

**November 17, 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 Ben Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Olen, Tommie Conaway, Ben Hughes, Oliver Roberts, Joel Coleman, Stephanie Messinger and Jennifer Green

Also Present: Patrick Dungan, City Attorney; Mayor LeJeune; Chief Brian Gulsby, Police; Chief Tacon, Fire; Emmie Powell, Library; Troy Strunk, City Development; Andy Bobe, City Engineer; Vickie Hinman, Human Resources; Charlie McDavid, Recreation; Adrienne Jones, Planning; Amber Lue, Junior City Councilmember; Isabella New, Junior City Councilmember; Emma Coleman, 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 Pastor Jonathon Duke, 3 Circle Church.

2. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PUBLIC HEARING:

PROCLAMATION: Mayor LeJeune presented a proclamation in honor of the Omega Founders Day.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES:

The minutes from the October 20, 2025 Regular Meeting and November 3, 2025 Regular Meeting were approved.

4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway said the minutes from the October 20th meeting were in the packet. She gave for Treasurer's Report for October 2025: unrestricted fund balance - \$25,309,797; total cash balance - \$47,456,173; sales tax for August 2025 - \$2,442,324.26; lodging tax for August 2025 - \$141,445.29; debt summary for September 2025: warrants - \$28,151,132; capital leases: general fund - \$278,731; enterprise fund - \$887,763. She said the next meeting is December 15th at 4:30pm.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Messinger said the October new Construction and Building Report is in the packet and out of that there were 25 certificates of occupancy, 189 permits issued, 14 new residential home permits, totaling \$77,524.20. She said the minutes from the October 13th meeting are in the packet and the next meeting is December 8th at 5:15pm.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Green said the minutes from the October meeting are in the packet and the next meeting is December 8th at 4:30pm.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

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

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Shumer Consulting, LLC for consulting services for the Daphne Search and Rescue Facility. No second was needed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

A. **Board of Zoning Adjustments**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Phillips to reappoint Tasha Quinnelly for a 3 year term (November 2025 – November 2028) to the Board of Zoning Adjustments. Seconded by Councilwoman Green.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. **Daphne Public School Commission**

C. **Downtown Redevelopment Authority**

Councilwoman Conaway said the next meeting is November 20th at 5:30pm.

D. **Industrial Development Board**

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is November 19st at 4:30pm.

E. **Library Board**

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is December 11th at 4:30pm.

F. **Planning Commission**

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

G. **Recreation Board**

Councilwoman Green said the next meeting is January 14th at 6pm.

H. **Utility Board**

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is December 3rd at 5pm and the minutes from the September 24th meeting are in the packet.

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Public participation opened at 6:12pm.

Gregg Stallings asked the Council to hold off on the demolition of Daphne Plaza as he is working with someone to take care of the demolition.

Public participation closed at 6:13pm.

7. **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to authorize the Mayor to enter in an agreement with Daphne Utilities to allow test welling on City Property to test for water. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:**

City Attorney said there was a matter for Executive Session should the Council choose to enter into at the end of the meeting.

9. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:**

Chief Gulsby, Police, said he should be receiving the keys for the new additions to the Police Facility and shared there are two graduates from the Police Academy.

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Chief Tacon, Fire, gave an update on the baby box and said the Fire Department participated in the “Battle of the Badges” toy drive as well as a food drive at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

Ange Baggett, Marketing/Tourism, said the Civic Center hosted the Alabama League of Municipalities Training recently, the Museum is a collection site for Toys for Tots and updated the Council on upcoming Christmas events.

Emmie Powell, Library, said they are participating in a food drive with “Feeding the Gulf Coast” and shared about upcoming holiday events at the Library including Santa on December 15th.

Bobby Purvis, Public Works, gave updates on the paving and striping projects as well as the soon to be installed speed table on Deer Avenue.

Charlie McDavid, Recreation, said the last Fall tournament was last weekend and gave an update on the Animal Shelter.

