

**December 3, 2018
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
1705 MAIN STREET
DAPHNE, AL
6:30 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

There being a quorum present Council President Rudicell called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tommie Conaway, Pat Rudicell, Joel Coleman, Doug Goodlin, Ron Scott and Robin LeJeune

Also Present: Candace Antinarella, City Clerk; Jay Ross, City Attorney; David Carpenter, Police Chief; Vickie Hinman, Human Resources Director; Adrienne Jones, Planning Director; Kelli Kichler Reid, Finance Director/Treasurer; David McKelroy, Recreation Director; Jeremy Sasser, Public Works Director; Betsy Schneider, Operations Director; Troy Strunk, Executive Director, City Development; Margaret Thigpen, Civic Center Director; James White, Fire Chief; Tonja Young, Library Director; Joey Wehrman, Facilities Director and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation was given by Pastor Shane Latta, City Hope Church.

PRESENTATION:

City Clerk announced that the presentation of the *Guardians of the Ribbon* Pink Car would be postponed until next Council Meeting, December 17th. The car had to receive a new paint job.

3. APPROVE MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 5, 2018 regular meeting were approved.

4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway said that Finance Committee didn't meet in November due to lack of quorum, but the next meeting is December 17th at 4:30 p.m.

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to authorize the Mayor to enter into lease with Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation for the Caterpillar D5K2LGP equipment and execute any and all documents related to the lease. No discussion.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilman LeJeune said that this motion did come out of the Public Works meeting earlier that day since there was not a Finance Committee meeting in November.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilman LeJeune said that the October 2018 Building and Properties Report was in the packet.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilman Scott said that minutes from the October 8th meeting are in the packet. The committee meets the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Goodlin said the Committee met that day to discuss animal shelters and mixed use zoning adjustment to the land use ordinance. The next meeting will be January 7th at 4:30 p.m.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is January 7th at 5:30 p.m.

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5. REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

A. Board of Zoning Adjustments

Adrienne Jones said that the BZA will meet Thursday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. In the meeting will be the discussion of cell tower applications.

B. Downtown Redevelopment Authority

Councilwoman Conaway said the next meeting will be December 5th at 5:00 p.m.

C. Industrial Development Board

Councilman Rudicell said that a Council Member will be appointed to the board in the near future. Mayor Haygood said IDB will meet on December 4th at 11:30 a.m. to discuss lighting options for the DISC Project with Riviera Utilities.

D. Library Board

Councilman Rudicell said the Library Board meets the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at the Library.

E. Planning Commission

Councilman Scott said the minutes from the October 29th meeting will be in the next packet. The next Planning Commission meeting will be December 27th at 5 p.m.

F. Recreation Board

Councilman LeJeune said the board met last week. He said the Recreation Board will be presenting the name "Daphne Recreation Complex" to Buildings and Properties for consideration for the Park Drive complex. He also mentioned the Daphne Christmas Parade on Friday, December 7th.

G. Utility Board

Councilman LeJeune said the board will not meet in December due to the holidays. The budget was passed for the 2019 year. He mentioned the water testing along the Bay in Daphne. The results will be provided to the public in the new year.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Haygood mentioned Daphne High School swim team and their success. They won 6 State Championships recently. He suggested recognizing this group with the Council. Mayor Haygood mentioned the recent and upcoming Christmas events. The tree lighting was last Thursday evening. He thanked the Council for being there. He thanked City Hall employees Kara Wilbourn, Betsy Schneider, Courtney Coleman and Melaney Warner for their help. This upcoming Friday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. will be the Daphne Christmas Parade. On December 14th at 4:00 p.m. will be the "Snow and Movie Night" with Santa for the kids and a movie on the front lawn. City Hall also played host to the YMCA Elf Ride on Friday, November 30th. Daphne High School choir came that morning and did some caroling. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

7. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

No report, but City Attorney asked if he could mention some executive matters at the next Council Session.

8. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Carpenter reminded everyone to drive safe and allow for extra time on the roads as there will be more traffic during this holiday season.

David McKelroy shared about the baseball team updates. He mentioned that youth basketball has started up. There are 225 participants which is a 30% increase from last year's 175 participants.

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Public Works Director, Jeremy Sasser, said that they are redoing the recycling department to work on keeping it open more during the holidays to accommodate the public.

9. CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

MOTION by Councilman LeJeune to approve the Camp Rap-A-Hope Leprechaun Ride for Hope on March 14, 2019. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.

