

**April 6, 2020
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
1705 MAIN STREET
DAPHNE, AL
5:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

There being a quorum present Council President Robin LeJeune called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Goodlin, Robin LeJeune, Angie Phillips and Joel Coleman

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT VIA VIDEO CALL: Pat Rudicell, Ron Scott and Tommie Conaway

Also Present: Candace Antinarella, City Clerk; Jay Ross, City Attorney; Mayor Dane Haygood; Kelli Reid, Finance Director; Jeremy Sasser, Public Works Director; Chief Carpenter, Police Department; Kenny Hanak, Fire Department; Kara Wilbourn, Marketing Coordinator; Conrad Bates, Brent Middleton and Timothy Stone, IT; and Troy Strunk, Director of City Development.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation was given by Councilman Goodlin.

3. APPROVE MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 16, 2020 emergency meeting and the March 16, 2020 regular meeting were approved.

4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway said the Finance Meeting scheduled on March 16, 2020 was cancelled. She said the Treasurer's Report for February 2020 was: Unrestricted Fund Balance - \$19,723,044; Total Cash Balance: \$29,443,494; January Sales Tax: \$1,433,769 and the January Lodging Tax: \$84,375. She said there will be no meeting in April.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilman Goodlin said the March 2020 Building Report is in the packet. He said the Committee will not meet for April or May.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilman Scott said the next meeting will be after the 60 days suspension of meetings.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Phillips said that the Committee is not meeting while the 60 days suspension is in place. She said there is an item on the agenda for the Ordinance, but she will defer to the Mayor.

Mayor Haygood said they recently decided to enable the weekend relaxation for retail signage. Councilman LeJeune asked if something could be posted letting citizens know of this decision.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Coleman said the Committee will not meet next month. He asked Public Works Director, Jeremy Sasser, to speak upon the suspension of recycling services.

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Mr. Sasser spoke on the reasoning behind proposing to suspend recycling services and safety concerns for employees. Councilman Coleman asked to clarify that both cans may be set outside on regular garbage pick-up days, both can be emptied and would be taken to the dump. Mr. Sasser said that was correct.

Discussion was had amongst Councilmembers and Mr. Sasser concerning when the proposed Resolution would take effect and how to get the word out to citizens.

5. REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

A. Board of Zoning Adjustments

Troy Strunk said the next BZA meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 4, 2020.

B. Downtown Redevelopment Authority

Councilwoman Conaway said the Authority will not meet in April.

C. Industrial Development Board

Councilman Rudicell said there was no report.

D. Library Board

Councilwoman Phillips said there was no report and no meetings scheduled.

E. Planning Commission

Councilman Scott said the minutes from the February 27, 2020 meeting and the report from the March 26, 2020 meeting are in the packet. He said they hope to have the next meeting in May.

F. Recreation Board

Councilman Coleman said there is no meeting for April. He said the Board is two members short. He said he has submitted two probable resumes to the Board and encourages anyone who is interested to submit their resume to the City Clerk's office.

G. Utility Board

Councilman LeJeune said there was no meeting in March and one is not scheduled for April. He said Daphne Utilities is starting to do some shift splitting to help with social distancing.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Haygood said he hoped everyone is staying healthy and well. He thanked the IT Department for the set up of remote Councilmembers as well as livestreaming. He said the public will be able to dial in for public participation in a few moments. He said the number is 251-620-1150. He thanked the Fire and Police Departments for all they are doing for the citizens of Daphne. Mayor Haygood said they are working on acquiring tests for first responders.

He said there are certain places in Daphne being closed such as playground parks, pickle ball and tennis courts as well as placing more signage at the parks concerning social distancing.

Councilman LeJeune asked if there were any plans to close Trione Park and the Sports Complex down. He said he knew that Lott Park was closed. Mayor Haygood discussed steps they are prepared to take should more restrictions need to be placed on public City property.

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7. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney said there was no report. He said it was a trying time in the legal world trying to make sure the municipalities adhere to the rules and laws. He said he feels the meeting that evening is being held as close to the Open Meetings Act as well as the Governor's Proclamation. He said he will be sending everyone an email concerning a matter of pending litigation.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to approve the publication and set a public hearing on May 18, 2020 for the Proposed Zoning Amendment Revision located Northeast Corner of U.S. Highway 98 and Dale Road. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Phillips to authorize the Mayor to enter into (2) 3-year lease agreements with Beard Equipment for the lease of two skid steers. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Police Chief Carpenter reminded everyone to be aware of the size of groups and to let the police department know if there are any groups too large gathered at City parks. Councilwoman Phillips asked Chief Carpenter if he had seen a decline in traffic calls. He said the traffic is definitely down.

Councilman Goodlin asked Mrs. Reid if there was anything in the budget that needed to be curtailed in the next couple of months. She said the City has a reserve account. Mayor Haygood said shared about things he has heard concerning local businesses and said that the City is in a good financial position.

Councilwoman Phillips asked if Finance would look at the 2008 recession numbers to help with forecasting.

