

September 18, 2023
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 Angie Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Tommie Conaway

Also Present: Jay Ross, City Attorney; Mayor LeJeune; Chief Brian Gulsby, Police; Troy Strunk, City Development; Chief Tacon, Fire; Adrienne Jones, Planning; Ronnie Huskey, Public Works; Ange Baggett, Marketing; Kenny Hanak, Fire Department; Chip Martin, Fire Marshal; Kelli Reid, Finance; Nathan Adams, Fire Department; Josh Newman, City Engineer; Daniel Hill, Junior Councilmember; and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was given by Pastor Rife Stewart, Destiny Church.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor LeJeune presented the Childhood Cancer Awareness Proclamation.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor LeJeune presented the Suicide Prevention Proclamation.

RECOGNITION: Mayor LeJeune and Chief Tacon presented a proclamation to Kenny Hanak for his retirement from the City.

RECOGNITION: Mayor LeJeune and Chief Tacon presented a proclamation to Chip Martin for his retirement from the City.

RECOGNITION: Mayor LeJeune and Chief Tacon presented a proclamation to Tom Walker for his service to the City of Daphne.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the September 5, 2023 regular meeting were approved.

4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Goodlin said the Committee met earlier and the next meeting is October 16th at 4:30pm.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilman Coleman said the minutes from the August meeting and the August new Construction and Building Reports were in the packet. He said out of the reports were 4 certificates of occupancy, 192 permits issued and from the permits were 17 new residential home permits and \$60,342.37 collected in fees. He said the next meeting is October 9th at 5:15pm.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is October 9th at 4:30pm.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is October 2nd at 4:30pm and the minutes from the August 7th are in the packet.

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- E. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**
Councilwoman Conaway was absent.

5. **REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:**

- A. **Board of Zoning Adjustments**
Mrs. Jones said there was no report.
- B. **Daphne Public School Commission**
Councilman Olen said the next meeting September 25th at 5:30pm at Belforest Elementary School.
- C. **Downtown Redevelopment Authority**
Councilwoman Conaway was absent.
- D. **Industrial Development Board**
Councilman Scott said the next meeting September 19th at 4:30pm.
- E. **Library Board**
Councilman Goodlin said the next meeting is the second Thursday at 4:30pm.
- F. **Planning Commission**
Councilman Olen said the next meeting is September 28th at 5:00pm.
- G. **Recreation Board**
Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is November 8th at 6pm.
- H. **Utility Board**
Councilwoman Phillips said the next meeting is September 27th at 5:00pm.

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Public Participation opened at 6:27pm. No one came forward to speak.

Public Participation closed at 6:28pm.

7. **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor LeJeune said the recent Spirit Day in Daphmont had a great turnout. He reminded everyone that "Coffee with the Mayor" is September 26th at 9:00am and LifeSouth would be there for anyone wanting to donate after coffee.

8. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:**

City Attorney asked if the Council would consider going into Executive Session at the end of the meeting for 340 minutes for the consideration of buying and selling of real property.

9. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:**

Chief Gulsby, Police, invited the Council to the swearing in of four new officers Thursday at 8:00am.

Chief Tacon, Fire, thanked the Council for allowing the Fire Department to recognize the recent retirements.

Ronnie Huskey, Public Works, updated the Council on the CPAP building, recent projects and shared they recently had employees become flag certified.

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Charlie McDavid, Recreation, said the top Sports Complex fields are open and that the Dream Court had a good attendance that month.

Adrienne Jones, Planning, invited everyone to the Comprehensive Plan presentation from Orion on October 4th at 5:00pm.

Daniel Hill, Junior Councilmember, gave a report on the recent Junior Council meeting. He said the next meeting is October 12th at 5:30pm.

10. CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to approve the 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) to Leons Petroleum Products LLC dba Leons Petroleum LLC located at 1602 Main Street, Daphne. Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

A. RESOLUTIONS:

2023 – 49 – Donation of Property to City of Daphne – Fire Training Facility

2023 – 50 – Additional Appropriation: Animal Shelter Construction - \$100,000
MOTION by Councilman Scott to waive the reading of Resolutions 2023-44, 2023-45, 2023-46, 2023-47 and 2023-48. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to adopt Resolutions 2023-49 and 2023-50. Seconded Councilman Coleman.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to adopt Resolution 2023-49. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to adopt Resolution 2023-50. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. ORDINANCES:

2nd READ ORDINANCES:

2023 – 35 – Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to waive the reading of Ordinance 2023-35. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOTION by Councilman Scott to adopt Ordinance 2023-35. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.

MOTION by Councilman Scott to amend the budget by removing the capital request for a sign to allocate the entire \$50,000 to Mobile National Estuary Program. Seconded by Councilman Olen.

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Councilman Goodlin said he doesn't support this amendment. Councilman Coleman expressed his support.

Aye – Olen, Hughes, Scott, Phillips and Coleman

Nay - Goodlin

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Councilman Hughes to amend Ordinance 2023-35 removing the Human Resources Specialist and Part-time Media Marketing Specialist to reallocate the \$121,000 to the road resurfacing plan. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin. Council discussed.

Aye – Goodlin, Olen and Hughes

Nay – Coleman, Phillips and Scott

MOTION FAILED.

MOTION by Councilman Scott to adopt Ordinance 2023-35 as amended. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1ST READ ORDINANCES:

2023 – 36 – Ordinance to Adjust Speed Limits and to Post Speed Limit Signs

2023 – 37 – Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Ordinance 2022-64 of the City of Daphne – Regarding the Rules and Regulations for Daphne City Parks

2023 – 38 – Amending City's Employee Handbook – Section 10.8

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Olen expressed gratitude to the three Fire Department retirees. He echoed the comments on the Community Spirit Day.

Councilman Coleman spoke on the Cancer Awareness Proclamation and Suicide Prevention Proclamation. He echoed Councilman Olen's comments on the retirees.

Councilman Goodlin reminded everyone the DHS Homecoming parade is September 28th at 6:00pm.

Councilman Scott thanked the staff for compiling the budget.

Councilman Hughes echoed the comments on the retirees and thanked Kelli Reid and the Finance Department.

Council President Phillips echoed the sentiments shared. She thanked Kelli Reid and Mayor LeJeune for constructing the budget and acknowledged those represented with proclamations.

City Attorney certified that the Council should enter into an Executive Session concerning matters of buying and selling of real property. He said it should take thirty minutes and the Council should have no reason to vote.

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

Assistant City Clerk called roll.

Councilwoman Conaway

Absent

Councilman Olen

Aye

Councilman Coleman

Aye

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Councilman Goodlin	Aye
Councilman Scott	Aye
Councilman Hughes	Aye
Council President Phillips	Aye

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. **ADJOURN:**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:58PM.

Respectfully submitted by,


Candace G. Antinarella, CMC, City Clerk

Certification of Presiding Officer,


Angie Phillips, Council President