



The Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City Council of the City of Bay Minette, Alabama as Held on March 17, 2025

The regular scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Bay Minette was held on March 17, 2025, at 6:36 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:

Robert A. Wills, Mayor
Pete Sellers, Councilmember District 1
Mike Phillips, Mayor Pro Tempore/Councilmember District 2
Matt Franklin, Councilmember District 3
William Taylor, Councilmember District 4
Shannon Clemmons, Councilmember District 5

Staff/Others in regular attendance:

Scotty Lewis, City Attorney
Tammy Smith, City Administrator/Finance Director
Rita Diedtrich, City Clerk
Tina Covington, Community Relations Coordinator
Al Tolbert, Chief of Police
Marcus Sledge, BMPD Sergeant
Sean Arnold, BMPD Sergeant

Guests included:

Harry Still, III

Mayor Wills called the meeting to order.

Councilmember Taylor gave the invocation.

Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the City Council Meeting and Work Session held on March 3, 2025. Councilmember Sellers moved to approve the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Taylor, and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve the Revised Accounts Payables for March 17, 2025, in the amount of \$188,734.46. Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips moved to approve the Revised Accounts Payables. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin, and the motion unanimously carried.

Recognition and/or Proclamations - None

Old Business

Consideration of Ordinance on Second Reading

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 1058 to Repeal Ordinance 947 and to Establish the Use of Electronic Vote Counting Devices for Use in All Municipal Elections on second reading. Councilmember Clemmons moved to approve Ordinance 1058 on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Taylor, and the motion unanimously carried.

New Business

Consideration of Ordinance on First Reading-None

Consideration of Resolutions

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0325-07 Men of the Coalition Rental Fee Waiver for the use of Ulmer Park and the Douglasville School of Arts & Recreation Pavilion for May Day Events to be held on May 3, 2025. Councilmember Taylor moved to approve Resolution 0325-07. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips, and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0325-08 the Will Sanders Foundation Rental Fee Waiver for Holly Hills Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse to host a fundraiser to be held on August 2, 2025. Councilmember Clemmons moved to approve Resolution 0325-08. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin, and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0325-09 Appointment of Mr. Henry C. Conner, Jr., to the North Baldwin Utilities Board of Directors for a term beginning March 1, 2025 and expiring on March 1, 2031. Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips moved to approve Resolution 0325-09. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sellers, and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0325-10 to Authorize and Direct the Mayor to negotiate and enter into a purchase agreement for the release of restrictions, with a purchase price not to exceed \$300,000 and to negotiate and enter into an agreement concerning the acceptance of the Gift Property. Councilmember Sellers moved to approve Resolution 0325-10. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin and unanimously carried.

Report of the Mayor and/or Council

Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips reminded the Council to file their Alabama Ethics Commission Statement of Economic Interest forms before April 30, 2025.

Councilmember Sellers announced Burgers and Bingo will be held Thursday in the Civic Center and the opening day for baseball and soccer will be held on Saturday.

Councilmember Clemmons announced that the opening day for softball was postponed due to the weather. Mrs. Covington stated that it will be held on Thursday night.

Citizens Comments

Mayor Wills recognized Mr. Still, who had signed in to address the Council concerning the O.J. French case. During Mr. Still's comments, Mayor Wills stopped Mr. Still to remind him that when he signed in, he agreed to the Procedures for Addressing the City Council which includes *"Under no circumstances will personal attacks on elected officials, appointed officials, employees or other individuals be allowed or tolerated"*. Mayor Wills then allowed Mr. Still to continue to address the Council. When Mr. Still continued to violate the Procedure for Addressing the City Council, with personal attacks on an appointed official, Mayor Wills asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Clemmons seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously carried.

Done this 17th day of March 2025.



Robert A. Wills, Mayor

Attest:



Rita Diedtrich, City Clerk

