



## **The Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City Council of the City of Bay Minette, Alabama as Held on March 2, 2026**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Bay Minette City Council was held on March 2, 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 Thompson 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
- Jimmy Dean Stracener, Interim Police Chief
- Shemeika Brock, Human Resource Manager
- Kristina Pittman, North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce Executive Director
- Theresa Grundman, WKRG Digital Content Producer

## **GUEST**

- Barbara Brown
- Shelia Moorer

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the City Council Meeting and Work Session held on February 18, 2026. Councilmember Franklin 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 2, 2026, in the amount of \$260,981.90. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the Revised Accounts Payable. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Norman and unanimously carried.

## **RECOGNITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Brown postponed the presentation of the Certificate of Achievement for the Baldwin County High School Theatre Department.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Consideration of Ordinance – Second Reading**

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve **Ordinance 1064** Amending Section 6-151 and 6-152 of Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bay Minette, Alabama regarding Lodging Tax, on second reading. Councilmember Franklin moved to approve Ordinance 1064 on second reading. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore/Councilmember Sellers and the motion unanimously carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Consideration of Resolutions**

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution 0326-01**, a Resolution to Dispose of Police Department Surplus Vehicle-2006 Ford F150-VIN Number 1FTPX14596FA. Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Norman and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown announced that **Resolution 0326-02** a Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute Agreements between Enterprise Fleet Management and the City of Bay Minette

was tabled.

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution 0326-03**, a Resolution to Dispose of Library Surplus – ACDI EZ-Vend Coin Operational (Coin Change) Machine. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution 0326-04**; a Resolution Waiving the License Rental Agreement Fee for the Men of the Coalition for the Douglasville School of Arts and Recreation on Saturday, May 2, 2026 to host May Day. Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin and carried with the ayes being: Mayor Pro Tempore/Councilmember Seller, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Franklin and Councilmember Thompson; Mayor Brown and Councilmember Norman abstained.

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution 0326-05**, a Resolution Approving the State of Alabama Alcohol Beverage Control License for Big Mike’s Steakhouse Bay Minette, LLC. Councilmember Sellers moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin and unanimously carried.

#### **REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR COUNCIL**

Mayor Brown announced the following:

- Due to the Council’s attendance at the National League of Cities Conference, the next City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, March 23, 2026. The Work Session will begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by the City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- Foodie Friday will be held on March 13, 2026 at Blackburn Park.
- The North Baldwin Chamber’s Annual Crawfish Cookoff will be held on April 25, 2026 at Halliday Park.
- The Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention will be held April 28, 2026 through May 1, 2026 in Montgomery, Alabama.


#### **CITIZENS’ COMMENTS**

- None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Done this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2026.

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Joshua O. Brown, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large, stylized 'R' followed by a few loops, positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Rita Diedtrich, City Clerk