Jeremy Sasser, Public Works, asked the citizens to be patient with garbage pick-up. Councilwoman Phillips asked if there will be delays if it is permitted to pick up recycling and garbage on the same days. Mr. Sasser said it should not create delays.

Kenny Hanak, Fire Department, shared that they currently adequate supplies for the employees to safely do their job. He said the call volume is down 40%. Councilwoman Phillips asked if dispatchers are asking callers if they are screening calls by asking if someone has any of the virus symptoms. He said they are.

Troy Strunk said Building Inspection is still going strong and they are not seeing any numbers decreasing.

Conrad Bates, IT Department, introduced the new IT Technician, Tim Stone. Councilman LeJeune asked why the Councilmembers were being displayed through video call and not through other options. Mr. Bates said this was the quickest way to make sure everyone would be able to connect. Councilman LeJeune asked about the livestreaming. Mr. Bates said a third party is doing the livestreaming. He said they wanted to use someone who had a little more experience. Mayor Haygood said that he advised they move forward to bring in a third party expertise. Councilman Goodlin asked if other boards and committees will be livestreamed. Mayor Haygood said he hopes so. Councilman LeJeune said Council meetings livestream has been a hope of the Council for years. Councilman LeJeune asked Mayor Haygood what the parameters were for the contract with the third party individual. Mayor Haygood said he is not aware of a contract and doesn't know specifics; he

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diverted to Mr. Bates. Mr. Bates said it was just a one-time use right now and there was no contract.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public Participation opened at 5:57pm.

Councilman LeJeune said the number is 251-620-1150.

Adrienne Jones, City of Daphne Planning Director, called to say that everyone looked great and thanked the Council for all they are doing.

Jerica Richardson, 122 Worchester Drive, said the Council is doing a great job and this is very convenient for all those who are unable to come to the meetings. She said she hopes they continue this method.

Lynn Davis, 137 Rolling Hill Drive, said the livestream is nice. She said the people are asking in the comments if the Council can read questions during the live feed.

Councilman LeJeune said that he would like to have the Council sit with IT to discuss what they would like at the Council meetings.

Public Participation closed at 6:08pm.

11. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

2020-21 – Acceptance of Roads and Rights-of-Ways – Winged Food Subdivision, Phase 3

2020-22 – Authorize the Mayor to Declare Certain Personal Property as Surplus During COVID-19 State of Emergency and Dispose of Such Property

2020-23 – Declare Certain Property Surplus and Authorize the Mayor to Dispose of Such Property – Skid Steers

2020-24 - Temporarily Suspend Recycle

MOTION by Councilman Goodlin to waive the reading of Resolutions 2020-21, 2020-22, 2020-23, 2020-24 and 2020-25. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Goodlin to adopt Resolution 2020-21. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.

Councilman LeJeune asked to have a roll call vote for each resolution. Councilman Goodlin asked Mr. Strunk about the sidewalk bond. Mr. Strunk discussed the bond.

City Clerk called a roll call vote.

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| Councilwoman Conaway | Aye |
| Councilman Rudicell | Aye |
| Councilman Coleman | Abstain |
| Councilman Goodlin | Aye |
| Councilman Scott | Aye |
| Councilwoman Phillips | Aye |
| Council President LeJeune | Aye |

MOTION CARRIED.

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MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2020-22. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.

City Clerk called a roll call vote.

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| Councilwoman Conaway | Aye |
| Councilman Rudicell | Aye |
| Councilman Coleman | Aye |
| Councilman Goodlin | Aye |
| Councilman Scott | Aye |
| Councilwoman Phillips | Aye |
| Council President LeJeune | Aye |

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2020-23. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.

City Clerk called a roll call vote.

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| Councilwoman Conaway | Aye |
| Councilman Rudicell | Aye |
| Councilman Coleman | Aye |
| Councilman Goodlin | Aye |
| Councilman Scott | Aye |
| Councilwoman Phillips | Aye |
| Council President LeJeune | Aye |

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilman Goodlin asked about the usefulness of one of the skid steers. Mr. Strunk updated the Council.

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2020-24 Temporarily Suspend Recycle Services.

Seconded by Councilman Goodlin. Councilman Rudicell asked what the effective date would be. Mr. Sasser proposed the end of the day, April 7, 2020. He said he would like to do it sooner rather than later. Mayor Haygood said he proposes next Monday, April 13, 2020. Discussion was had about pick-up days. Councilman Scott said he is concerned with using the word “suspend” when it is really just changing the days. Mayor Haygood shared the City’s plan for recycling in the future.

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to amend his motion to say “adopt Resolution 2020-24 Temporarily Change Recycle Services”. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin. City Clerk clarified that this motion is to amend the original motion.

City Clerk called a roll call vote.

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| Councilwoman Conaway | Aye |
| Councilman Rudicell | Aye |
| Councilman Coleman | Aye |
| Councilman Goodlin | Aye |
| Councilman Scott | Aye |
| Councilwoman Phillips | Aye |
| Council President LeJeune | Aye |

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2020-24 Temporarily Change Recycle Services.
Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.**

City Clerk called a roll call vote.