Adrienne Jones, Planning, mentioned the upcoming Planning Commission meeting and challenged the Human Resources’ Department in the collection of canned good items and toys to donate to “Feeding the Gulf Coast” and “Toys for Tots”.

Eric Butler, Building, reported on the 905 Daphne Avenue Abatement and said he recommended the Council adopt option 1 of the resolutions.

Andy Bobe, City Engineer, shared with the Council how they can let citizens know to report concerns to his department.

Emma Coleman, Junior Council, said the new Junior Council project is collecting donations for the animal shelter and the next meeting is November 21st at 4:00pm.

10. CITY CLERK’S REPORT:

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to approve the publication and set a public hearing on January 5, 2026 for the City of Daphne Official Zoning Map. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to approve the 010 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class I to Le Bouchon LLC located at 1903 Main Street, Suite C, Building 2, Daphne, Alabama. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to approve the publication and set a public hearing on January 5, 2026 for the Rowan Oak PUD Narrative Modification. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. 2025 - 71 -Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Mayor to Dispose of Such Property - 2000 Freightliner FL80-V#0822/E6-w/2003 Honda Generator, 2015 CAT Generator Model C9-EQ#PD-1, Tables and 2 Wooden Bars on wheels.**
- B. 2025 - 72 - Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Mayor to Donate Such Property - Wacom digital drawing tablets, Pyle digital drum with drumsticks (1), M**

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Audio Keyboards (2), Korg microkey keyboards (2), and M-Audio sustain pedals for the keyboards.

- C. 2025-73** - Revisions to the City of Daphne Street Map
- D. 2025 - 74** - Additional Appropriation: ALDOT Project #ATRP2 02-2022-171: Widen, Resurface, Turn Lane Addition & Stripe US-90 Section - \$39,000
- E. 2025-75-** Additional Appropriation: City Hall Roof Replacement - \$27,300
- F. 2025 - 76 - (Option 1)** - Resolution Ordering Demolition of a Building or Structure located at 905 Daphne Avenue, Daphne, Alabama
- G. 2025 - 76 - (Option 2)** - Resolution Regarding the Demolition of a Building or Structure Located at 905 Daphne Avenue

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to waive the reading of Resolutions 2025-71, 2025-72, 2025-73, 2025-74 and 2025-75. Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2025-71. Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2025-72. Seconded by Councilwoman Green.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Olen to adopt Resolution 2025-73. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2025-74. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Resolution 2025-75. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Olen to waive the reading of Resolution 2025-76-(Option 1). Seconded by Councilman Coleman
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Olen to adopt Resolution 2025-76 -(Option 1). Seconded by Councilwoman Messinger.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. 2ND READ ORDINANCES:

13. 1ST READ ORDINANCES:

14. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Conaway encouraged everyone to count their blessings during the Thanksgiving season.

Councilman Olen congratulated Chief Bo White on his recent induction into the McGill-Toolen Hall of Fame.

Councilman Coleman echoed Councilwoman Conaway’s comments.

Councilman Roberts said he enjoyed the training by the League of Municipalities and congratulated the Daphne High School and Daphne Middle School Cheerleaders.

Councilwoman Messinger said she enjoyed the training by the League of Municipalities and commended the Civic Center staff.

Councilwoman Green gave kudos to the Department Heads for their involvement in both toy and food drives and said she enjoyed the training by the League of Municipalities.

Mayor LeJeune asked Eric Butler to work with Mr. Stallings on the Daphne Plaza property and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council President Hughes wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

15. 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 30-40 minutes and the Council should have no reason to vote or return from the meeting so they could adjourn into executive session.

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Olen.	
Assistant City Clerk did a roll call vote.	
Councilwoman Conaway	Aye
Councilman Olen	Aye
Councilman Coleman	Aye
Councilman Roberts	Aye
Councilwoman Messinger	Aye
Councilwoman Green	Aye
Council President Hughes	Aye
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.	

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16. ADJOURN:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:38PM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Candace G. Antinarella, MMC, City Clerk

Certification of Presiding Officer,



Ben Hughes, Council President