

**April 4, 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 6:04pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Angie Phillips and Doug Goodlin

Also Present: Candace Antinarella, City Clerk; Jay Ross, City Attorney; Mayor LeJeune; 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; and Charlie McDavid, Recreation.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was given by Reverend Thack Dyson, St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor LeJeune presented the National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Proclamation. Communications Supervisor Jaynae Nichols introduced the staff.

PUBLIC HEARING: Adrienne Jones presented on the Magnolia Properties, L.L.C. and the Stanard Family Partnership Zoning Amendment. She said they are requesting B-2 for a u-haul facility.

Chad Rome spoke on behalf of the developer. Councilman Olen asked Mr. Rome his thoughts on zoning to B-2A and if he would agree to B2A zoning.

Public hearing opened at 6:15pm. No one from the public came forward to speak.

Councilman Coleman asked Mrs. Jones the difference between B-2 and B-2A. Mrs. Jones explained the definitions of each and further that B2A was the staff recommendation on this property. Discussion was had amongst Council regarding the zoning definitions and the actions at the Planning Commission meeting.

Councilman Scott said we put great confidence in committees and staff. If we send this back to the Planning Commission and ask them to consider B2A, it may be a good compromise and they would still have some oversight.

Councilman Hughes asked what changes would have to be made is the zoning is B2A and Mrs Jones responded the Planning Commission has the opportunity to make recommendations and modifications. Also, with the B2A zoning, will this inhibit what the company is wanting to do and Mrs Jones responded no it will not.

Public hearing closed at 6:31pm.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the March 21, 2022 regular meeting were approved.

4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway said the minutes from the March 21st meeting were in the packet. She gave the Treasurer's Report for February 2022: Unrestricted Fund Balance - \$28,777,495; Total Cash Balance - \$42,940,853; Sales Tax for January 2022 - \$2,093,320; Lodging Tax for January 2022 - \$90,000.

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MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Community Bank for a loan (promissory note) with an interest rate of 1.99% for the purchase of the six (6) Chevy Tahoes for the Police Department. No second was needed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to make a favorable recommendation to move forward with the special 3 millage school tax for the Daphne Schools and their feeder pattern. No second was needed. Councilman Coleman asked for clarification on the wording. City Attorney explained the motion. He said there must be at least 200 qualified electors sign a petition to move forward to have a tax election.

MOTION by Councilman Scott to amend the original motion to include “make a favorable recommendation to move forward with the process of a special 3 millage school tax referendum for the Daphne Schools and their feeder pattern. Seconded by Councilman Olen.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE**
Councilwoman Phillips was absent.
- C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**
Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is April 11th at 4:30pm in the Jubilee Conference Room.
- D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**
Councilman Olen said the next meeting is May 2nd at 4:30pm.
- E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**
Councilman Coleman said the committee met earlier that day and the next meeting is May 2nd at 5:15pm.
- 5. REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:**
- A. Board of Zoning Adjustments**
Adrienne Jones said BZA will meet this week and they have three items to review.
- B. Downtown Redevelopment Authority**
Councilwoman Conaway said the next meeting is April 21st at 5:30pm.
- C. Industrial Development Board**
Councilman Scott said the next meeting is April 19th at 4:30pm.
- D. Library Board**
Councilwoman Phillips was absent.
- E. Planning Commission**
Councilman Olen said the next meeting is April 28th at 5:00pm.
- F. Recreation Board**
Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is April 13th at 6:00pm.
- G. Utility Board**

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Councilman Coleman said there was a special called workshop on March 30th to discuss raising the rates. He said the next meeting is April 27th.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public Participation opened at 6:40pm.

Marvin Ussery said it would be nice to continue the decorative street lights up to Highway 98 from the Library.

Victoria Phelps, Lake Forest, thanked Public Works for their work in the City. She said they are at 3 miles complete of the 7 miles needed of sidewalk.

Public Participation closed at 6:47pm.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor LeJeune thanked Victoria Phelps for her continued participation in the Lake Forest Board. He said he visited the WJ Carroll Leader in Me Program. He said there is new turf at the t-ball field at the Sports Complex.

