CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
300 Martin Luther King Blvd.
November 18, 2025
TIME: 6:00 PM

1. A CALL TO ORDER

   President Allen 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, Janataka Hughley-Holmes, Leigh Whatley, Chuck Beams, Todd Rauch

3. INVOCATION

   Ms. Eason provided the invocation.

   1. Laura Eason - Chaplain at East Alabama Medical Center.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

   Lilith, Liam, and Grayson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

   1. Lilith Jones and Liam Dowdell from Carver Primary School, and Grayson Hall from Northside Intermediate School.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

   1. Motion to Adopt the CM Agenda for 11-18-25.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 Janataka Hughley-Holmes
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 - President Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 Hughley-Holmes, Councilwoman Ward 3 Whatley, Councilman Ward 4 - President Pro-Tem Beams, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

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

1. Minutes from the 11-03-25 Organizational Meeting.

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

2. Minutes from the 11-04-25 Regular Meeting.

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

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. MAYOR COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

   1. October 2025 Monthly Building Report.

      Mayor Smith asked Mr. Motley to give the monthly building report and Mr. Motley did so.

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

   President Allen asked Mr. Jones to present the public hearing.

   1. Public Hearing - Amend Zoning Ordinance & Map: 1401 Speedway Drive, 1.933 acres, from R-5M to C-2.

      Mr. Jones presented the public hearing. President Allen opened the public hearing and asked if anyone present would like to speak for or against said rezoning. No one came forward to speak. President Allen closed the public hearing.

10. AGENDA-RELATED PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit comments to 3 minutes or less)

    None.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

    President Allen asked if any council member wanted to remove any individual item(s) from the consent agenda and deal with that item separately on the regular agenda.

    Mr. Beams requested that Consent Agenda #9 be removed and placed on the regular agenda.

    President Allen stated that Consent Agenda #9 would now be placed as Resolution #1 on the regular agenda.

President Allen, after hearing no other requests to remove any other consent agenda items, asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 Janataka Hughley-Holmes
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 4 - President Pro-Tem Chuck Beams
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 - President Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 Hughley-Holmes, Councilwoman Ward 3 Whatley, Councilman Ward 4 - President Pro-Tem Beams, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

1. **General Business:** Request Downtown Street Closure - The Bottling Plant and Event Center on 01-16-26.
   APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
2. **Bid:** One (1) 2025 Ford F250 4x4 Pickup - OES ($50,588).
   RESOLUTION NO. 326-25
   APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
3. **Resolution:** Designate City Personal Property Surplus and Authorize Disposal.
   RESOLUTION NO. 327-25
   APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
4. **Resolution:** Emergency Repair by Alternate Quote in Northeast Industrial Park - PW ($441,450).
   RESOLUTION NO. 328-25
   APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
5. **Resolution:** Purchase - Two (2) LUCAS 3.1 Chest Compression Systems - OFD ($48,040).
   RESOLUTION NO. 329-25
   APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
6. **Resolution:** Purchase - FieldTurf Vintage Hockey-Multi System for Miracle Field at West Ridge Park - P&R ($153,275).
   RESOLUTION NO. 330-25
   APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
7. **Resolution:** Purchase - Installation of Synthetic Turf Services for Miracle Field at West Ridge Park - P&R ($94,780).
   RESOLUTION NO. 331-25
   APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
8. **Resolution:** Purchase - Two-Way Radios and Related Equipment - OPD ($254,476.80).
   RESOLUTION NO. 332-25
   APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
9. **Resolution:** Annual Appropriation Contract FY2026 with CARE Humane Society ($112,123).
   RESOLUTION NO. 333-25
   APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

10. **Resolution:** Annual Appropriation Contract FY2026 with Domestic Violence Intervention Center ($6,500).
RESOLUTION NO. 334-25
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

11. **Resolution:** Annual Appropriation Contract FY2026 with Girls' STEPS, Inc. ($10,500).
RESOLUTION NO. 335-25
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

