

**January 18, 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 6:05pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Angie Phillips

Also Present: Mayor Robin LeJeune; Patrick Dungan, City Attorney, Chief David Carpenter, Police; Troy Strunk, City Development; Chief LeAnn Tacon, Fire; Ange Baggett, Marketing; Adrienne Jones, Planning; Tonja Young, Library; Ronnie Huskey, Public Works; Vickie Hinman, Human Resources; Tim White, Environmental Programs; Kelli Reid, Finance; Charlie McDavid, Recreation; and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was given by Father Tuck Bowen, St. Stephen's Charismatic Episcopal Church.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the January 3, 2022 regular meeting were approved.

4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway said the financial report will be given at the next Council meeting.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Phillips was absent. Council President Coleman said the December 2021 New Construction and Buildings Reports were in the packet. He said permits issues were 296, new residential home permits: 5 and total fees collected: \$128,605.99.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is February 14th at 4:30pm.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is February 7th at 4:30pm.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Goodlin said the minutes from the December 6th meeting were in the packet and the next meeting is February 7th at 5:00pm.

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.

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C. Industrial Development Board

Councilman Scott asked when was the next meeting. Assistant City Clerk shared the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 25th at 4:30pm.

D. Library Board

Councilwoman Phillips was absent.

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 6:10pm.

Curt Fonger, 1443 Randall Avenue, said that individuals may receive four free COVID tests through the Postal Service by going to the website www.usps.com/covidtest.

Public Participation closed at 6:12pm.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor LeJeune said Village Point Park is coming along with grating and retaining walls. He shared there were some changes to the City's COVID policy. He said the new all-inclusive park called "the purple park" has recently had new benches and fencing installed.

8. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney said there was a brief matter of the buying and selling of real property to discuss should the Council decide to enter into executive session at the end of the meeting.

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Carpenter, Police, said the officers recently worked an accident on the service road in front of the new hotels, along with a recent shooting on Pollard Road.

Chief Tacon, Fire, said the Fire Department had administered 21 COVID tests. She said they had to cancel CPR classes and business inspections due to COVID. She said they are continuing cardiac monitor training and are also applying for a Safer Grant.

Ange Baggett, Marketing, said they were recently awarded the Visitor's Center Retreat. She said a film crew was recently using Bayfront and Village Front Park.

Tonja Young, Library, said the History Series is going well, but they will have to cancel the last two weeks in January but will pick it back up in February.

Vickie Hinman, Human Resources, said COVID is taking its toll on the City and has caused HR to begin conducting interviews online.

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Ronnie Huskey, Public Works, said they have removed all the Christmas decorations and put out the Mardi Gras decorations. He said resurfacing is ongoing and also thanked Tonja Young for developing a program for employees at the Library.

Charlie McDavid, Recreation, said youth baseball registration is through January 29th and school tennis teams are starting their practices at Lott Park.

Troy Strunk, City Development, said he went with the Mayor to Montgomery for the Coastal Alabama Day. He mentioned the new playground for young kids at Centennial Park.

Kelli Reid, Finance, said the City's audit is nearing completion.

10. CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to approve the Turkey Trot 5k and Fun Run on October 22, 2022 from 6:45 – 10:30am located at 1705 Main Street, Daphne, AL. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to approve the private Mardi Gras party band permit on February 18, 2022 from 7:00pm – 11:00pm located at 307 Cameron Court, Daphne, AL. Seconded by Councilman Hughes. Councilman Olen asked for clarification on the permit. Mayor LeJeune stated that since this exceeded the noise ordinance (10:00pm) that this was allowing them to go until 11:00pm.
Aye – Conaway, Coleman, Goodlin, Scott, Hughes Nay - Olen
MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to approve the South Alabama Out of the Darkness Walk on October 23, 2022 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Seconded by Councilman Scott.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to approve the publication and set a public hearing on March 7, 2022 for the Revision to the Official City of Daphne Zoning Map. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to approve the publication and set a public hearing on March 7, 2022 for the Revision to the Official City of Daphne Street Map. Seconded by Councilman Hughes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

A. RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

B. 2nd READ ORDINANCES:

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

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**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to waive the reading of Ordinance 2022-04. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Ordinance 2022-04. Seconded by Councilman Hughes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. **1ST READ ORDINANCES:**

2202 – 05 – Appropriation: Professional Inspection and Appraisal Services - \$40,000

12. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilwoman Conaway said the Education Advisory Committee will not meet in January.

Councilman Scott congratulated the Georgia Bulldogs for winning the National Championship. He said he's waited for that a long time.

Councilman Hughes said the new all-inclusive playground looks great and encouraged people to go see it.

Council President Coleman said all the parks look great.

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 Hughes to enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Scott.

City Clerk called roll.

Councilwoman Conaway	Aye
Councilman Olen	Aye
Councilman Goodlin	Aye
Councilman Scott	Aye
Councilman Hughes	Aye
Councilwoman Phillips	Absent
Council President Coleman	Aye

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. **ADJOURN:**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,


Candace G. Antinarella, CMC, City Clerk

Certification of Presiding Officer,


Joel Coleman, Council President