department budget worksheets are going out soon.

Schuyler Smith, Junior Council, said applications for the 2025-2026 Junior Council were due last Friday, May 16th.

10. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

City Clerk said there were 23 applications received for Junior Council and reminded everyone of the upcoming election on August 26th.

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to approve the Shadow Baron's Summer Party on June 28, 2025 from 4:00 – 10:00pm with a road closure of Belrose Avenue from Main Street to the rear of the west parking lot on Belrose Avenue. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. **2025 - 37** - Resolution Authorizing an Appropriation to Engage Wildlife Solutions, Inc. for Coyote Removal and Control Services - \$4,000

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to waive the reading of Resolution 2025-37. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to adopt Resolution 2025-37. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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12. **2ND READ ORDINANCES:**

- A. **2025 – 08** – Ordinance Establishing a Voting Poll Place for the City of Daphne
- B. **2025 – 09** – Setting Municipal Election Qualification Fees

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to waive the reading of Ordinances 2025-08 and 2025-09 Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to adopt Ordinance 2025-08. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to adopt Ordinance 2025-09. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

13. **1ST READ ORDINANCES:**

- A. **2025 – 10** – Ordinance Amending the City of Daphne's Ordinance Regulating Parking

14. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Coleman spoke on the recent May Day event and said it was a great day.

Councilman Hughes shared that it was National EMS week and commended all those who serve and work in that capacity.

Councilwoman Phillips congratulated the high school graduates and reminded everyone school ends on Thursday.

Council President Scott said the Junior Council has been a great thing and thanked the Mayor's office responding to the coyote situation.

Mayor LeJeune wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

15. **ADJOURN:**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:43PM.

Respectfully submitted by,


Candace G. Antinarella, MMC, City Clerk

Certification of Presiding Officer,


Ron Scott, Council President