



The Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City Council of the City of Bay Minette, Alabama as Held on March 23, 2026

The regular scheduled meeting of the Bay Minette City Council was held on March 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Bay Minette, Alabama; this being the proper place, scheduled date, and hour for holding such a meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Mayor Brown gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Sellers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members of the Council were 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 AND OTHERS PRESENT

- Scotty Lewis, City Attorney
- Rita Diedrich, City Clerk
- Jessica Powers, City Treasurer/Finance Director
- Haley Kern, Community Relations Director
- Clair Dorough, City Administrator/Planning Director
- Shemeika Brock, Human Resource Manager
- Kristy Styron, North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce
- Jason Padgett, North Baldwin Utilities General Manager
- Theresa Grundman, WKRG Digital Content Producer

GUESTS

- Members of the Baldwin County High School Theatre Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the City Council Meeting and Work Session held on March 2, 2026. Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Norman and unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve the Revised Accounts Payable for March 23, 2026, in the amount of \$385,296.88. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the Revised Accounts Payable. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Sellers and unanimously carried.

RECOGNITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Brown recognized the Baldwin County High School Theatre Department and presented a Certificate of Achievement for placing Best in Show at the district-level competition held in Mobile; Best in Show at the Walter Trumbauer State Theatre Festival; and ranked in the top 20 in over 350 one act plays at the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee for their one act play, The Last Mile written by theatre teacher and playwright, Darren Butler.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of Ordinance – None

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolutions

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution 0326-02**, a Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute Agreements between Enterprise Fleet Management and the City of Bay Minette. Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Phillips and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution 0326-06**, a Resolution to Waive the License Agreement fees for the North Baldwin Infirmary for use of the John F. Rhodes Civic Center from April 30, 2026 through May 2, 2026 to host the North Baldwin Infirmary Gala. Councilmember Franklin moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Sellers and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution 0326-07**, a Resolution to Waive the License Agreement Fees for the Mutual Aid Benevolent Association for use of the Douglasville School of Arts and Recreation Pavilion on June 20, 2026 for their Juneteenth Celebration. Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin and the motion carried with the ayes being Mayor Brown, Mayor Pro Tempore Sellers, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Franklin, and Councilmember Thompson; Councilmember Norman abstained.

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution 0326-08**, a Resolution to Waive the License Rental Agreement Fees for the Baldwin County Board of Education-Elberta High School for use of the Carol Hodgson Areana from October 23, 2026 through October 24, 2026 to host the FFA Pro Rodeo. Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Sellers and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution 0326-09**, a Resolution to Waive the License Rental Agreement Fees for the Bay Minette Elementary School PTO for use of the Holly Hills Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse on May 21, 2026 to hold an End of the Year Party for Teachers and Staff of Bay Minette Elementary School. Mayor Pro Tempore Sellers moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Phillips and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution 0326-10**, a Resolution to Waive the License Rental Agreement Fees for the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office for use of Blackburn Park to Host Free Public Events for the following dates and events: June 6, 2026-After School Bash; July 11, 2026-Movie Night in the Park; October 31, 2026-Fall Festival; and December 5, 2026-Christmas Movie in the Park. Councilmember Franklin moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Sellers and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution 0326-11**, a Resolution to Waive the License Rental Agreement Fee for the Restoration Church for use of Blackburn Park on April 11, 2026 to hold a Community Outreach. Councilmember Norman moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thompson and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution 0326-12**, a Resolution to Authorize and Ratify the Submission of Congressionally Directed Spending Appropriation Request for Two Small Business Innovation and Incubator Hubs. Mayor Pro Tempore Sellers moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thompson and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution 0326-13**, a Resolution to Authorize and Ratify the Submission of Congressionally Directed Spending Appropriation Request for

Construction of a Fire Station. Councilmember Franklin moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thompson and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution 0326-14**, a Resolution for a Sponsorship with Leadership Baldwin County for the Clays for A's Program in the amount of \$1,000; with the funds being expended from contingency funds as follows: Mayor - \$250; District 1 - \$75; District 2- \$250; District 3 - \$250; District 4 - \$75; and District 5 - \$100. Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Phillips and the motion unanimously carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR COUNCIL

Mayor Brown announced that paving is complete at the following locations with striping to begin soon: Iola Street, Thomley Street, Anderson Boulevard, Still Boulevard, and Mitchell Avenue.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brown requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Franklin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously carried.

Done this the 23rd day of March, 2026.



Joshua O. Brown, Mayor

Attest:



Rita Diedrich, City Clerk