



The Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City Council of the City of Bay Minette, Alabama as Held on April 6, 2026

The regular scheduled meeting of the Bay Minette City Council was held on April 6, 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

Councilmember Norman gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Phillips 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
- Jimmy Dean Stracener, Interim Chief of Police
- Kristina Pittman, North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce Executive Director
- Jason Padgett, North Baldwin Utilities General Manager

- Jeff Schmitz, Alabama Power
- Cheryl Clark, North Baldwin Literacy Council
- Theresa Grundman, WKRG Digital Content Producer

GUESTS

- James Rosier, Jr
- Jessica Nelson, The Lighthouse
- Robin Cook, North Baldwin Coalition for Excellent in Education (NBCEE) President
- Melissa Jones, North Baldwin Coalition for Excellent in Education (NBCEE) Treasurer
- Recipients of North Baldwin Coalition for Excellent in Education awards
- Rob Junkins, Legacy of Hope Ambassador
- John King

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the City Council Meeting and Work Session held on March 23, 2026. Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin and unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve the Revised Accounts Payable for April 6, 2026, in the amount of \$394,352.45. Councilmember Norman moved to approve the Revised Accounts Payable. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Phillip and unanimously carried.

RECOGNITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Recognitions

Mayor Brown recognized Robin Cook and Melissa Jones from the North Baldwin Coalition for Excellence in Education (NBCEE) Teach of the Year for the North Baldwin Feeder Pattern. The recipients are:

Baldwin County High School	Marriane Williams
Bay Minette Elementary School	Amber French
Bay Minette Middle School	Aronica Thomas
Delta Elementary School	Angela Lee
Perdido Elementary School	Amy Hill
Perdido Middle School	Tara Beauchamp
Pine Grove Elementary	Melanie Kendrick
Stapleton Elementary School	Jennifer Cross

Proclamations

Mayor Brown announced the following Proclamations

A Proclamation Declaring April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Bay Minette, Alabama was presented to Jessica Nelson with The Lighthouse.

A Proclamation Declaring Environmental Month – April 2026 and Earth Day – April 22, 2026 with Clean Up, Clean Out and Recycle Day being held on April 18, 2026.

A Proclamation Declaring April 2026 as National Donate Life Month with the proclamation being presented to Legacy of Hope Ambassador, Rob Junkins.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolutions

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution 0426-01**, a Resolution to Authorize Submission of a Grant Application to ADCNR Requesting GOMESA Funds for Improvements to the Kids 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 0426-02**, a Resolution to Dispose of Holly Hills Municipal Golf Course Surplus-Toro Greens Aerator. 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 0426-03**, a Resolution for a Sponsorship with the Baldwin County District Attorney's Office and the Baldwin County District Attorney's Office Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 with funds being expended from the following contingency funds: Mayor Brown-\$200; District 1-\$100; District 2-\$250; and District 3-\$250; District 4-\$100; and District 5-\$100. Councilmember Norman moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Council Thompson and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution 0426-04**, a Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Understanding of Agreement between Kubina, Hayles & Ray, P.C. and

the City of Bay Minette. Mayor Pro Tempore Sellers 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 0426-05**, a Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Shared Equipment and Personnel between the North Baldwin Utilities and the City of Bay Minette. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Norman and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution 0426-06**, a Resolution to Appointing Municipal Non-Elected Public Official for the City of Bay Minette-Police Chief, James Rosier, Jr. 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 0426-07**, a Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Management Control Agreement between the Baldwin Council Commission and the City of Bay Minette Municipal Court. 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 0426-08**, a Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Management Control Agreement between the Baldwin Council Commission and the City of Bay Minette Police Department. Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Norman and the motion unanimously carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR COUNCIL

Mayor Brown recognized Dr. Charlene Andrews on behalf of the North Baldwin Schools Feeder Pattern who presented Mayor Brown with a painting in appreciation of the Art in Park event held at Blackburn Park which featured art from students in the North Baldwin Schools Feeder Pattern. Mayor Brown announced that he has been holding meetings with the Principals of these schools to discuss the needs of the children.

Mayor Brown requested that Interim Police Chief, Jimmy Stracener to come forward. Mayor Brown acknowledged his appreciation of his leadership of the Police Department. Mayor Brown announced that Interim Police Chief Stracener will assume the role of Assistant Police Chief on May 6, 2026.

Mayor Brown expressed his appreciation to Lawrence Battise, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Norman and the Members of the Police Search Committee for their dedicated services.

Mayor Brown announced the following upcoming events:

- April 8, 2026 North Baldwin Business at Breakfast at Not Guilty Seafood
- April 8, 2026 Scolion Ranch Meeting in the John F. Rhodes Civic Center
- April 9, 2026 Burgers and Bingo in the John F. Rhodes Civic Center
- April 10, 2026 Ribbon Cutting, The Local Scoop
- April 24, 2026 Foodie Friday from 4:30 – 6:30 pm at Blackburn Park
- April 25, 2026 North Baldwin Chamber Crawfish Cook Off at Haliday Park
- May 8, 2026 Ladies Nigh Out in the John F. Rhodes Civic Center

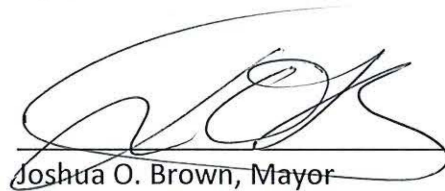
CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Ms. Cheryl Clark requested that the sidewalk between United Bank and Regions Bank be repaired and a crosswalk be placed at the Bay Minette Public Library.
- Mr. John King requested an update of the progress of Novelis; which stores will be in the new facilities on Hwy 59; and if a hotel was still being considered at the former Bowling Alley/Skating Rink. Mr. King stated that he has not received a City of Bay Minette Newsletter during this administration and would like the service to continue.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Done this the 6th day of April, 2026.



Joshua O. Brown, Mayor

Attest:



Rita Diedtrich, City Clerk