

**March 1, 2021
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 Doug Goodlin called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tommie Conaway, Benjamin Hughes, Ron Scott, Steve Olen, Doug Goodlin, and Joel Coleman

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Angie Phillips

Also Present: Candace Antinarella, City Clerk; Mayor Robin LeJeune; Jay Ross, City Attorney; Chief Leann Tacon, Fire Department; Chief David Carpenter, Police Department; Vickie Hinman, Human Resources; Ronnie Huskey, Public Works; Charlie McDavid, Recreation; Tonja Young, Library; Betsy Schneider, Operations; Troy Strunk, City Development; Kelli Reid, Finance; and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was given by Reverend Thack Dyson, St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the February 15, 2021 regular meeting were approved.

4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway said the minutes from the February 15, 2021 meeting are in the packet. She gave the Treasurer's Report for January 2021: Unrestricted Fund Balance - \$19,740,459; Total Cash Balance - \$29,476,304; Sales Tax for December 2020 - \$2,053,072; and Lodging Tax for December 2020 - \$77,738.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Phillips was absent. Councilman Goodlin said the minutes from the January 11, 2021 meeting were in the packet.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is March 8th at 4:30pm.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is April 5th at 4:30pm.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Coleman said the Committee met earlier that day. He said the next meeting is April 5th at 5:30pm.

5. REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

A. Board of Zoning Adjustments

Troy Strunk, City Development, said there was no report.

B. Downtown Redevelopment Authority

Councilwoman Conaway said the Downtown Redevelopment Authority will meet on March 18th at 5:30pm.

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C. Industrial Development Board

Councilman Scott said the next meeting is tomorrow, March 2nd, at 11:30am.

D. Library Board

Councilwoman Phillips was absent. No report given.

E. Planning Commission

Councilman Olen said the Planning Commission met last Thursday. The next meeting is March 25th at 5:00pm.

F. Recreation Board

Councilman Hughes said there is one vacancy on the Recreation Board. He encouraged anyone interested in serving on the Board to send their resume to the City Clerk's office. He said the next meeting is March 10th at 6:30pm.

G. Utility Board

Councilman Goodlin said the next meeting is March 24th at 5:00pm. He said a question was asked at the last meeting in regards to the preparations Daphne Utilities has in case something happens locally: should the area experience freezing conditions like Texas. They were told that the preparations Daphne Utilities makes are for things expected in the area, such as: heat, hurricanes, etc.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor LeJeune gave an update on the COVID numbers in the area. He said they are seeing a positive downturn. He mentioned that Hudson Sandefur was recognized at the Planning Commission meeting for his eight years of serving on the Committee.

Mayor LeJeune reminded everyone that Arbor Day in Daphne is March 6th for Daphne residents only. Vehicles have the choice of two decorative trees or one fruit tree.

7. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

Jay Ross said there was a brief matter of executive session pertaining to buying, selling and leasing of real property and there was one case of potential threatened litigation.

8. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Carpenter, Police, shared with the Council he had recently attended a Chief's Conference where there were over 350 participants. He said officers have been working multiple wrecks.

Chief Tacon, Fire Department, said they are hiring nine firefighters. She shared that out of these nine, six are currently firefighters and eight are basic EMTs. She commended the firefighters for their work at a recent apartment fire.

Tonja Young, Library, said the Library is seeing almost half of their regular patrons coming.

Vickie Hinman, HR, said that Tina and Hannah will be attending the Baldwin County Career and Job Fair.

Charlie McDavid, Recreation, shared that Daphne High School held a softball tournament last weekend. He said there were seventeen travel softball teams and a sixty-team soccer tournament over the weekend. He reminded everyone the Easter egg hunt is March 27, 2021.

Ange Baggett, Marketing, reminded everyone that Arbor Day is Saturday. She shared about upcoming events at the Civic Center.

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Troy Strunk, City Development, reported that the BZA meeting is Thursday at 6:00pm. He thanked Council and elected officials for attending the recent traffic calming seminar.

9. CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to approve the South Alabama Out of the Darkness Walk on October 24, 2021 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm and the use of City Hall's front lawn with no street closures.

Seconded by Councilman Scott.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Scott to approve the 140 – Special Events Retail to Mancini's Antique LLC dba O'Mancini's St. Patrick's Block Party located at 1715 Main Street, Daphne, Alabama. Seconded by Councilman Hughes.

Aye – Goodlin, Scott, Hughes, Coleman, Conaway Nay – Olen

MOTION CARRIED.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public Participation opened at 6:55pm. No one came forward. Public Participation closed at 6:55pm.

11. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

A. RESOLUTIONS:

2021 – 04 – 2021-C-Oil & Lubricants Bid Award: Waring Oil Company LLC

2021 – 05 – Application for Recreation Trails

2021 – 06 – Vacation of Easement: Southern Shores Homes, L.L.C. – 5' Drainage Easement Dividing Lots 20 & 21, Lake Forest Subdivision, Unit 28

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to waive the reading of Resolutions 2021-04, 2021-05 and 2021-06.

Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Scott to adopt Resolutions 2021-04, 2021-05 and 2021-06. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORDINANCES:

B. 2nd READ ORDINANCES:

2021 – 07 – Appropriation for Hurricane Zeta Damage: Boardwalks and Bay Access - \$108,500

2021 – 08 – Amending the City of Daphne, Alabama Land Use and Development Ordinance 2011-54, Article XVI, Parking Requirements for All Districts and Article VIII, Definition of Terms

2021 – 09 – Re-Zone Property Located Northeast of the Intersection of Ryan Avenue and Main Street

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2021 – 10 – Council Rules and Procedures

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to waive the reading of Ordinances 2021-07, 2021-08, 2021-09 and 2021-10. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Ordinance 2021-07. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Ordinance 2021-08. Seconded by Councilman Scott.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to adopt Ordinance 2021-09. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway. Councilman Coleman asked Councilman Olen what the vote was in Planning Commission. Councilman Olen said it was a favorable recommendation.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Ordinance 2021-10. Seconded by Councilman Coleman. City Clerk brought the Council's attention to the wording regarding public participation in the Ordinance. Councilman Coleman said he felt citizens should be able to share in an open forum.

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to adopt Ordinance 2021-10 as amended to say "any members of the public may address the City Council concerning any item that a participant wishes to address to the Council". Seconded by Councilman Coleman
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. 1ST READ ORDINANCES:

2021 – 11 – Appropriation: Pipe Crawler Camera - \$54,000

2021 – 12 – Appropriation: Daphne High School Turf Field - \$575,000

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor LeJeune commended the Council on the work they are doing.

City Attorney certified that the Council should enter into an Executive Session concerning matters of buying, selling or leasing of real property as well as potential threatened litigation. He said it should take 10 minutes and no action is needed from the Council and they may adjourn into Executive Session.

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MOTION by Councilman Scott to enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.

City Clerk called roll.

Councilwoman Conaway	Aye
Councilman Olen	Aye
Councilman Coleman	Aye
Councilman Scott	Aye
Councilman Hughes	Aye
Councilwoman Phillips	Absent
Council President Goodlin	Aye

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. **ADJOURN:**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,


Candace G. Antinarella, CMC, City Clerk

Certification of Presiding Officer,



Doug Goodlin, Council President