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| Councilwoman Conaway | Aye |
| Councilman Rudicell | Aye |
| Councilman Coleman | Aye |
| Councilman Goodlin | Aye |
| Councilman Scott | Aye |
| Councilwoman Phillips | Aye |
| Council President LeJeune | Aye |

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council President LeJeune opened for discussion on Resolution 2020-25 – COVID-19 Pandemic Relief.

**MOTION by Councilwoman Phillips to discuss Resolution 2020-25 – COVID-19 Pandemic Relief.
Seconded by Councilman Coleman.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilwoman Conaway asked if the individual who delivers meals to senior citizens will receive hazard pay. Mayor Haygood said that it would not apply to anyone but first responders. Mayor Haygood gave an overview of the Resolution 2020-25. He said this Resolution is designed to provide a relief for the citizens of Daphne. Councilmembers and Mayor Haygood discuss all sections of the Resolution.

Lost connection with Councilman Rudicell at 6:43pm.

Regained connection with Councilman Rudicell at 7:01pm.

MOTION by Councilman Scott to suspend the rules in order to consider the adoption of Resolution 2020-25 – COVID-19 Pandemic Relief. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips. Councilman LeJeune asked if anyone wanted to make amendments to the Resolution if that should be stated in this motion or another. City Attorney said the suspension of the rules relates to the appropriation of funds.

City Clerk called a roll call vote.

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| Councilwoman Conaway | Aye |
| Councilman Rudicell | Aye |
| Councilman Coleman | Aye |
| Councilman Goodlin | Aye |
| Councilman Scott | Aye |
| Councilwoman Phillips | Aye |
| Council President LeJeune | Aye |

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MOTION by Councilwoman Phillips to adopt Resolution 2020-25 – COVID-19 Pandemic Relief.
Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.**

Continued discussion in regard to the Resolution and possible amendments.

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MOTION by Councilman Goodlin to amend Resolution 2020-25 as follows:

- 1. Section 3 – E – to add the Dispatcher as a one-time payment adjustment and if the in home employee is going into the homes, to add the in home employee to the pay adjustment as well. To add \$4,000 to the amount stated on Section 3-F.**
- 2. Second 4, to add a subsection F – waive any interest accrued. Seconded by Councilman LeJeune.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to amend the amendment as stated but exclude dispatchers.
Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.**

**Councilman Goodlin did not accept Councilman Coleman’s suggested amendment.
Councilman Coleman’s amendment to the original amendment failed. Councilwoman Phillips said she was in disagreement to include employees that were not on the frontlines.**

City Clerk called a roll call vote to amend.

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| Councilwoman Conaway | Aye |
| Councilman Rudicell | Aye |
| Councilman Coleman | Nay |
| Councilman Goodlin | Aye |
| Councilman Scott | Nay |
| Councilwoman Phillips | Nay |
| Council President LeJeune | Aye |

MOTION CARRIED.

City Clerk called a roll call vote to adopt Resolution 2020-25.

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| Councilwoman Conaway | Aye |
| Councilman Rudicell | Aye |
| Councilman Coleman | Aye |
| Councilman Goodlin | Aye |
| Councilman Scott | Aye |
| Councilwoman Phillips | Aye |
| Council President LeJeune | Aye |

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORDINANCES:

2nd READ:

2020 - 12 – Revisions to Zoning Map

2020 - 13 - Daphne Utility Board Gov Deals

MOTION by Councilman Scott to waive the reading of Ordinances 2020-12 and 2020-13. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Scott to adopt Ordinance 2020-12. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**MOTION by Councilman Scott to adopt Ordinance 2020-13. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

1st READ:

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Conaway thanked Conrad Bates for making it possible for the Council to be in the meeting that evening.

Councilman Rudicell reminded everyone to stay healthy and safe.

Councilman Scott said he agreed with Councilmembers Rudicell and Conaway's comments. He is proud to serve on the Council.

Councilman Coleman said to honor the Governor's stay at home order for individual's safety and for the first responders.

Councilman Goodlin encouraged everyone to stay safe and stay healthy. He thanked all the City employees on the front lines as well as those coming in each day doing office work to keep the City moving forward.

Councilwoman Phillips welcomed Mr. Stone and for his hard work that evening. She wished everyone peace and good health. She said she is very appreciative of dispatchers. She thanked Council and the Mayor for their leadership.

Councilman LeJeune thanked Conrad and the IT Department for their hard work. He thanked Mr. Kirkland for his work as well. He thanked City staff and employees for their work. He thanked the Mayor for presenting the resolution.

Mayor Haygood read a letter from a citizen concerning kindness.


13. ADJOURN:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:12PM.

Respectfully submitted by,


Candace G. Antinarella, CMC, City Clerk

Certification of Presiding Officer,



Robin LeJeune, Council President