

**January 3, 2022
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 Joel Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Scott

Also Present: Candace Antinarella, City Clerk; Mayor Robin LeJeune; Jay Ross, City Attorney, Chief David Carpenter, Police; Troy Strunk, City Development; Chief LeAnn Tacon, Fire; Ange Baggett, Marketing; Adrienne Jones, Planning; Tonja Young, Library; Eric Butler, Building Department; Charlie McDavid, Recreation; Josh Newman, City Engineer; and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was given by Lamar Green, Daphne Fire Department.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the December 20, 2021 regular meeting were approved.

4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway said the minutes from the December 2021 meeting were in the packet. She gave the November 2021 Treasurer's Report: Unrestricted Fund Balance - \$19,758,519; Total Cash Balance - \$35,171,057; October 2021 Sales Tax - \$2,078,809; October 2021 Lodging Tax - \$129,428.

MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to remove the Facilities Administrative Assistant position (Grade 13) from the budget and replace with the Solid Waste Coordinator position (Grade 13) and transfer the funds from the General Fund to the Solid Waste Fund. No second was needed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to approve the proposed changes to the Investment Policy including changing to Mitchell McLeod Pugh & Williams, Inc to manage the investments. No second was needed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Phillips said the next meeting is January 10th at 5:15pm.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is January 10th at 4:30pm.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is February 7th at 4:30pm. He noted the time change for the meeting.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is February 7th at 5:00pm.

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5. REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

A. Board of Zoning Adjustments

Adrienne Jones said there was no meeting in January and no report.

B. Downtown Redevelopment Authority

Councilwoman Conaway said the next meeting is January 20th at 5:30pm.

C. Industrial Development Board

Councilman Scott was absent. Mayor LeJeune said the next meeting is January 4th at 11:30am.

D. Library Board

Councilwoman Phillips said the next meeting is January 13th at 4:30pm.

E. Planning Commission

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is January 27th at 5:00pm.

F. Recreation Board

Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is February 9th at 6pm in the Jubilee Conference Room.

G. Utility Board

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is January 26th at 5:00pm.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public Participation opened at 6:09pm.

Victoria Phelps, Lake Forest, commended Council and Department Heads for such a successful year.

Curt Fonger, 1443 Randall Avenue, said he's been attending meetings and is impressed with City Staff. He encouraged Council to insist Department Heads share their accomplishments when called on in Council meetings.

Public Participation closed at 6:14pm.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor LeJeune said it was a great holiday season. He gave a COVID update for the area. He said Baldwin County Schools start back tomorrow and said there is no mask mandate.

8. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney said there was no report.

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Carpenter, Police, said they all made it through the holidays without anything major. He said the new animal control employee starts January 13th and the new CSI employee has started. He mentioned Code Enforcement Officer Matt Creel has retired.

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Chief Tacon, Fire, said the Fire Department has received new cardiac monitors.

Ange Baggett, Marketing, said the City's next newsletter will be out soon and shared of an upcoming conference she'll be attending. She mentioned the carpet has been replaced in the Senior Center and Recreation Center.

Tonja Young, Library, said the Library will be starting a 14-part history lecture series soon.

Charlie McDavid, Recreation, said youth basketball has started back and softball and baseball registration is starting.

Adrienne Jones, Planning, said she will celebrate 15 years at the City in December and is grateful for the staff and the new Facebook live of the Council meetings.

Josh Newman, Engineering, updated the Council on recent constructions in the City.

10. CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

City Clerk reminded everyone the next Council meeting is January 18th at 6pm since January 17th is a City Holiday.

11. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

A. RESOLUTIONS:

2022-01 – FY2022 RFQ Drainage Master Planning for Mayday Park

2022-02 – Transfer Excess Cash Funds to Investment Account - \$5,000,000

MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to waive the reading of Resolution 2022-01 and 2202-02.

Seconded by Councilman Olen.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Resolution 2022-01. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Resolution 2022-02. Seconded by Councilman Olen.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORDINANCES:

B. 2nd READ ORDINANCES:

2022 – 01 – Ordinance Consenting to the Sale by the Utilities Board of the City of Daphne of Certain Surplus Personal Property

2022 – 02 – Pre-Zone Property Located at the Southeast of Equity Drive and County Road 64 – Iris Patricia DeFilippi

2022 – 03 – Annex Property Contiguous to the Corporate Limits of the City of Daphne – Southeast of Equity Drive and County Road 64 – Iris Patricia DeFilippi

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MOTION by Councilman Goodlin to waive the reading of Ordinance 2022-01. Seconded by Councilman Olen.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Goodlin to adopt Ordinance 2022-01. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Goodlin to waive the reading of Ordinances 2022-02 and 2022-03. Seconded by Councilman Hughes. Council President Coleman abstained.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Councilman Goodlin to adopt Ordinances 2022-02 and 2022-03. Seconded by Councilman Hughes. Council President Coleman abstained.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. 1ST READ ORDINANCES:

2022 – 04 – Appropriation for Litigation Fees - \$60,000

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Phillips wished everyone Happy New Year and said it is important for the public to hear from Department Heads.

Councilman Hughes wished everyone Happy New Year and thanked City Staff for their work.

Councilman Goodlin wished everyone Happy New Year and complimented Victoria Phelps for advocating for Lake Forest.

Councilman Olen wished everyone Happy New Year and said he echoed the comments thanking the Mayor and City Staff.

Councilwoman Conaway wished everyone Happy New Year filled with love, peace and prosperity.

Mayor LeJeune asked everyone to remember Public Work Director Ronnie Huskey as he had a recent death in the family.

Council President Coleman wished everyone Happy New Year and echoed comments of a great staff.

13. ADJOURN:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Certification of Presiding Officer,


Candace G. Antinarella, CMC, City Clerk


Joel Coleman, Council President