

**January 27, 2025
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 Pro Tem Ben Hughes called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Tommie Conaway and Ron Scott

Also Present: Patrick Dungan, City Attorney; 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; Bobby Purvis, Public Works; Kristin Andrews, Police; Billy Kennedy, Police; Charlie McDavid, Recreation; David Smith, Police; Emma Coleman, Junior City Councilmember; Dareon Maynard, Junior City Councilmember; John Wallace Simpson, Junior City Councilmember; and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

PROMOTION: Chief Gulsby and Mayor LeJeune recognized David Smith on his recent promotion to Police Captain.

PROMOTION: Chief Gulsby and Mayor LeJeune recognized Ebony Dread and Kaleb Wright on their recent promotions to Corrections Office II.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES:

The minutes from the January 6, 2025 regular meeting were approved.

4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Phillips said the next meeting is February 17th at 4:30pm.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilman Goodlin said the minutes from the December 9th meeting are in the packet as well as the December 2024 new construction and building reports: certificates of occupancy – 25; permits issued – 150; new residential home permits – 8; total fees - \$50,271.68. He said the next meeting is February 10th at 5:15pm.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is February 10th at 4:30pm and the minutes from the December 9th meeting are in the packet.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

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

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway was absent.

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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 next meeting is February 24th at W J Carroll at 5:30pm.

C. **Downtown Redevelopment Authority**

Councilwoman Conaway was absent.

D. **Industrial Development Board**

Councilman Scott was absent.

E. **Library Board**

Councilman Goodlin said the next meeting is February 13th at 4:30pm at the Library.

F. **Planning Commission**

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is January 30th at 5:00pm.

G. **Recreation Board**

Councilman Hughes said there is no scheduled February meeting.

H. **Utility Board**

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

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Public participation opened at 5:12pm.

Curt Fonger, 1443 Randall Avenue, said the next Industrial Development Board meeting is tomorrow at 4:30pm. He suggested the City begin using and promoting the Daphneal.com website for City announcements, news to the citizens and as the main source of information.

Public participation closed at 5:16pm.

7. **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor LeJeune said there is a Daphne app that will update individuals regarding news in the City. He thanked Public Works for all they did after the snow and thanked the citizens for staying home and safe.

8. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:**

City Attorney said there was no report.

9. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:**

Chief Gulsby, Police, said the Police Department navigated three days of ice and there was no damage to any police vehicles. He thanked the Council for recognizing the promotions and shared about new hires and current openings.

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Bobby Purvis, Public Works, commended Public Works for what they did during the snow storm. He mentioned Josh Burkett, Patrick Clarke, Quincy Durgin, Brandon Fulton, Sky Hope, Andrew Lamb, Corey Meyers, Ethan Michaelis, Drew Walker, Troy Yancey, BJ Eringman and Randy Jones came out before, during and/or after the storm to make sure the City was prepared, recovering and thanked them for their dedication.

10. CITY CLERK’S REPORT:

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to approve the Daphmont Community Mardi Gras Parade on March 1, 2025 from 2:00 – 3:00pm. Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to approve the City of Daphne Tree Lighting on December 4, 2025 from 5:00 – 8:00pm with a road closure of Main Street from Belrose Avenue to Trione Street. Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to approve the City of Daphne Christmas Parade on December 6, 2025 at 11:00am. Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. 2024 - 57 - Resolution to Vacate a Closed Portion of Austin Road Right of Way
- B. 2025 - 03 - Resolution of Support for Baldwin County Multimodal Connectivity Vision Plan

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to waive the reading of Resolutions 2024-57 and 2025-03. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Olen to adopt Resolution 2024-57. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2025-03. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. 2ND READ ORDINANCES:

- A. 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
- B. 2024 - 46 - Ordinance to Pre-Zone Property Located Southeast of the Intersection of Austin Road and Alabama Highway 181 – Bertolla Properties, LLC
- C. 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 Olen to waive the reading of Ordinances 2024-45, 2024-46 and 2024-47. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips. Councilman Coleman abstained.
MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION by Councilman Olen to adopt Ordinance 2024-45. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips. Councilman Coleman abstained.
MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION by Councilman Olen to adopt Ordinance 2024-46. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips. Councilman Coleman abstained.
MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION by Councilman Olen to adopt Ordinance 2024-47. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips. Councilman Coleman abstained.
MOTION CARRIED.**

13. 1ST READ ORDINANCES:

A. 2025 - 01 - Ordinance Regulating Sleeping in Public Places within the City of Daphne

14. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Olen thanked the Public Works Department and the Mayor for how they handled the recent snow/ice storm.

Councilman Coleman echoed Councilman Olen's comments.

Councilman Goodlin echoed Councilman Olen's comments and congratulated the Country on its recent inauguration.

Councilwoman Phillips echoed Councilman Olen's comments, gave kudos to the Police, Fire Department and Public Works' Departments and said she agrees with Curt Fonger about social media and the website.

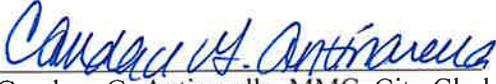
Mayor LeJeune thanked the Council for their support.

Council Pro Tem Hughes thanked all the staff for their work.

15. ADJOURN:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:36PM.

Respectfully submitted by,


Candace G. Antinarella, MMC, City Clerk

Certification of Presiding Officer,


Ben Hughes, Council Pro Tem