

**April 6, 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.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: Jay Ross, City Attorney; Mayor LeJeune; Chief Gulsby, Police; Chief Tacon, Fire; Troy Strunk, City Development; Ben Davis, Recreation; Bobby Purvis, Public Works; Kelli Reid, Finance; Emmie Powell, Library; Adrienne Jones, Planning; Vickie Hinman, Human Resources; Izzy New, Junior Councilmember; John Wallace Simpson, Junior City Councilmember; Schuyler Smith, Junior City Councilmember; Amber Lue, Junior City Councilmember; Cindy Beaudreau, City Clerk and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation was given by Junior Councilmember John Wallace Simpson.

2. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

PRESENTATION: Zoe Doll presented her Eagle Scout Project “Paws and Pages” to the Council for consideration.

**MOTION by Councilman Olen to approve the Eagle Scout Project “Paws and Pages”. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PROCLAMATION: Mayor LeJeune presented the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor LeJeune presented the National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Proclamation to the Daphne Police Department Dispatchers.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES:

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

4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway said the minutes from the March meeting are in the packet and gave the treasurer’s report for February 2026: unrestricted fund balance - \$34,412,370; total cash balance - \$61,120,951; sales tax for January 2026 - \$2,333,264.90; lodging tax for January 2026 - \$136,612.19; debt summary for February 2026: warrants - \$27,201,132; capital leases: general fund - \$201,793; enterprise fund - \$675,147. She said the next meeting is April 20th at 4:30pm.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Messinger said the next meeting is April 13th at 5:15pm.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Green said the next meeting is April 13th at 4:30pm.

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D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Councilman Roberts said the next meeting is May 4th at 4:30pm.

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to authorize the Mayor to execute the GOMESA Grant Agreement.
No second was needed.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is May 4th at 5:15pm.

5. REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

A. Board of Zoning Adjustments
Mrs. Jones said there is no April or May meeting.

B. Daphne Public School Commission
Councilman Hughes said the next meeting will be April 27th at 5:30pm in the Jubilee Conference Room and the May meeting is cancelled.

C. Downtown Redevelopment Authority
Councilwoman Conaway said the next meeting is April 16th at 5:30pm and the minutes from the March meeting are in the packet.

D. Industrial Development Board
Councilman Olen said the next meeting is April 21st at 4:30pm.

E. Library Board
Councilman Olen said the next meeting is April 9th at 4:30pm.

F. Planning Commission
Councilman Olen said the next meeting is April 23rd at 5:00pm.

G. Recreation Board
Councilwoman Green said the next meeting is May 13th at 6:00pm.

H. Utility Board
Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is April 29th at 5:00pm and the minutes from the February meeting are in the packet.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public participation opened at 6:17pm.

Steve McArthur, 464 Ridgewood Drive, said there will be a meeting in Bay Minette on Wednesday at 6:30pm to discuss the solar farm.

Wendolyn Longmire, 1100 Whispering Pines Rd, invited everyone to the National Day of Prayer Event.

Public participation was closed at 6:22pm.

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7. **MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor LeJeune commented on the National Day of Prayer Event. He shared about the Washington, DC trip and that he would be taking the Junior Council to Montgomery on Wednesday. He invited everyone to “Evening with the Mayor” at El Rancho on April 21st at 5:30pm.

8. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:**

City Attorney said there was a matter to discuss in executive session that should take 15 – 20 minutes.

9. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:**

Chief Tacon, Fire, said they are issuing burn permits again and the Daphne Fire Department was recognized as “Most Professional Fire Department in Baldwin County” by Medstar.

Emmie Powell, Library, said the bread classes will begin this Wednesday at 4:00pm, the “Book Bash” is on April 14th and Earth Day is April 22nd.

Vickie Hinman, HR, said the Human Resources Department will be attending a career fair on Tuesday and one on April 23rd in Mobile. She shared that there are multiple individuals retiring from the City at the end of the month.

Bobby Purvis, Public Works, said the new garbage truck has arrived and the new pavilion at Joe Louis Patrick Park has been completed.

Ben Davis, Recreation, shared about multiple upcoming tournaments and an animal shelter event on April 18th.

Adrienne Jones, Planning, announced the new GIS Analyst is Mr. Adam Skeete.

Troy Strunk, Community Development, said the Milton Jones Rd Extension Project is coming along and he will let the Council know when County Road 13 is expected to be closed.

Kelli Reid, Finance, said the 2025 Financial Report is online.

Amber Lue, Junior Council, said the group helped with Tech Day at the Senior Center last Friday, April 3rd.

