

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA
AS HELD MARCH 4, 2024**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bay Minette was held on March 4, 2024, 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/CFO; Rita Diedrich, City Clerk; Tina Covington, Community Relations Coordinator; Al Tolbert, Chief of Police; Clair Dorough, City Planner; Paula Bonner, Associate Planner; Blake Clark, Recreation Director, Mark Manry, Public Library; Kristina Pittman, North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce Executive Director; Jason Padgett, North Baldwin Utilities General Manager/CEO; and Jeff Schmitz, Alabama Power. Guests who signed in: Cathy Barnette, Dewberry Engineers, Inc.; Richard O'Neal, Thomas O'Neal, Tim Simpson, Vince Emons, Ellie Emmons, Gene White, Margaret Sedlecky, Mike O'Neal, Linda L. McAdams, Joseph Nasa, and Sean Stewart.

Mayor Wills called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Item A: Consideration of the Minutes of February 20, 2024, City Council Meeting and Work Session. Councilmember Sellers moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Franklin 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 March 4, 2024, in the amount of \$840,723.45. Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips moved to approve the payables. Councilmember Franklin seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor's Report.

Mayor Wills commented on the Opening Day for Softball.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to table Ordinance 1043 to Amend a Portion of Ordinance 1039, Section 26, Schedule "M" Entitled "Manufacturers". Councilmember Franklin moved to table Ordinance 1043. Councilmember Sellers seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills opened a public hearing concerning Ordinance 1044 Regarding Case No. Z-24001, PUD Zoning of the Baldwin Ventures, LLC Property proposed as the Old Towne Commons Planned Unit Development As Authorized Pursuant to Section 11-52-1 Through 11-52-85, Code of Alabama (1975). Mayor Wills asked if anyone would like to address the Council. The following people spoke in opposition of

the project: Richard O'Neal, Vince Emmons, Gene White, Margaret Sedlecky; and Mike O'Neal. Cathy Barnette read a statement from Gary Capuano, the Managing Partner of Baldwin Ventures and Developer of Old Towne Commons; and she then spoke concerning the project. Mayor Wills closed the public hearing and asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 1044 on First Reading. Councilmember Clemmons moved to approve Ordinance 1044 on first reading. Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0324-01 Holly Hills Municipal Golf Course Youth Room to be renamed to "The Shack" in memory of Blayne Shackelford. Councilmember Sellers moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Franklin seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to table Resolution 0324-02 Men of the Coalition Request for Waiver of Rental Fees for Holly Hills Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse on May 2, 2024, and May 3, 2024, for obtain additional information. Councilmember Taylor moved to table the Resolution. Councilmember Clemmons seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0324-03 Authorize Closure of Capital Improvement Fund 2022 and Special Grant Fund. 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 0324-04 To Extend Implementation of Ordinance 1039, Schedule "M"-Manufacturers Provision until April 30, 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 0324-05 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bay Minette, Alabama Approving the Formation of The City of Bay Minette Redevelopment Authority. 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 0324-06 A Resolution Approving an Application Filed With the City Council of the City of Bay Minette, Alabama Seeking Authority to Incorporate a Public Corporation as a Capital Improvement Cooperative District. Councilmember Sellers 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 0324-07 Ratifying and Confirming the Sale of NBU Property. Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Clemmons seconded the motion and the motion carried with the ayes being: Mayor Wills, Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips, Councilmember Sellers, Councilmember Taylor, and Councilmember Clemmons; Councilmember Franklin abstained.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0324-08 North Baldwin Coalition of Excellence in Education (NBCEE) Request a Waiver of Rental Fees for the John F. Rhodes Civic Center on March 11, 2024. Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Sellers seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

There were no additional Council/Citizens Comments.

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 4th day of March 2024.



Robert A. "Bob" Wills, Mayor

Attest:



Rita Diedtrich, City Clerk