



The Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City Council of the City of Bay Minette, Alabama as Held on January 5, 2026

The regular scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Bay Minette was held on January 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall in Bay Minette, Alabama; this being the proper place, scheduled date and hour for holding such a meeting.

The following members of the Council were found to be present:

Joshua O. Brown, Mayor
Pete Sellers, Mayor Pro Tempore/Councilmember District 1
Mike Phillips, Councilmember District 2
Matt Franklin, Councilmember District 3
Tyrone Thompson, Councilmember District 4
Chris Norman, Sr., Councilmember District 5

Staff/Others in regular attendance:

Scotty Lewis, City Attorney
Rita Diedrich, City Clerk
Jessica Powers, City Treasurer/Finance Director
Haley Kern, Community Relations Director
Jimmy Stracener, Interim Police Chief
Kendrick Banks, Police Department
Mike Minchew, Fire Chief
Jason Padgett, NBU General Manager
Jeff Schmitz, Alabama Power
Kristina Pittman, North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce Executive Director
Theresa Grundman, WKRG Digital Content Producer

Guests included:

Brad Thomas, Police Department
Matthew Dodson, Police Department

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order.

Reverend D.L. Boykin gave an invocation.

Councilmember Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the City Council Meeting and Work Session held on December 15, 2025. Councilmember Franklin moved to approve the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thompson and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve the Revised Accounts Payables for January 5, 2026, in the amount of \$631,364.06. Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the Revised Accounts Payables. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Sellers and the motion unanimously carried.

Recognitions and Proclamations - Recognition of New Police Officers

- Brad Thomas
- Matthew Dodson

Old Business - None

New Business

Consideration of Ordinance – None

Consideration of Resolutions

Mayor Brown announced the following Resolutions were removed from the agenda: 0126-04, 0126-05, 0126-06, 0126-07, 0126-08, 0126-11, and 0126-12

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0126-01 Disposal of SAIL Center Vehicle–2010 Dodge Charger. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve Resolution 0126-02. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Norman, and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0126-02 Award Bid Number CB2025012 – Disaster Debris Removal and Disposal Service to DRC Emergency Services, LLC. Mayor Pro Tempore Sellers moved to approve Resolution 0126-02. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thompson and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0126-03 to Authorize the Mayor to Execute an Agreement between Dad, Momand BLT (DMBLT) Consulting, LLC and the City of Bay Minette. Councilmember Norman moved to approve Resolution 0126-03. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thompson and the motion carried with the ayes being Mayor Brown, Mayor Pro Tempore Sellers, Mike Phillips, Tyrone Thompson and Chris Norman; the nay being Councilmember Franklin.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0126-09 Approving an Application

Filed by the Cooperative District of Bay Minette-McMeans Avenue I Project Seeking Authority to Amend the Certificate of Incorporation of the Cooperative District of Bay Minette North Hoyle. Councilmember Thompson moved to approve Resolution 0126-09. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0126-10 Electing Two Directors to the Cooperative District of Bay Minette-McMeans Avenue I. The Two Directors are Mayor Joshua O. Brown and Jessica Powers, City Treasurer/Finance Director. Councilmember Thompson moved to approve Resolution 0126-10. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Phillips and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0126-13 North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce's request for a waiver of the Licenses Agreement Fee and approval to apply for an ABC Board Special Events Permit for the Annual Banquet for Tuesday, February 24, 2026 with set-up on Monday, February 23, 2026. Mayor Pro Tempore Sellers moved to approve Resolution 0126-13. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Phillips and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0126-14 Douglasville Alumni Waiver of License Agreement Fee for the John F. Rhodes Civic Center on Wednesday, July 1, 2026. Councilmember Thompson moved to approve Resolution 0126-14. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Sellers and the motion unanimously carried.

Presentation by North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce

Mrs. Pittman and Mr. Chip Gilliam spoke before the digital presentation.

Report of the Mayor and/or Council

Mayor Brown announced the following:

Holiday Closures

- All City of Bay Minette Departments with the except emergency personnel will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The next regular Bay Minette City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

City Council Meeting Date Rescheduled

The City Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2026 has been rescheduled to be held on Thursday, September 3, 2026.

Mayoral Appointments – Police Chief Search Committee

- **Lawrence Battiste** (Chairman), Retired City of Mobile Public Safety Director / Owner, Dad, Mom and BLT (DMBLT) Consulting, LLC

- **Mike Phillips**, Council District 2/ Reed Construction
- **Chris Norman**, Council District 5 – Retired, Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles
- **Jimmy Bennett**, Retired, Baldwin County Sheriff's Office
- **Chuck Brooks**, Director of Public Safety, City of Atmore
- **Ashley Jones Bryan**, Blue Leopard Agency/Former Director, North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce
- **Felisha Anderson**, Director/Baldwin County Archivist and Special Historic Projects Coordinator
- **Trey Dickson**, North Baldwin Utilities Board Chair, Retired Baldwin County District Attorney's Office, Former City of Bay Minette Court Clerk/Magistrate

Citizens Comments - None

Adjournment

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Franklin moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Norman seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously carried.

Done on this on the 5th day of January 2026.



Joshua O. Brown, Mayor

Attest:



Rita Diedtrich, City Clerk