

**October 2, 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, Tommie Conaway and Doug Goodlin

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Scott and Benjamin Hughes

Also Present: Candace Antinarella, City Clerk; Patrick Dungan, City Attorney; Mayor LeJeune; Chief Brian Gulsby, Police; Captain Reggie Ardis, Police; Captain Jud Beedy, Police; Vickie Hinman, Human Resources; Troy Strunk, City Development; Chief Tacon, Fire; Adrienne Jones, Planning; Ronnie Huskey, Public Works; Ange Baggett, Marketing; Kelli Reid, Finance; Sunny Blackwood, Junior Councilmember; Gracie Robinson, Junior Councilmember; Emma Parvin, Junior Councilmember; Kent Ward, Junior Councilmember; and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was given by Dr. Barry Carpenter, Resurrection Church.

RECOGNITION: Mayor LeJeune and Chief Gulsby presented promotional badges to the following Police employees: Josh Dunnam, Trey Kraynak, Lee Springs and Gordon Strickland.

RECOGNITION: Thomas Warner and Sandy Robinson thanked the Council, City Employees and volunteers for all their work for the Community Spirit Day.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the September 18, 2023 regular meeting were approved.

4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Goodlin said the minutes from the September 18th meeting were in the packet and gave the Treasurer's Report for August 2023: Unrestricted Fund Balance-\$24,797,669; Total Cash Balance-\$38,809,307; Sales tax for July 2023 - \$2,273,660.59; Lodging Tax for July 2023-\$210,439.99; Excess Reserve Balance - \$15,904,591; Debt Summary for July 2023: Warrants-\$24,650,442; Capital Leases: General Fund-\$716,089; Enterprise Fund -\$800,417. He said the next meeting is October 16th at 4:30pm.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is October 9th at 5:15pm.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilman Hughes was absent. Council President Phillips said the minutes from the September 11th meeting were in the packet.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is November 6th at 4:30pm.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway said the minutes from the June 5th meeting are in the packet and the next meeting is November 6th at 5:15pm.

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**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Roadbotics for the Pavement Assessment Software. No second was needed.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

A. **Board of Zoning Adjustments**

Mrs. Jones said there was no report.

B. **Daphne Public School Commission**

Councilwoman Conaway said the minutes from the August meeting are in the packet and the next meeting will be October 23rd at 5:30pm at Belforest Elementary.

C. **Downtown Redevelopment Authority**

Councilwoman Conaway said the next meeting is October 19th at 5:30pm and the minutes from the August meeting are in the packet.

D. **Industrial Development Board**

Councilman Scott was absent. Council President Phillips said the minutes from the August 22nd meeting were in the packet.

E. **Library Board**

Councilman Goodlin said the next meeting is October 12th at 4:30pm.

F. **Planning Commission**

Councilman Olen said the Commission will have a special called meeting on October 4th at 5:00pm for the Orion Consulting Group to present on the Comprehensive Plan. The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 26th at 5:00pm.

G. **Recreation Board**

Councilman Hughes was absent.

H. **Utility Board**

Councilwoman Phillips said the next meeting is October 25th at 5:00pm.

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Public Participation opened at 6:19pm.

Amy Bailey, 27960 Oackachoy Loop, asked the Council to consider some solutions for crossway safety on County Rd 13.

Public Participation closed at 6:21pm.

7. **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor LeJeune said the City has ordered the flashing crosswalk signs and are also looking at grants for sidewalks to be installed. He said the MPO has need for 3 representatives. He said the Daphne High School homecoming parade was great and commended Public Works for all their work with so many recent events.

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**MOTION by Councilman Olen to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Grant Management for the Proposal of Comprehensive Grant Writing and Grant Management Services for the City of Daphne. No second was needed.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:**

City Attorney said there was no report.

9. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:**

Chief Gulsby, Police, thanked the Mayor and Council for the funding for the recent promotions.

Chief Tacon, Fire, congratulated the police officers recognized and said there is an opening for Deputy Fire Marshal.

Ange Baggett, Marketing, shared about recent and upcoming events within the City and at the Civic Center. She said the next Discover Daphne meeting is Thursday.

Tonja Young, Library, shared about the upcoming events at the Library.

Vickie Hinman, Human Resources, said the employee flu shot clinic is October 18th and that HR will be attending the Baldwin County Career and Job Fair on November 7th.

Ronnie Huskey, Public Works, updated everyone on the many projects around the City.

Charlie McDavid, Recreation, said the recent pickleball and tennis tournament went well.

Troy Strunk, City Development, updated the Council on the Highway 98 Improvement Plan through the MPO.

Kelli Reid, Finance, spoke on the beginning budget for the new fiscal year.

10. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to approve the Darlings of the Eastern Shore Earth Day 5k on April 20, 2024 from 8:00 – 11:00am located on Main Street, Daphne, Alabama. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. **RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:**

A. **RESOLUTIONS:**

2023 – 51 – Declare Certain Personal Property Surplus – 1997 Vehicle Lift – 2 Post Asymmetric Lift

2023 – 52 – Bid Award: 2023-U-Daphne Public Library Roof Repair Project – Dobson Sheet Metal and Roofing, Inc.

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to waive the reading of Resolutions 2023-51 and 2023-52. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2023-51. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2023-52. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. ORDINANCES:

2nd 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

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to waive the reading of Ordinances 2023-36, 2023-37 and 2023-38. Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Ordinance 2023-36. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Ordinance 2023-37. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Olen to adopt Ordinance 2023-38. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

1ST READ ORDINANCES:

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Conaway congratulated the City Clerk for completing her MMC certification.

Councilman Olen thanked all volunteers and city employees for their help with the Community Spirit Day.

Councilman Goodlin thanked Public Works for helping with the homecoming parade and Kenny King’s wife for her organization with the parade.

Mayor LeJeune wished Councilman Olen and Councilman Goodlin a happy birthday and congratulated the City Clerk for completing her MMC certification.

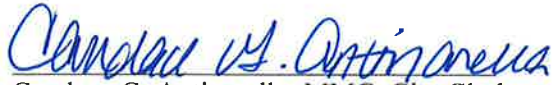
Council President Phillips said she echoed all the sentiments expressed.

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13. ADJOURN:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:45PM.

Respectfully submitted by,


Candace G. Antinarella, MMC, City Clerk

Certification of Presiding Officer,


Angie Phillips, Council President