

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA  
AS HELD JANUARY 18, 2022**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bay Minette was held on January 18, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the City Hall in Bay Minette, Alabama; this being the proper place, scheduled date and hour for holding such meeting.

On roll call, the following members of the Council were found to be present: Mayor Robert A. Wills; Councilmember Pete Sellers; Councilmember Mike Phillips; Councilmember Matt Franklin; Councilmember William Taylor and Councilmember Shannon Clemmons. Others in regular attendance: Scotty Lewis, City Attorney, Stone-Crosby, PC; Tammy Smith, City Administrator/Finance Director; Rita Diedrich, City Clerk; Tina Covington, Community Relations Coordinator; Rob Madison, Building Official; Al Tolbert, Chief of Police; Mark Manry, Bay Minette Public Library Staff; Jason Padgett, NBU General Manager; Kristina Angelone-Pittman, Executive Director, North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce and Jeff Schmitz, Alabama Power. Guests included: Peggy Middleton, Hamilton Weatherford, Bob Young, Frazer Lanier Company; and Preston Bolt, Jr., Hand Arendall, LLC; Timothy Brooks and Jason Stewart.

Mayor Wills called the meeting to order, and Councilmember Taylor gave the invocation. Councilmember Franklin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Consent Agenda*

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Item A: Approve Minutes of the January 3, 2022 City Council Meeting and Work Session. Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sellers and unanimously carried.

*The Report of Finance Committees and Board/Commissions included the following:*

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve the payables in the amount of \$145,773.00. Councilmember Sellers moved to approve the payables. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin and unanimously carried.

*Mayor's Report.*

Mayor Wills spoke concerning the United Men's Methodist Breakfast.

Mayor Wills recognized Jeff Schmitz, Alabama Power who spoke concerning the Baldwin County Jail Project Alabama Power Right of Way. Mr. Schmitz stated that one resident

requested a survey to locate property lines. After the survey, all necessary work will be completed on City right of way.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to suspend the rule and to consider Ordinance 1000 for immediate consideration. Councilmember Franklin moved to suspend the rules and to consider Ordinance 1000 for immediate consideration. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously carried with the Ayes being: Mayor Wills, Councilmember Sellers, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Franklin, Councilmember Taylor and Councilmember Clemmons.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 1000 Authorizing the Issuance of up to \$5,310,000 of General Obligation Warrants, Series 2022 for immediate consideration. Councilmember Sellers moved to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin and unanimously carried with the Ayes being: Mayor Wills, Councilmember Sellers, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Franklin, Councilmember Taylor and Councilmember Clemmons.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0122-02 Bay Minette Chamber of Commerce, Inc. A.K.A. North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, Inc. Annual Meeting usage of the John F. Rhodes Civic Center. Councilmember Clemmons moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Taylor and unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0122-03 Recognizing the Work of the Telecommunicators of the City of Bay Minette and in Support of the Nation-wide Efforts to Classify Telecommunicators as First Responders. Councilmember Franklin moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sellers and unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0122-04 Addition to City Depositories. Councilmember Clemmons moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Taylor and unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0122-05 Leadership Baldwin County Clays for A's Sponsorship. Councilmember Clemmons moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Phillips and unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0122-06 Tom Kelly Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation Usage of John F. Rhodes Civic Center at a reduced rate. Councilmember Franklin moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sellers and unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills open the public hearing Case Number CE-21073 Code Enforcement –Unsafe Structure for the old City Hotel property located at 10 Hand Avenue. There was no one present to address the Council. Mayor Wills closed the public hearing and asked for a motion. Councilmember Sellers made the following motion: Based on the information presented, I

make a motion that the Council determine that the building known as the Old City Hotel is unsafe to the extent that it is a public nuisance and order that the structure be demolished in accordance with Title 11, Chapter 53B of the Code of Alabama. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin and unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills announced that the North White Avenue Right of Way Improvements that were previously discussed at the January 3, 2022 City Council Meeting and in the January 18, 2022 Work Session should continue for utilization by the requesting property owner and tenant.

*Council/Citizens Comments.*

Mayor Wills asked if anyone would like to address the Council. No one present addressed the Council.

There being no further business, Mayor Wills asked for a motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Councilmember Clemmons made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin and unanimously carried.

Done this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022



Robert A. "Bob" Wills, Mayor

Attested this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022



Rita Diedtrich, City Clerk