



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

300 Martin Luther King Blvd.

July 15, 2025

TIME: 6:00 PM

1. A CALL TO ORDER

President Smith called the council meeting to order at 06:00 pm and asked Mr. Jones to call the roll.

2. ROLL CALL

The Mayor and all City Council members were present.

1. George Allen, Erica Norris, Tim Aja, Todd Rauch, Eddie Smith

3. INVOCATION

Mr. Tippet provided the invocation.

1. Tom Tippet from Christian Care Ministries.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boy Scout Troop 11 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Boy Scout Troop 11.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

1. Minutes from the 07-08-25 council meeting.

President Smith stated that a copy of the minutes had been previously received by the council and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Allen made a motion to approve. Mr. Aja seconded the motion. President Smith then asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes. President Smith stated having no corrections, the minutes stand approved.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. MAYOR COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. City's Financial Summary Reports for June 2025.

Mayor Fuller asked if the council had any questions about the city's financial summary report to ask Cindy Boyd, Mr. Motley or himself about it.

2. June 2025 Monthly Building Report.

Mayor Fuller also presented the monthly building report.

Mayor Fuller announced the next Planning Commission meeting would be held at the Opelika Public Library on Tuesday, July 22, 2025.

Mayor Fuller then announced the State and Local Tax-Free Weekend from Friday, July 18 through Sunday, July 20, 2025.

Mayor Fuller then introduced Robbie Treese as the new Deputy City Attorney and asked Mr. Gunter to share about Mr. Treese. Mr. Gunter spoke about Mr. Treese's qualifications, and stated that he believed Mr. Treese would do a great job as the new City Attorney.

3. Recognize Character Council Citizen of Excellent Character.

Mayor Fuller then asked Ward 3 Councilman Tim Aja, members of the Character Council, and Micah Melnick, and her family, to come up front to be recognized as the July 2025 Citizen of Excellent Character. Mr. Aja spoke about why he chose Mrs. Melnick for the award and how she, and her family, exemplified the character trait of the month, Dependability. Mayor Fuller then read the certificate and presented it to her.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Limit comments to 3 minutes or less)

9. AGENDA-RELATED PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit comments to 3 minutes or less)
None.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

11. AWARDING OF BIDS

President Smith asked Ms. Finley to present the bids.

1. Grade, Drain, Base & Pave Thomason Drive and Center Hills Drive - ENG.

RESOLUTION NO. 182-25

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen

SECONDER: Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja

AYES: Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

12. RESOLUTIONS

President Smith asked Mr. Gunter to present the resolutions.

1. Approve Certain Tax Abatements and Exemptions for Miele Manufacturing, Inc. - ED.

RESOLUTION NO. 183-25

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen

SECONDER: Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja

AYES: Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Approve Professional Services Agreement with BSI to Rewrite the Public Works Manual and Subdivision Regulations - PLAN.

RESOLUTION NO. 184-25

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja

SECONDER: Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen

AYES: Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Approve Quote from CDW Government, LLC for Barracuda Email Protection Subscription - IT.

RESOLUTION NO. 185-25

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja

SECONDER: Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen

AYES: Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Appoint Election Officials for City Election on August 26, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 186-25

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja

SECONDER: Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen

AYES: Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

13. ORDINANCES

President Smith asked Mr. Gunter to present the ordinances.

1. Amend Zoning Ordinance & Map: 3800 Block Birmingham Hwy (Hwy 280 W), 7.6 Acres, from R-1 to C-2, GC-P - 2nd Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 020-25

SECOND READING AND APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen

SECONDER: Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja

AYES: Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

14. APPOINTMENTS

15. SECOND ROSTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit comments to 3 minutes or less)

None.

16. ADJOURN

The City Council meeting minutes of July 15, 2025, are hereby adopted and approved this the 5th day of August, 2025.

/s/ Erica Baker Norris

President Pro-Tem of City Council
City of Opelika, Alabama

ATTEST:

/s/ Russell A. Jones, MMC

City Clerk

1. Character Trait of the Month - Dependability, the quality of being trustworthy and reliable.

President Smith read the character trait of the month, asked if there was any other business, and then asked if there was a motion to adjourn.

2. Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

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SECONDER: Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen

AYES: Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

The council meeting ended at 06:20 pm.