

**January 6, 2025
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 Ron Scott called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: Patrick Dungan, City Attorney; Chief Tacon, Fire; Chief Gulsby, Police; Adrienne Jones, Planning; Emmie Powell, Library; Vickie Hinman, Human Resources; Andy Bobe, City Engineer; Ange Baggett, Marketing/Tourism; Troy Strunk, City Development; Kathryn Bond, GIS Analyst; Emma Coleman, Junior City Councilmember; Dareon Maynard, Junior City Councilmember; Schuyler Smith, Junior City Councilmember; Merrill Rigsby, Junior City Councilmember; Lakyn Coggin, Junior City Councilmember; and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation was given by Pastor Andrew Tewell, Shore Light Baptist Church.

SWEARING IN: Judge Michael Hoyt swore in new Municipal Judge Warren Harbison.

RECOGNITION: Mayor LeJeune and Chief Gulsby recognized Captain Jud Beedy on his retirement from the Police Department.

RECOGNITION: Mayor LeJeune recognized Kathryn Bond, GIS Analyst, on her recent GIS Champion Award.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES:

The minutes from the December 16, 2024 regular meeting were approved.

4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Phillips said the minutes from the December 16th meeting are in the packet and gave the Treasurer's Report for November 2024: Unrestricted Fund Balance-\$28,145,147; Total Cash Balance-\$47,626,942; Sales tax for October 2024 -\$2,263,555.39; Lodging Tax for October 2024-\$154,304.17; Debt Summary for November 2024: Warrants-\$30,808,902; Capital Leases: General Fund-\$386,274; Enterprise Fund -\$377,309.

Councilwoman Phillips said the next meeting is January 21st at 4:30pm.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilman Goodlin said the next meeting is January 13th at 5:15pm.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is January 13th at 4:30pm.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is February 3rd at 4:30pm.

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E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway said the next meeting is February 3rd at 5:15pm.

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to appoint Chris Francis to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a two-year term until January 2027. No second was needed.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

A. Board of Zoning Adjustments

Mrs. Jones said there is no report.

B. Daphne Public School Commission

Councilwoman Conaway said the next meeting is January 27th at 5:30pm at Daphne East Elementary School.

C. Downtown Redevelopment Authority

Councilwoman Conaway said the next meeting is January 16th at 5:30pm.

D. Industrial Development Board

Councilman Scott said the next meeting is January 28th at 4:30pm.

E. Library Board

Councilman Goodlin said the next meeting is January 9th at 4:30pm at the Library.

F. Planning Commission

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is January 23rd at 5:00pm.

G. Recreation Board

Councilman Hughes said there will be no January meeting.

H. Utility Board

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is January 29th at 5:00pm.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public participation opened at 6:16pm. No one came forward to speak.

Public participation closed at 6:17pm.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor LeJeune said it was a great holiday season. He introduced the new Public Works' Director, Bobby Purvis.

8. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney said there was no report.

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Gulsby, Police, said there have been multiple officers deployed and there are upcoming Police Academy graduates.

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Chief Tacon, Fire, thanked Officer Godwin with the Police Department for his recent drone training for the Fire Department.

Ange Baggett, Marketing and Tourism, said she will be attending the Alabama Tourism Board meeting soon.

Emmie Powell, Library, shared about the recent holiday parties at the Library and thanked Public Works for all their help with preparations.

Charlie McDavid, Recreation, said youth basketball league is starting back up as well as registration for spring baseball. He said the next animal shelter adoption is January 18th.

Adrienne Jones, Planning, thanked the Council for recognizing Kathryn Bond and her award.