He thanked Public Works for the Keep Daphne Beautiful Day. He said the Daphne Adaptive Tennis Camp started this past Saturday.

8. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney said there was no report.

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Carpenter, Police, thanked the Council and Mayor for the Communication Week Proclamation. He reminded everyone it is Spring Break. He said they've hired two new officers and one new dispatcher as well as said Sergeant Hollinghead is retiring at the end of the month.

Chief Tacon, Fire Department, recognized the dispatchers. She introduced Brett Camilleri who shared about an upcoming event at Fire Station 1 for the Community on April 16th from 9:00am – 1:00pm.

Ange Baggett, Marketing, said a recent dance competition at the Civic Center brought in over 1,100 people from out of town and an upcoming busy weekend with baseball and softball tournaments. She shared that Aldi is conducting interviews at the Civic Center, Savvy Moms is hosting a sale, an Anime Convention is April 22-23 and other upcoming events within the City.

Tonja Young, Library, shared about the upcoming events at the library including a 3D print class.

Ronnie Huskey, Public Works, shared the department is updating seasonal planting and updated the Council on the sidewalk project.

Adrienne Jones, Planning, shared that Community Development's Administrative Specialist, Pat Johnson, is celebrating 26 years with the City.

Troy Strunk, City Development, gave an update on the splash pad.

Josh Newman, City Engineer, shared about a May Day contract

10. CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to approve the Buckaroo Stampede 5k/Fun Run on June 4, 2022 from 7:00am – 1:00pm with a weather makeup date of June 11, 2022. Seconded by Councilman Hughes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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11. **RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:**

A. **RESOLUTIONS:**

2022 – 11 – Award Bid 2022-G- Fourth of July Fireworks Presentation

2022 – 12 – Award Bid 2022-K – Pine Straw

2022 – 13 – Award Bid 2022-J – Mosquito Management Program

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to waive the reading of Resolutions 2022-11, 2022-12 and 2022-13. Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Resolution 2022-11. Seconded by Councilman Hughes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to adopt Resolution 2022-12. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to adopt Resolution 2022-13. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ORDINANCES:

B. **2nd 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

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to waive the reading of Ordinances 2022-21 and 2022-22. Seconded by Councilman Hughes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to adopt Ordinance 2022-21. Seconded by Councilman Hughes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to adopt Ordinance 2022-22. Seconded by Councilman Hughes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. **1ST READ ORDINANCES:**

2022 – 23 – Appropriation: ATRIP – II US Hwy 90 Widening Project: Preliminary Engineering - \$256,300

2022 – 24 – Appropriation: FY2023 Purchase of Six (6) Police Vehicle Purchase - \$235,000

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2022 – 25 – Re-Zone Magnolia Properties LLC and the Stanard Family Partnership property located Southeast of the Intersection of Whispering Pines Road and U.S. Highway 98

2022 – 26 – Additional Appropriation – Mosquito Management Program - \$6,076

MOTION by Councilman Scott to suspend the rules in order to consider Ordinance 2022-25. Seconded by Councilman Olen.

City Clerk called roll.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Scott to waive the reading of Ordinance 2022-25. Seconded by Councilman Olen.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Scott that the Council send the recommendation back to Planning Commission with the request they consider rezoning from B-2 to request B-2A. Seconded by Councilman Olen.

**Aye – Councilwoman Conaway, Councilman Olen, Councilman Scott and Councilman Hughes
Nay – Councilman Coleman
MOTION CARRIED.**

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Conaway asked Chief Carpenter to thank the dispatchers for all they do to keep the City safe.

Councilman Scott encouraged everyone to go visit the new park and splash pad.

Councilman Hughes echoed the words of Councilman Scott. He reminded everyone to stay safe during severe weather and thanked first responders.

Mayor LeJeune thanked Council for their work, especially with getting another agreement with another internet provider. He thanked Chief Carpenter for the recent fish fry at the Police Department.

13. ADJOURN:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Certification of Presiding Officer,


Candace G. Antinarella, CMC, City Clerk


Joel Coleman, Council President