10. **CITY CLERK’S REPORT:**

MOTION by Councilwoman Messinger to approve the 700 – Specialty Retailer of Consumable Hemp Products to Sainath Enterprises LLC dba Daphne Liquors located at 28691 US Highway 98, Ste E.

**Seconded by Councilwoman Green.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to approve the South Alabama Out of the Darkness Community Walk on October 11, 2026 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm on the front lawn of City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Olen.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Roberts to approve the Daphne Middle School Color Run 1-mile Fun Run in Olde Towne Daphne on July 18, 2026 from 7:00 – 10:00am. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to approve the publication and set a public hearing on May 18, 2026 for the East Fish River PUD Narrative Modification located five hundred feet northeast of the intersection of County Road 64 and Dixon Lane. Seconded by Councilwoman Messinger.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to approve the publication and set a public hearing on May 18, 2026 for the Italian Village of Daphne PUD Narrative Modification located northwest of the intersection of County Road 64 and Alabama Highway 181. Seconded by Councilwoman Messinger.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Messinger to approve the publication and set a public hearing on May 18, 2026 for the Jerry and Louise Volovecky, Sr., Family Limited Partnership Pre-Zoning Amendment located northwest of the intersection of County Road 64 and Alabama Highway 181. Seconded by Councilwoman Green.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Messinger to approve the publication and set a public hearing on May 18, 2026 for the Jerry and Louise Volovecky, Sr., Family Limited Partnership Annexation Petition located northwest of the intersection of County Road 64 and Alabama Highway 181. Seconded by Councilwoman Green.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. **2026 - 20** - Surplus: 2008 Ford F550 Super Duty W/Dump Bed-V#1203
- B. **2026 - 21** - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Agreement with ALDOT for the ATRP2 Grant - Addition of Southbound Turning Lane on SR-181 at Corte Road
- C. **2026 - 22** - Appropriation: Purchase of a Chiller for City Hall - \$213,494
- D. **2026 - 23** - Resolution Authorizing a Project Development Agreement By and Between the City of Daphne and Trotman Daphne, LLC
- E. **2026 - 24** - Authorizing Resolution: FY2026 Capital Equipment Business Loan Agreement (Bryant Bank)

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to waive the reading of Resolutions 2026-20, 2026-21, 2026-22, 2026-23 and 2026-24. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Resolution 2026-20. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Resolution 2026-21. Seconded by Councilman Roberts.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2026-22. Seconded by Councilwoman Messinger.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2026-23. Seconded by Councilwoman Messinger.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2026-24. Seconded by Councilman Roberts.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. **2ND READ ORDINANCES:**

- A. **2026 - 06** - Ordinance to Pre-Zone Property Located at the Northwest Intersection of County Road 64 and County Road 54 West - Louisa Marco Toler Revocable Trust Dated July 24, 2024
- B. **2026 - 07** - Ordinance to Pre-Zone Property Located Northwest of County Road 64 and Alabama Highway 181 - Joseph A. Allegri Jr Properties II, LLC, Jerry and Louise Volovecky Sr, Family Limited Partnership
- C. **2026 - 08** - Ordinance to Annex Property Contiguous to the Corporate Limits of the City of Daphne - Northwest of County Road 64 and Alabama Highway 181 - Joseph A. Allegri Jr Properties II, LLC, Jerry and Louise Volovecky Sr, Family Limited Partnership

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to waive the reading of Ordinances 2026-06, 2026-07 and 2026-08. Seconded by Councilman Olen.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Ordinance 2026-06. Seconded by Councilwoman Messinger.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Ordinance 2026-07. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Ordinance 2026-08. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. **1ST READ ORDINANCES:**

14. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Conaway thanked the Telecommunicators for their work, congratulated the Fire Department on the recognition and thanked Zoe Doll for sharing her project idea.

Councilman Olen said he agreed with all of Councilwoman Conaway's comments.

Councilwoman Messinger said she is looking forward to the bread making class at the Library and thanked the Recreation Department for the maintaining of the properties and fields.

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Mayor LeJeune reminded everyone that schools are either in or about to start spring break.

Council President Hughes thanked public safety for their service.

15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

City Attorney certified that the Council should enter into an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. He said it should take 20 minutes then the Council may come back out to potentially vote.

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilwoman Messinger.	
City Clerk called roll.	
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.	

Council entered into Executive Session at 6:48pm.

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:13pm.

16. **ADJOURN:**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:13PM.

Respectfully submitted by,


Cindy Beaudreau, City Clerk

Certification of Presiding Officer,


Benjamin Hughes, Council President