

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA
AS HELD SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bay Minette was held on September 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall in Bay Minette, Alabama; this being the proper place, scheduled date and hour for holding such a meeting.

On roll call, the following members of the Council were found to be present: Mayor Robert A. Wills; Councilmember Pete Sellers; Mayor Pro Tempore Mike Phillips; Councilmember Matt Franklin; Councilmember William Taylor; and Councilmember Shannon Clemmons. Others in regular attendance: Scotty Lewis, Stone-Crosby, PC; Tammy Smith, City Administrator/Finance Director; Rita Diedrich, City Clerk; Tina Covington, Public Relations Coordinator; Al Tolbert, Chief of Police; Kristina Pittman, North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce; Jeff Schmitz and Adrienne Johnson, Alabama Power. Guests included: Greg May, Emily Ryan and Kay Branum Riera.

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

Consent Agenda

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Item A: Consideration of Minutes of the September 5, 2023, City Council Meeting and Work Session. Councilmember Franklin moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Sellers seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

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

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve the payables for September 18, 2023, in the amount of \$748,270.05. Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips moved to approve the payables. Councilmember Clemmons seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Wills asked for a motion authorizing the Mayor to send a letter to the Baldwin County Commission and Baldwin County Solid Waste reflecting the City's position concerning the re-opening the Red Hill Road landfill and the relocating of the Baldwin County's Transfer Station from Nicholasville Road to Red Hill Road. Councilmember Sellers moved to authorize the Mayor to send a letter. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin and unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0923-06 Reserving the Unencumbered Funds in the FY 2022/2023 General Fund Operating Budget and the Capital Projects Budget for Application in FY 2023/2024. Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0923-07 North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce-John F. Rhodes Civic Center Rental Fee Waiver for the Christmas Fest Parade Driver's

Meeting on November 28, 2023. Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Franklin seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0923-08 Authorizing Mayor to Enter into Tournament Event Sponsorship Agreement with Wiregrass Student Angler Trail Fishing Series with the sponsorship totaling \$1,000 with \$200 being expended from the following contingency funds: Mayor Wills, District 1, District 2, District 3 and District 4. Councilmember Sellers moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Clemmons seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0923-09 Amendments to Employee Personnel Policy—Benefits. Councilmember Franklin moved to approve the Resolution. Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0923-10 Baldwin County High School appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,941.66; with funds being expended from contingency funds as follows: District 1—\$333.46; District 2—\$500.00; and District 5—\$2,108.20. Councilmember Clemmons moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Sellers seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve 0923-11 Beautification Committee appropriation in the amount of \$7,708.27; with funds being expended from contingency funds as follows: Mayor's—\$2,500.00; District 1—\$500.00; District 2—\$1,508.27; and District 3—\$700.00; and District 4—\$2,500.00. Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Franklin seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0923-12 First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,000.00; with funds being expended from District 1 contingency fund. Councilmember Franklin moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0923-13 North Baldwin Animal Shelter appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,000.00; with funds being expended from contingency funds as follows: District 1—\$500.00; and District 3—\$500.00. Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Clemmons seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0923-14 North Baldwin Ecumenical Association appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,500.00; with funds being expended from contingency funds as follows: Mayor's—\$1,000.00 and District 1—\$500.00. Councilmember Sellers moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0923-15 North Baldwin Literacy Council appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,698.00; with funds being expended for contingency funds as follows: Mayor's—\$998.00; and District 3—\$700.00. Councilmember Franklin moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Sellers seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0923-16 Park Capital Improvement for Sye Davis Park appropriation of funds in the amount of \$598.08; with funds being expended from District 3 contingency fund. Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Franklin seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0923-17 North Baldwin Coalition for Excellence in Education (NBCEE) appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,508.26; with funds being expended from District 2 contingency fund. Councilmember Clemmons moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Franklin seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0923-18 Mutual Aid Cemetery Association appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,364.76; with funds being expended from District 4 contingency fund. Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Franklin seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0923-19 Capital Improvement Recreation Department Pickle Ball Program appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,500.00; with funds being expended from the Mayor's contingency fund. Councilmember Sellers moved to approve the Resolution. Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Council/Citizens Comments.

Mayor Wills recognized Greg May who had signed in to speak. Mr. May requested an update on his request concerning the ditch at Marks Avenue.


Mayor Wills asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Clemmons moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Done this 18th day of September 2023.



Robert A. "Bob" Wills, Mayor

Attest:



Rita Diedrich, City Clerk