



## **The Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City Council of the City of Bay Minette, Alabama as Held on January 20, 2026**

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The regular scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Bay Minette was held on January 20, 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.

### **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 in Regular Attendance:**

- Scotty Lewis, City Attorney
- Rita Diedrich, City Clerk
- Jessica Powers, City Treasurer / Finance Director
- Haley Kern, Community Relations Director
- Clair Dorough, City Planner
- Jimmy Stracener, Interim Police Chief
- Jason Padgett, NBU General Manager
- Kristina Pittman, North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce Executive Director
- Theresa Grundman, WKRG Digital Content Producer

### **Guests:**

- No one signed in.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order.

Mayor Brown gave the invocation.

Councilmember Norman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the City Council Meeting and Work Session held on January 5, 2026. Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Sellers and unanimously carried.

### **Approval of Accounts Payable**

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve the Revised Accounts Payable for January 20, 2026, in the amount of \$436,829.02. Councilmember Norman moved to approve the Revised Accounts Payable. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thompson and unanimously carried.

### **Recognitions and Proclamations**

#### **January 2026 – Human Trafficking Awareness Month**

Mayor Brown proclaimed January 2026 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Interim Police Chief Jimmy Stracener, who accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Child Trafficking Solutions Project and the Children’s Aid Society of Alabama.

### **Old Business**

- None.

### **New Business**

#### **Consideration of Ordinance on First Reading**

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve **Ordinance 1066**, rescinding Ordinance 985, Ordinance 1047, and Ordinance 1063, and establishing the election and appointment of City officers on first reading. Mayor Pro Tempore Sellers moved to approve Ordinance 1066 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Norman and unanimously carried.

#### **Consideration of Resolutions**

Mayor Brown announced **Resolution 0126-15** was removed from the agenda.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve **Resolution 0126-16**, a North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, Inc. license agreement fee waiver for Halliday Park on April 25, 2026, to host the Annual Crawfish Cook-Off; to provide personnel assistance; and approval to apply for an ABC Special Events Permit. Councilmember Franklin moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve **Resolution 0126-17**, a North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, Inc. license agreement fee waiver for Blackburn Park on December 11–12, 2026, to host the 44th Annual Christmas Fest; to provide personnel assistance; and to grant a special exception to Ordinance 1030 for use of a Polaris by Chamber personnel. Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Sellers and unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve **Resolution 0126-18**, a North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, Inc. license fee waiver for the John F. Rhodes Civic Center for various dates for community events. Councilmember Franklin moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Norman and unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve **Resolution 0126-19**, a Pine Grove Elementary School license agreement fee waiver for Blackburn Park on March 7, 2026, to host an art show. Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve **Resolution 0126-20**, an appropriation to the Area Women’s Action Group (AWAG) in the amount of \$750, with funds expended from contingency funds as follows: Mayor – \$150; District 4 – \$100; District 5 – \$500. Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Sellers and unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve **Resolution 0126-21**, an appropriation to the Mutual Aid Cemetery Association in the amount of \$500, with funds expended from District 4 contingency funds. Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve **Resolution 0126-22**, disposal of City Hall surplus metal tables and chairs. Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin and unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve **Resolution 0126-23**, Carol Hodgson Arena Advisory Board appointments as follows: Michael Watson, Terri Boutwell, and Brady Hall, with terms set to expire on January 20, 2030. Mayor Pro Tempore Sellers moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin and unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve **Resolution 0126-24**, for disposal of Holly Hills Municipal Golf Course surplus vehicle (2010 Dodge Charger). Councilmember Franklin moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Norman and unanimously carried.

## Report of the Mayor and/or Council

Mayor Brown announced the following:

### City Council Meeting Date Rescheduled

Due to the National League of Cities Conference, the City Council meeting scheduled for March 16, 2026, has been rescheduled to March 23, 2026.

### Citizens' Comments

- None.

### Adjournment

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

Done this 20th day of January, 2026.

  
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Joshua O. Brown, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Rita Diedtrich, City Clerk