

**March 2, 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 6:02pm.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tommie Conaway, Steve Olen, Joel Coleman, Oliver Roberts and Benjamin Hughes

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Green and Stephanie Messinger

Also Present: Patrick Dungan, City Attorney; Mayor LeJeune; Chief Gulsby, Police; Chief Tacon, Fire; Troy Strunk, City Development; Andy Bobe, City Engineer; Charlie McDavid, Recreation; Bobby Purvis, Public Works; Kelli Reid, Finance; Emmie Powell, Library; Adrienne Jones, Planning; Ange Baggett, Events and Marketing; Emery Capstraw, Junior City Councilmember; Amber Lue, Junior City Councilmember; Lakyn Coggin, Junior City Councilmember; John Wallace Simpson, Junior City Councilmember; Isabella New, Junior City Councilmember; Cindy Beaudreau, City Clerk and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation was given by John Wallace Simpson, Junior City Councilmember.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES:

The minutes from the February 16, 2026 Regular Meeting were approved.

3. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway said the minutes from the February meeting are in the packet and gave the treasurer's report for January 2026: unrestricted fund balance - \$33,518,819; total cash balance - \$59,567,449; sales tax for December 2025 - \$2,751,184.20; lodging tax for December 2025 - \$124,699,82; debt summary for January 2026: warrants - \$27,561,132; capital leases: general fund - \$201,793; enterprise fund - \$745,844. She said the next meeting is March 16th at 4:30pm.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Messinger was absent. Council President Hughes said the next meeting is March 9th at 5:15pm.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Green was absent. Council President Hughes said the next meeting is March 9th at 4:30pm.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Roberts said the next meeting is April 6th at 4:30pm and the minutes from the February meeting are in the packet.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is April 6th at 5:15pm.

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to reappoint Catherine Barnette to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a two-year term (March 2026 - March 2028). No second was needed.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to reappoint Justice Manning to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a two-year term (March 2026 - March 2028). No second was needed.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to reappoint R. Elliott Riser to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a two-year term (March 2026 - March 2028). No second was needed.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to appoint Victoria Phelps to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a two-year term (March 2026 - March 2028). No second was needed.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to appoint Stephen McArthur to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a two-year term (March 2026 - March 2028). No second was needed.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

- A. Board of Zoning Adjustments**
Mrs. Jones said the next meeting is March 5th at 6pm.
- B. Daphne Public School Commission**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to appoint Stephanie Messinger to the Daphne Public School Commission for a three-year term (March 2026 - March 2029). Seconded by Councilman Coleman.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council President Hughes said the next meeting will be March 23rd at 5:30pm at Daphne Elementary School and the minutes from the January meeting are in the packet.

- C. Downtown Redevelopment Authority**
Councilwoman Conaway said a Special Meeting will be held on March 4th at 5:30pm.
- D. Industrial Development Board**
Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is March 17th at 4:30pm.
- E. Library Board**
Councilman Olen said the next meeting is March 12th at 4:30pm.
- F. Planning Commission**
Councilman Olen said the next meeting is March 26th at 5:00pm.
- G. Recreation Board**
No report.

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H. Utility Board

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is March 25th at 5:00pm.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public participation opened at 6:09pm.

Liz Roberts, 6379 Jackson Oak, shared about the upcoming Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce Jubilee Festival and asked the Council to consider closing a section of Main Street during the festival.

Victoria Phelps, Worchester Drive, shared her appreciation for the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works for a great Mardi Gras season.

Public participation was closed at 6:11pm.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor LeJeune said that he is headed to Washington, DC from March 14-18, 2026 for the National League of Cities and to meet with Congressman Moore and others to discuss happenings in Daphne.

He thanked Fire Department, Police Department and Daphne Utilities for the First Responders Community Day.

He invited everyone to the upcoming Seeds Crawfish Boil on the evening of March 21st and the Daphne PD Pickleball Tournament on March 28th.

7. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney said there was no report.

8. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Gulsby, Police, stated that Jubilee Smoke is participating in the Blues and BBQ festival and shared that the Code Enforcement and Traffic Divisions have moved to the precinct near Home Depot. He also shared that Lt Andrews will graduate the FBI Academy in the next few weeks.

Chief Tacon, Fire, spoke about the First Responders Community Day, shared that the driver testing is complete and there will be three promotions announced at the March 16th City Council meeting.

Ange Baggett, Marketing, shared that she will be attending the Alabama Legislative Tourism Bash. She said the Sunset Concert Series will begin March 22nd from 5:30pm-7pm, the Easter Egg Dash is on March 28th from 9am-12pm and the Arbor Day event is March 28th at 8am.

Bobby Purvis, Public Works, shared that his employees will be helping with all of the events on March 28th and that they had cleaned and painted the bollards at City Hall.

Charlie McDavid, Recreation, thanked employees who worked at the Animal Shelter last Saturday and shared that there will be animal adoptions on March 20th at Bryant Bank and on March 28th at the Easter Egg Dash.

9. CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to designate Stephanie Messinger as the Voting Delegate at the Annual Convention of the Alabama League of Municipalities being held April 28-May 1, 2026, in Montgomery. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to approve the 38th Jubilee Festival of Arts on October 17-18, 2026, from 1;00am – 5:00pm with a road closure of Main Street from Magnolia Avenue to Randall Avenue. Seconded by Councilman Roberts.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. 2026 - 14 - Surplus: Old field lights-Softball Fields #1 & #4 - Trione Sports Complex
- B. 2026 - 15 - Finance (8) Police Ford Interceptors with Bryant Bank-\$485,000
- C. 2026 - 16 - Request to Reclassify Stanton Road to Minor Collector
- D. 2026 - 17 - Request to Reclassify Pollard/Jonesboro Road to Minor Collector

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to waive the reading of Resolutions 2026-14, 2026-15, 2026-16 and 2026-17. Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2026-14. Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2026-15. Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2026-16. Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2026-17. Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. **2ND READ ORDINANCES:**

12. **1ST READ ORDINANCES:**

13. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Olen thanked the Fire Department and the Police Department for the First Responders Event and thanked City staff for their help at the Animal Shelter event.

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Councilman Roberts thanked Victoria Phelps and Stephen McArthur for volunteering to serve on the Environmental Advisory Committee.

14. **ADJOURN:**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:25PM.

Respectfully submitted by,


Cindy Beaudreau, City Clerk

Certification of Presiding Officer,

Benjamin Hughes, Council President