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

MOTION by Councilwoman Phillips to approve the Jubilee Festival of Arts in Lott Park and the road closure of Main Street from Magnolia Avenue north to Randall Avenue on October 18, 2025 and October 19, 2025 from 10:00am – 5:00pm. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilwoman Phillips to approve the publication and set a public hearing on February 17, 2025 for the Ann White-Spinner, John White-Spinner, B Co., LLC, Jay-E LLC, SRW Investments, LLC and O Company, LLC Pre-Zoning Amendment located Southeast of the intersection of Jonesboro Road and Friendship Road. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilwoman Phillips to approve the publication and set a public hearing on February 17, 2025 for the Ann White-Spinner, John White-Spinner, B Co., LLC, Jay-E LLC, SRW Investments, LLC and O Company, LLC Annexation Petition located Southeast of the intersection of Jonesboro Road and Friendship Road. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to approve the publication and set a public hearing on February 17, 2025 for the East Fish River, LLC Zoning Amendment located five hundred feet northeast of the intersection of County Road 64 and Dixon Lane. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.

Assistant City Clerk read an email from 68Ventures regarding Resolution 2024-57 and Ordinances 2024-45, 2024-46 and 2024-47.

MOTION by Councilwoman Phillips to table Resolution 2024-57, Ordinances 2024-45, 2024-46 and 2024-47 until the January 21, 2025 Council Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Olen.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. **RESOLUTIONS:**

2024 – 57 – Resolution to Vacate a Closed Portion of Austin Road Right of Way

2025 – 01 – Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Mayor to Dispose of Such Property – Enclosed Trailer

2025 – 02 – Resolution to Appoint the City Judge

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to waive the reading of Resolutions 2025-01 and 2025-02. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Resolution 2025-01. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Resolution 2025-02. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. **2ND READ ORDINANCES:**

2024 – 41 – Ordinance to Adjust Speed Limits and to Post Speed Limit Signs

2024 – 42 – Zoning District Map

2024 – 43 – Ordinance to Pre-Zone Property Located Southeast of Friendship Road and County Road 64 – Bayside Academy, Inc.

2024 – 44 – Ordinance to Annex Property Contiguous to the Corporate Limits of the City of Daphne – Property Located Southeast of Friendship Road and County Road 64 – Bayside Academy, Inc.

2024 – 45 – Ordinance to Annex Property Contiguous to the Corporate Limits of the City of Daphne – Property Located Southeast of the Intersection of Milton Jones Road and Alabama Highway 181 – Bertolla Properties, LLC, YOTA Properties, LLC, Frederick G. & Thomas Boni, and Sharon and John Christopher Boni

2024 – 46 – Ordinance to Pre-Zone Property Located Southeast of the Intersection of Austin Road and Alabama Highway 181 – Bertolla Properties, LLC

2024 – 47 – Ordinance to Annex Property Contiguous to the Corporate Limits of the City of Daphne – Property Located Southeast of the Intersection of Austin Road and Alabama Highway 181 – Bertolla Properties, LLC

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to waive the reading of Ordinance 2024-41. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to adopt Ordinance 2024-41. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to waive the reading of Ordinance 2024-42. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to adopt Ordinance 2024-42. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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MOTION by Councilman Hughes to waive the reading of Ordinance 2024-43. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Hughes to adopt Ordinance 2024-43. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Hughes to waive the reading of Ordinance 2024-44. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Hughes to adopt Ordinance 2024-44. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. **1ST READ ORDINANCES:**

14. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Phillips wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Judge Harbison and Captain Beed.

Councilman Hughes welcomed Bobby Purvis to Public Works and congratulated Judge Harbison, Captain Beedy and Kathryn Bond.

Councilman Coleman congratulated Judge Harbison, Captain Beedy and Kathryn Bond.

Councilman Olen welcomed Bobby Purvis to Public Works, congratulated Judge Harbison and Kathryn Bond and expressed his appreciation to Captain Beedy.

Council President Scott congratulated Bobby Purvis on his new position and Captain Beedy on his retirement. He congratulated Judge Harbison and thanked Judge Hoyt. He commended Councilman Hughes on his recent recognition.

Mayor LeJeune reminded everyone to be weather aware and take care of your plants and pipes.

15. **ADJOURN:**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:37PM.

Respectfully submitted by,


Candace G. Antinarella, MMC, City Clerk

Certification of Presiding Officer,


Ron Scott, Council President