

October 6, 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: Tommie Conaway, Steve Olen, Ron Scott, Doug Goodlin, Ben Hughes, and Angie Phillips

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Joel Coleman

Also Present: Candace Antinarella, City Clerk; Patrick Dungan, City Attorney; Mayor LeJeune; Chief Brian Gulsby, Police; Chief Tacon, Fire; Emmie Powell, Library; Troy Strunk, City Development; Andy Bobe, City Engineer; Charlie McDavid, Recreation; Adrienne Jones, Planning; Amber Lue, Junior City Councilmember; Maddie Barnes, Junior City Councilmember; Schuyler Smith, Junior City Councilmember; Isabella New, Junior City Councilmember; Lakyn Coggin, Junior City Councilmember; Emery Capstraw, Junior City Councilmember; and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation was given by Reverend Thack Dyson, St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Webelos Den with Cub Scout Pack 321.

3. **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:**

PROCLAMATION: Mayor LeJeune presented a proclamation for the Community Planning Month.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor LeJeune and Chief Tacon presented a proclamation to recognize the retirement of Fire Fighter Tommy Bozeman.

RECOGNITION: Mayor LeJeune and Emmie Powell recognized the following Library Board Members for their time of service: Jewel Lawson, Kathi Alsip and Nancy Volovecky.

4. **APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

The minutes from the September 15, 2025 Regular Meeting and the September 29, 2025 Special Called Meeting were approved.

5. **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Phillips said the minutes from the September 15th meeting are in the packet and gave the Treasurer's Report for August 2025: unrestricted fund balance - \$31,023,115; total cash balance - \$46,990,596; sales tax for July 2025 - \$2,421,610.33; lodging tax for July 2025 - \$189,070.79; debt summary for August 2025: warrants - \$28,151,132; capital leases: general fund - \$278,731; enterprise fund - \$887,763.

MOTION by Councilwoman Phillips to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with S.E. Civic Engineering & Surveying for the North Main Fire Station Drainage Design project design. No second was needed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. **BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

Councilman Goodlin said the next meeting is October 13th at 5:15pm.

C. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is October 13th at 4:30pm.

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D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is December 1st at 4:30pm.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway said the next meeting is December 1st at 5:15pm.

6. REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

A. Board of Zoning Adjustments

Mrs. Jones said there will be no October meeting. She said officers were elected at the last meeting and Audra Harper was the Chair and Derek Wolstenholme is Vice Chair.

B. Daphne Public School Commission

Councilwoman Conaway said the next meeting will be October 27th at Daphne East Elementary School at 5:30pm.

C. Downtown Redevelopment Authority

Councilwoman Conaway said the minutes from the August 2025 meeting were in the packet and the next meeting is October 16th at 5:30pm.

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to reappoint Daphne Robinson to the Downtown Redevelopment Authority for a four year term (October 2025 – October 2029). Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to appoint Adam Campbell to the Downtown Redevelopment Authority for a four year term (October 2025 – October 2029). Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Industrial Development Board

Councilman Scott said the next meeting is October 21st at 4:30pm.

E. Library Board

Councilman Goodlin said the next meeting is October 9th at 4:30pm.

**MOTION by Councilman Goodlin to appoint Kristin Koppen to the Library Board for a one year term (September 2025 – September 2026). Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Goodlin to appoint Hollie LeJeune to the Library Board for a four year term (September 2025 – September 2029). Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Goodlin to appoint Betsy Schneider to the Library Board for a four year term (September 2025 – September 2029). Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

F. Planning Commission

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is November 20th at 5:00pm.

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G. Recreation Board

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to appoint Betsy Smith to the Recreation Board for a five year term (October 2025 – October 2030). Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

H. Utility Board

Councilman Coleman was absent.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public participation opened at 6:29pm.

Audra Harper thanked the City for the support with Community Spirit Day.

Abe Harper thanked the City Council and City Staff for their involvement with Community Spirit Day.

Public participation closed at 6:31pm.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor LeJeune said he enjoyed recognizing so many at the evening's meeting. He said the City recently received a \$4 million GOMESA grant to be put toward the Recreation Center.

9. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney said there was a matter for Executive Session that he would discuss at the designated time on the agenda.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Gulsby, Police, said new vehicle cameras have been installed and there are multiple graduates from the Police Academy.

Chief Tacon, Fire, said new Engine 1 Truck has arrived, interviews are being conducted and she spoke on Fire Prevention Month.

Emmie Powell, Library, shared about upcoming events and said there were 135 new library cardholders established in September.

Jensen Carrell, Human Resources, shared about the recent promotion for Senior HR Specialist, Katelynn Reid.

Bobby Purvis, Public Works, shared about two promotions: Josh Burkett and Brandon Fulton.

Charlie McDavid, Recreation, shared about recent tournaments, updates at the animal shelter and the senior center.

Adrienne Jones, Planning, shared the Planning Commission recently held elections for Chair and Vice Chair.

Kellie Reid, Finance, said the new budget is active.

Andy Bobe, City Engineer, thanked the Council for working with him the last year.

Emma Coleman, Junior City Council, presented a brief slide show on the Junior Council's tour of the City and departments and shared the meetings will be the 4th Monday of the month at 5:00pm in the Jubilee Conference Room.

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

MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to approve the Tent or Treat Halloween Event on October 31, 2025 from 5:30 – 7:30pm at Joe Louis Patrick Park. Seconded by Councilman Olen.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilwoman Phillips to approve the Donut Sale Fundraiser for the Daphne High School Air Force JROTC at the intersection of Eastern Shore Trail and Windsor Drive from 7:30am – 12:30pm on November 15, 2025, December 13, 2025, January 17, 2026, February 28, 2026, March 21, 2026 and April 25, 2026. Seconded by Councilman Olen.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. **2025 - 68 - D2 - Bayfront Park Expansion and Improvement Plan - Bid Award: Triptek Construction LLC**
- B. **2025 - 69 - ALDOT Agreement - Install Roadway Lighting on SR-181 from Saint Michaels Way to Austin/Corte Road**
- C. **2025 - 70 - Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Municipal Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificate for the Mobile Bay River Bridge & Bayway Project**

MOTION by Councilwoman Phillips to waive the reading of Resolution 2025-68 and 2025-69. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Hughes to adopt Resolution 2025-68. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2025-69. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council President Scott said Resolution 2025-70 had been pulled from the agenda.

13. **2ND READ ORDINANCES:**

14. **1ST READ ORDINANCES:**

- A. **2025 - 19 - Ordinance Consenting to the Sale by the Utilities Board of the City of Daphne of Certain Surplus Personal Property**

15. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Conaway thanked the Planning Commission for their work, thanked Schuyler Smith and Dareon Maynard for their help with Community Spirit Day and congratulated Tommy Bozeman and those recognized from the Library Board.

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Councilman Olen thanked Tommy Bozeman and the Library Board for their work and service and all those involved with Community Spirit Day.

Councilman Goodlin thanked the Planning Commission and encouraged the Planning Commission to listen to citizens' concerns.

Councilman Hughes echoed Councilwoman Conaway's comments.

Councilwoman Phillips echoed what had been shared.

Council President Scott commended the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Planning Commission and congratulated the Library for their work.

Mayor LeJeune reminded everyone about Brown Bag by the Bay.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

City Attorney certified that the Council should enter into an Executive Session concerning matters of an employee matter. He said it should take 25 minutes and the Council would return to their meeting after to vote.

MOTION by Councilman Goodlin to enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Hughes.

City Clerk did a roll call vote.

Councilwoman Conaway	Aye
Councilman Olen	Aye
Councilman Coleman	Absent
Councilman Goodlin	Aye
Councilman Hughes	Aye
Councilwoman Phillips	Aye
Council President Scott	Aye
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.	

Council entered into Executive Session at 7:03pm. Council returned from Executive Session at 7:55pm.

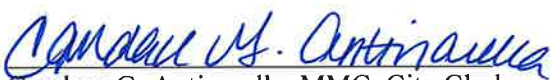
MOTION by Councilman Hughes to uphold Mayor LeJeune's decision to uphold the termination of Mr. McDermott. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. **ADJOURN:**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:56PM.

Respectfully submitted by,


Candace G. Antinarella, MMC, City Clerk

Certification of Presiding Officer,


Ron Scott, Council President