

**January 5, 2026
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 Benjamin Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tommie Conaway, Steve Olen, Stephanie Messinger, Oliver Roberts, Ben Hughes, Joel Coleman 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; Charlie McDavid, Recreation; Adrienne Jones, Planning; Captain Ardis, Police; Battalion Chief Green, Fire; Amber Lue, Junior City Councilmember; Maddie Barnes, Junior City Councilmember; Emma Coleman, Junior City Councilmember; Dareon Maynard, Junior City Councilmember; and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation was given by Battalion Chief Lamar Green, Daphne Fire Department.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTION: Chief Gulsby, Mayor LeJeune and Captain Ardis recognized the recent Police Department promotions: Lieutenant Caleb Reeves, Sergeant Shawn Barnette and Corporal Todd Gresham.

RECOGNITION: Mayor LeJeune recognized Karen Kyzar for her 21 years volunteering at the Daphne Public Library.

PUBLIC HEARING: Adrienne Jones presented on the Official Zoning Map Update.

Public hearing opened at 6:11pm. No one came forward to speak.

Public hearing closed at 6:11pm.

PUBLIC HEARING: Adrienne Jones presented on the Amendment to the Rowan Oak PUD Narrative.

Public hearing opened at 6:12pm.

Chloe Kelly, 68 Ventures, gave details on the amendments.

Public hearing closed at 6:20pm.

4. APPROVE THE MINUTES:

The minutes from the December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting were approved.

5. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway said the minutes from the December 15th meeting are in the packet and gave the Treasurer's Report for November 2025: unrestricted fund balance - \$26,037,593; total cash balance - \$47,579,980; sales tax for October 2025 - \$2,324,667.52; lodging tax for October 2025 - \$157,492.89; debt summary for November 2025: warrants - \$28,151,132; capital leases: general fund - \$233,344; enterprise fund - \$807,456. She said the next meeting is January 20th at 4:30pm.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Messinger said the next meeting is January 12th at 5:15pm.

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C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Green said the next meeting is January 12th at 4:30pm.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Roberts said the next meeting is February 2nd at 4:30pm and the minutes from the December meeting are in the packet.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is February 2nd at 5:15pm.

6. REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

A. Board of Zoning Adjustments

Mrs. Jones said there will be a meeting on January 8th at 6:00pm.

B. Daphne Public School Commission

Councilman Hughes said the next meeting will be January 26th at Daphne Middle School at 5:30pm.

C. Downtown Redevelopment Authority

Councilwoman Conaway said the next meeting is January 15th at 5:30pm.

D. Industrial Development Board

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is January 27th at 4:30pm.

E. Library Board

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is January 8th at 4:30pm.

F. Planning Commission

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is January 22nd at 5:00pm.

G. Recreation Board

Councilwoman Green said the next meeting is January 14th at 6:00pm.

H. Utility Board

Councilman Coleman was absent.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public participation opened at 6:24pm.

Victoria Phelps, Worchester Drive, commended the City staff on their work on the holidays events and asked about sidewalk paving.

Public participation closed at 6:28pm.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor LeJeune shared about changes in the trash pickup schedule. He said County Road 64 repaving is beginning at night on January 11th. He shared about the \$5 million grant received from Senator Britt's office for underground utilities.

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9. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:**

City Attorney said there was no report.

10. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:**

Chief Gulsby, Police, thanked the Council for approving the 2nd Lieutenant position.

Chief Tacon, Fire, commended Chief Green and his team for working a wreck that afternoon.

Ange Baggett, Marketing, thanked all who helped with the City's Christmas events.

Vickie Hinman, Human Resources, updated the Council on the ACA report starting, GIS interviews and shared that supervisor training will be January 13th and 14th.

Bobby Purvis, Public Works, said Solid Waste is working hard on the garbage pickups. He shared about a recent drainage project and gave kudos to Brandon Fulton and Josh Burkett for their hard work.

Charlie McDavid, Recreation, said the City's basketball league is starting and baseball registration is open. He shared about an upcoming animal shelter adoption event.

Kelli Reid, Finance, said the audit is wrapping up and gave a 2025 general revenue review.

Andy Bobe, City Engineer, said a Geotech consultant will be in Lake Forest.

Emma Coleman, Junior City Council, said the "santa paws" donation drive was a success. She said two new podcasts have been released and the next meeting is January 26th at 5:00pm.

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

**MOTION by Councilwoman Messinger to approve the additional intersection at Highway 90 and Bay View Drive for Daphne High School JROTC donut sales on January 17, 2026, February 28, 2026, March 21, 2026 and April 25, 2026. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. **2026 - 01** - Appropriation: Demolition of Structures at 505 Van Avenue - \$10,000

B. **2026 - 02** - Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Mayor to Dispose of Such Property - 2000 Ford F-450

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to waive the reading of Resolutions 2026-01 and 2026-02. Seconded by Councilwoman Green.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Resolution 2026-01. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Resolution 2026-02. Seconded by Councilwoman Green.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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13. 2ND READ ORDINANCES:

- A. 2025 - 23 - Hotel Fortuna Project-TFH Daphne 2026-Limited Obligation Project Revenue Warrant-Not to exceed \$8 Million**
- B. 2025 - 24 - Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Purchase and Development Agreement with Sisters (Baldwin), LLC for the Conveyance of Certain Real Property No Longer Needed for Public or Municipal Purposes**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to waive the reading of Ordinances 2025-23 and 2025-24. Seconded by Councilwoman Messinger.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Ordinance 2025-23. Seconded by Councilwoman Messinger.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Ordinance 2025-24. Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14. 1ST READ ORDINANCES:

- A. 2026 - 01 - Revisions to the City of Daphne Zoning District Map**
- B. 2026 - 02 - Ordinance to Amend the Text of the Rowan Oak PUD Narrative for Property Located Southwest of County Road 13 and Milton Jones Road**
- C. 2026 - 03 - Ordinance Amending the City of Daphne's Gasoline Excise Tax Ordinance No. 1990-20**
- D. 2026 - 04 - Amendment to Ordinance 2004-11 (Business License Ordinance) to Enable Licensure of Mobile/Itinerant Businesses**

15. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Conaway asked everyone to reflect on what has been accomplished in 2025. She also wished everyone a wonderful new year.

Councilman Olen echoed Councilwoman Conaway's comments and wished everyone happy new year.

Councilman Coleman recognized the police department's promotions.

Councilman Roberts congratulated the police department's promotions.

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Councilwoman Messinger echoed Councilwoman Conaway's comments and commended the Junior Council.

Councilwoman Green thanked Chief Tacon and Chief Gulsby for their department's responses to the afternoon's wreck. She thanked Public Works for their work around the City.

Mayor LeJeune wished everyone a happy new year and reminded everyone it was mardi gras season.

Council President Hughes wished everyone a happy new year.

16. ADJOURN:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:45PM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Jessica Linne, CMC, Interim City Clerk

Certification of Presiding Officer,



Benjamin Hughes, Council President