

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA
AS HELD FEBRUARY 23, 2023**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bay Minette was held on February 23, 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 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, City Attorney, Stone-Crosby, PC; Tammy Smith, City Administrator/Finance Director; Tina Covington, Community Relations Coordinator; Clair Dorough, City Planner; Andy Taylor, BMPD, and Blake Clark, Recreation Director. Guests included: A. C. Ulmer and Jan Moulton signed in to speak; as well as Devonta Smith, Men of the Coalition; and other members of the community.

Mayor Wills called the meeting to order and 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: Approve Minutes of the February 6, 2023, City Council Meeting and Work Session. Councilmember Sellers moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Taylor and unanimously carried.

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

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve the payables for February 23, 2023, in the amount of \$218,212.82. Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips moved to approve the payables. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin and unanimously carried.

Mayor's Report.

Mayor Wills read a letter in response to Ms. Tamara French's request for information on the death of O.J. French, Jr. and asked that the letter be included in the minutes.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to suspend the rules of order for immediate consideration of Ordinance 1020 Authorizing the Issuance of \$5,185,000 General Obligation Economic Development Improvement Warrants, Series 2023A. Councilmember Franklin made a motion to suspend the rules of order for immediate consideration of Ordinance 1020. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips and carried with Mayor Wills, Councilmember Sellers, Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips, Councilmember Franklin, Councilmember Taylor and Councilmember Clemmons voting in the affirmative. Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 1020 Authorizing the Issuance of \$5,185,000 General Obligation Economic Development Improvement Warrants, Series 2023A. Councilmember Sellers moved to approve Ordinance 1020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Clemmons and unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to suspend the rules of order for immediate consideration of Ordinance 1021 Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,100,000 General Obligation Warrants, Series 2023B. Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips made a motion to suspend the rules of order for immediate consideration of Ordinance 1021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin and carried with Mayor Wills, Councilmember Sellers, Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips, Council Member Franklin, Councilmember Taylor and Councilmember Clemmons voting in the affirmative. Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 1021 Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,100,000 General Obligation Warrants, Series 2023B. Councilmember Taylor moved to approve Ordinance 1021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sellers and unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0223-04 North Baldwin Infirmary Foundation Waiver of Rental Fees for Blackburn Park on April 1, 2023. 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 0223-05 Tom Kelly Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation Reduction of Rental Fees for the John F. Rhodes Civic Center on March 3, 2023. 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 0223-06 Coastal Alabama Community College TRIO SSS Waiver of Rental Fees for the John F. Rhodes Civic Center on April 25, 2023. Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Clemmons and unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0223-07 American Legion Auxiliary Post #188 Girls State Appropriation. Councilmember Franklin moved to approve the Resolution with an appropriation of \$450 with funds being expended in the amount of \$75.00 from each of the Mayor and Councilmember's contingency funds. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Taylor and unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0223-08 Authorizing Agreement with Parish Tractor Company, LLC. Councilmember Clemmons moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin and unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0223-09 to Appoint Members to the Softball Advisory Committee. Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips and unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0223-10 to Appoint Members to the Soccer Advisory Board. Councilmember Sellers moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin and unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0223-11 to Award Bid Number CB2023-04 Athletic Uniforms to Game Day Sports. Councilmember Clemmons moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Franklin and unanimously carried.

Mayor Wills asked for a motion to approve Resolution 0223-12 to Award Bid Number CB2023-03 Downtown Parking and Sidewalk Project. Councilmember Sellers moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips and unanimously carried.

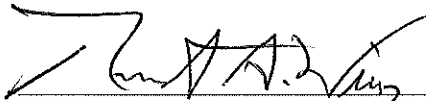
Council/Citizens Comments.

Mayor Wills recognized Mr. Ulmer who had signed in to speak. Mr. Ulmer spoke concerning a light pole located at the Douglasville Community Center and limitation of use of Ulmer Park and White Park. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Dorrough responded to limitation of use.

Mayor Wills recognized Mrs. Moulton who had signed in to speak. Mrs. Moulton spoke concerning the Pickleball Program and Pickleball Courts. Mr. Clark responded to the request.

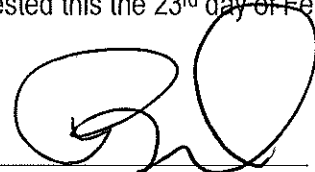
Mayor Wills asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Devonta Smith addressed the Council concerning the need for lights at the Douglasville Campus at night. Mayor Pro Tempore Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Taylor and unanimously carried.

Done this 23rd day of February 2023.



Robert A. "Bob" Wills, Mayor

Attested this the 23rd day of February 2023



Rita Diedrich, City Clerk