City Clerk mentioned that though Police and Fire Departments had signed off on the event, Public Works had not. Director of Public Works, Jeremy Sasser, mentioned he had a few concerns about the event. He noted they wanted to use the Lott Park as their main staging area and it will still be under construction. He said it was a safety concern. He also mentioned that this event would be right after Mardi Gras which would call for more overtime pay. Councilman LeJeune asked what the timeline was for the park to be done. Mr. Sasser said that it will be in the final stages, but wouldn't be complete until early April. Councilman LeJeune asked if the courts would be playable. Mr. Sasser said there would be 6-8 courts accessible. He noted that the construction supplies are currently in the area being requested. Councilman Goodlin asked if this was a new event. City Clerk said that it was a new event from this organization. Councilman Goodlin asked if the City was within the amount of approved events. City Clerk said that as of present day, the maximum amount has not been reached. Councilman LeJeune asked if these concerns had been brought up to the organization. City Clerk has spoken with Ms. McNichol concerning the construction at Lott Park. City Clerk mentioned that their sponsor is Le Bouchon which is across from Lott Park and that they were hoping to be close to that business. Councilman LeJeune asked if a discussion could be had with Camp Rap-A-Hope on these concerns and if they have alternatives. City Clerk said that she would reach back out to Ms. McNichol and keep her application on file in the order it was received. Councilman Scott suggested the new Park Drive facility. Mr. Sasser said that it would use less staff and could be utilized. Mr. McKelroy said that baseball teams will be practicing baseball at that time. Councilman LeJeune withdrew his motion and Councilman Coleman withdrew his second.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public Participation was opened at 6:57 p.m.

Pauline Ouellette, Madison Place, Daphne, said that the land recently sold at Whispering Pines has patches of cogon grass on that property. She said special attention needs to be paid to this grass and roots to prevent it from spreading.

John Lake, Daphne, reminded everyone about the amount of dead animals on the side of the road and hopes they can begin being picked up in a timely manner. Mayor Haygood shared that the new phone system installed at City Hall is now transferable between locations. Public Works Director, Jeremy Sasser, apologized for missing a few of the pick-ups. He said they are dependent on the public letting them know.

Victoria Phelps, Daphne, thanked the city officials for their work in the community to help the city continue to develop.

Patricia Bertagnolli Anderson, Daphne Mobile Home Park, mentioned the Van Avenue trailer park that is up for rezoning. She said the owners have not shared any information with those who live in the area. She is concerned that when questions are asked from the developers, there is no response.

Don Ouellette, Madison Place, Daphne, said he appreciates that Daphne Utilities will be testing the water. However, he hasn't heard anything about testing the air quality and wonders if it's in the works.

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Curt Fonger, 1443 Randall Avenue, thanked the Council for achieving a quorum. He expressed concern for the Daphne website and its lack of updates particularly in light of the recent cancellation of the Council Meeting on November 19th.

Public Participation closed at 7:07 p.m.

11. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

2018-56 – Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Mayor to Dispose of Such Property: 1998 Ford 16 Yard Dump Truck and 2006 Ford F250 Truck

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to waive the reading of Resolution 2018-56. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to adopt Resolution 2018-56. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ORDINANCES:

2nd READ:

2018-41 – Appropriation: Additional Engineering Cost for the County Road 13 Intersection Improvement – Sidewalk Addition Project - Project: STPOA-0216(250)

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to waive the reading of Ordinance 2018-41. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Ordinance 2018-41. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

1st READ:

2018-45 – Appropriation: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) Grant Match for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) to Construct a Walking Trail at Village Point Preserve – Grant #18-RT-54-05

2018-46 – Additional Appropriation: FY2019 Road Surfacing Initiative

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Haygood said that he would speak to the Operations Director about meeting with the Marketing Coordinator concerning the website updates. He shared that he has no knowledge of the immediate plans of the developers for the Van Avenue Trailer Park currently under contract applied for rezoning. He said the water quality testing is a way for Daphne Utilities to restore respect from the community.

Councilwoman Conaway thanked downtown merchants for participating in City Hall's open house.

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Councilman Scott said congratulations to University of Alabama on their win. He looks forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas parade on Friday.

Councilman LeJeune said he hopes to see everyone at the Christmas parade. He mentioned the Tree Lighting had the W.J. Carroll choir sing and Daphne Middle School choir was singing along the train route.

Councilman Rudicell reminded everyone of the interviews being held at the special called Council Meeting on Monday, December 10th.

13. ADJOURN:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Certification of Presiding Officer


Candace G. Antinarella, City Clerk


Pat Rudicell, Council President