

**March 21, 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 6:01pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: Candace Antinarella, City Clerk; Jay Ross, City Attorney; Mayor LeJeune (arrived at 6:05pm); Chief David Carpenter, Police; Troy Strunk, City Development; Chief LeAnn Tacon, Fire; Ronnie Huskey, Public Works; Kelli Reid, Finance; Josh Newman, City Engineer; Tim White, Environmental; Vickie Hinman, Human Resources; Ange Baggett, Marketing; Tonja Young, Library; Adrienne Jones, Planning; Charlie McDavid, Recreation; and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was given by Pastor Joe Howell, Jubilee Baptist Church.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the March 7, 2022 regular meeting were approved.

4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway said the Committee met earlier and the report from the meeting will be in the next Council packet.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Phillips said the minutes from the February meeting are in the packet and the next meeting is April 11th at 5:15pm.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is April 11th at 4:30pm.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

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

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Goodlin said the minutes from the February meeting are in the packet and the next meeting is April 4th at 5:15pm.

5. REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

A. Board of Zoning Adjustments

Adrienne Jones said there was no meeting so there was no report.

B. Downtown Redevelopment Authority

Councilwoman Conaway said the next meeting is April 21st at 5:30pm. Councilman Scott asked about the entrance sign for the City of Daphne.

C. Industrial Development Board

Councilman Scott said the next meeting is April 19th at 4:30pm.

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D. Library Board

Councilwoman Phillips said the next meeting is April 14th at 4:30pm.

E. Planning Commission

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is March 24th at 5:00pm.

F. Recreation Board

Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is April 13th at 6:00pm.

G. Utility Board

Councilman Coleman said they have a Work Session this upcoming Friday and the next regular meeting is March 30th at 5:00pm.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public Participation opened at 6:06pm.

Jewel Lawson, 1001 Johnson Road, spoke on behalf of the Daphmont Community regarding the ABC Application up for adoption that evening. She said the citizens are opposed to the license being given to the convenience store. She spoke of accidents and concerns with that store/location. She asked Council to deny the ABC License request.

Ed Thomas, Daphmont Community, said he doesn't want alcohol or wine in the neighborhood. He said there are a lot of older people and children in that neighborhood.

Maurice Horsey, 25820 Randall Woods Drive, said as the past president of Ruff Wilson Youth Organization, he is concerned about the location of the potential alcohol sales.

Curt Fonger, 1443 Randall Avenue, said he tried attending the Recreation Board meeting but the doors were locked. He commended Councilman Olen that he didn't try taking special privileges at Arbor Day but waited like other citizens.

City Clerk read Anthony Sampson's letter opposing the ABC License Application.

Public Participation closed at 6:22pm.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor LeJeune thanked all the citizens from Daphmont for coming to voice their concerns. He said the City received the Rebuild Alabama Act Grant. He commended Public Works and Recreation Staff for their work on Arbor Day and the SEEDS run. He said he recently met with the Leader in Me Program at Daphne Elementary.

8. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney said there was no report. He updated the Council on the USAA lawsuit settlement.

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Carpenter, Police, reminded everyone of Special Olympics coming up Thursday and Friday. Councilman Scott asked Chief his opinion concerning the ABC License Application. Chief Carpenter said the Variety Store has been a problem for many years. City Attorney asked Chief Carpenter if it was his recommendation that the

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City Council, based on what they have heard this evening, not approve the ABC License Application. Chief Carpenter said yes.

Chief Tacon, Fire, shared about the recent class held for the Fire College at the Fire Training Facility. She said she attended the recent job fair.

Ange Baggett, Marketing, said they will begin receiving reports from hotels concerning bookings. She said the Civic Center and City Events are busy; she reminded everyone of the upcoming April 9th Easter Egg Hunt at 9:00am and said they are also working on a Discover Daphne Brochure.

Tonja Young, Library, shared the History Series continues at the Library.

Vickie Hinman, Human Resources, said employees are completing their compliance training and there is a new online software for employee performance.

Charlie McDavid, Recreation, said it was a busy past weekend with tournaments and flag football has kicked off.

Adrienne Jones, Planning, said it was Planning Week in the City of Daphne and encouraged everyone to attend Envision Daphne. Bob Barber gave a report on the day's events so far.

Troy Strunk, City Development, gave an update on the splash pad and reiterated how it was a huge accomplishment that the city received the Rebuild Alabama Grant.

Kelli Reid, Finance, shared the City's Annual Financial Report is online.

10. CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to deny, based upon staff recommendation and community input, the 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) to Cedric J Shade dba Cash Saver Convenience Store located at 1101 Johnson Rd Ste A, Daphne, Alabama. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips. Councilman Olen said he observed the location of the store seeking a license and said the entire area is residential. He said the applicant has multiple criminal charges though not stated in the application.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

A. RESOLUTIONS:

2022 – 10 – Cooperative Maintenance Agreement with ALDOT – Gateway Sign

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to waive the reading of Resolution 2022-10. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Resolution 2022-10. Seconded by Councilwoman Phillips.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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ORDINANCES:

B. 2nd READ ORDINANCES:

2022 – 17 – Appropriation: Mayday Park Pier Repair Plans and Specifications - \$12,500

2022 – 18 – Appropriation: Authorization to Enter into Agreement with Baldwin County Humane Society - \$7,000

2022 – 20 – Revision to the Official City of Daphne Zoning Map

**MOTION by Councilwoman Phillips to waive the reading of Ordinances 2022-17, 2022-18 and 2022-20. Seconded by Councilman Hughes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Phillips to adopt Ordinance 2022-17. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Ordinance 2022-18. Seconded by Councilman Hughes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Phillips to adopt Ordinance 2022-20. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. 1ST READ ORDINANCES:

2022 – 21 – Food Truck Ordinance

2022 – 22 – Ordinance Granting a Non-Exclusive Authorization to Telepak Networks, Inc. and Its Affiliates dba C Spire for the Purpose of Constructing and Maintaining a Fiber-Optic Transmission Line within Certain Public Rights-of-Way within the City of Daphne, Alabama for the Provision of Broadband Services

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Conaway thanked Daphmont citizens for coming out. She reminded everyone the Education Advisory Committee will meet Monday at 11:00am.

Councilman Olen complimented City Staff on Arbor Day. He said he had a friend's daughter compete in the recent tennis tournament and said his friend complimented the City.

Councilman Goodlin echoed comments regarding Arbor Day. He thanked Daphmont residents for coming out.

Councilman Scott thanked Ms. Lawson and the Daphmont community for their representation. He said it's great to see the tennis center always full.

Councilman Hughes thanked Daphmont community for coming out and the City Staff for their work.

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Councilwoman Phillips thanked Daphmont citizens and applauded Ange Baggett and Civic Center staff for their work recently with Spanish Fort prom.

Mayor LeJeune invited people to take the Envision Daphne survey online.

Councilman Coleman thanked Daphmont citizens and shared about the recent Washington, D.C. trip he and other Council members participated in.

13. ADJOURN:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,


Candace G. Antinarella, CMC, City Clerk

Certification of Presiding Officer,


Joel Coleman, Council President