12. **Resolution:** Annual Appropriation Contract FY2026 with Lee County Rabies Officer ($6,000).
RESOLUTION NO. 336-25
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

13. **Resolution:** Annual Appropriation Contract FY2026 with The Alabama Cooperative Extension System ($15,000).
RESOLUTION NO. 337-25
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

14. **Resolution:** Annual Appropriation Contract FY2026 with The Arts Association of East Alabama ($25,000).
RESOLUTION NO. 338-25
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

15. **Resolution:** Annual Appropriation Contract FY2026 with The Food Bank of East Alabama ($25,000).
RESOLUTION NO. 339-25
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

16. **Resolution:** Annual Appropriation Contract FY2026 with Twin Cedars Child Advocacy Center ($15,000).
RESOLUTION NO. 340-25
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

17. **Resolution:** Annual Appropriation Contract FY2026 with Victorian Front Porch Christmas Tour of Opelika ($10,000).
RESOLUTION NO. 341-25
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

18. **Resolution:** Designate Bank Depositories and Official Signers on City Bank Accounts.
RESOLUTION NO. 342-25
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

19. **Resolution:** Special Appropriation to the Dream Day Foundation ($2,500).
RESOLUTION NO. 343-25
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

20. **Resolution:** Special Appropriation to The Arts Association of East Alabama ($2,000).
RESOLUTION NO. 344-25
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

13. AWARDING OF BIDS

14. RESOLUTIONS

President Allen asked Mr. Treese to present the resolutions.

1. Approve Quote for Professional Services from Critical Insights Consulting - OPD ($389,000).

RESOLUTION NO. 345-25

MOTION TO APPROVE: 4 TO 0

RESULT:	**Passed**
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SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 - President Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 Hughley-Holmes, Councilwoman Ward 3 Whatley, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	Councilman Ward 4 - President Pro-Tem Chuck Beams

15. ORDINANCES

President Allen asked Mr. Treese to present the ordinances.

1. Amend Zoning Ordinance & Map: 1401 Speedway Drive, 1.933 acres, from R-5M to C-2 - 1st Reading.

FIRST READING: INTRODUCED

President Allen asked for a member of the council to introduce the ordinance. Mr. Beams introduced the ordinance.

16. APPOINTMENTS

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

Ali Rauch of 2240 Lakeview Drive spoke first. Mrs. Rauch, President and CEO of the Opelika Chamber of Commerce, personally invited the Mayor and City Council to participate in the Christmas Parade, Snopelika, and Tree Lighting Event on December 5, 2025.

Demetrius Edwards of 2305 Crawford Road spoke next. Mr. Edwards requested that the Mayor and City Council consider naming a road after his uncle, John T. Pruitt, the first African-American police officer in the City of Opelika, who recently passed away.

Bradley Haddon of 1805 Archer Court spoke next. Mr. Haddon asked the Mayor and City Council to review, and possibly address, the temporary moratorium imposed on issuing business licenses relating to consumable hemp products sold in the City of Opelika.

Tiffany Hilyer of 1305 Morris Avenue spoke next. Ms. Hilyer, President of the Lee County Cemetery Preservation Commission, asked the Mayor and City

Council to help the commission with getting a buffer around a historic cemetery located on private property being developed in the City of Opelika.

Jason Reynolds of 20 Lee Road 729 spoke next. Mr. Reynolds also asked the Mayor and City Council to review, and possibly address, the temporary moratorium imposed on issuing business licenses relating to consumable hemp products sold in the City of Opelika.

18. ADJOURN

The City Council meeting minutes of November 18, 2025, are hereby adopted and approved this the 2nd day of December, 2025.

/s/ W. George Allen

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President of City Council
City of Opelika, Alabama

ATTEST:
/s/ Russell A. Jones, MMC

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City Clerk

1. Character Trait of the Month - Gratitude, the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

   President Allen read the character trait of the month and asked for a motion to adjourn.

2. Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
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AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 - President Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 Hughley-Holmes, Councilwoman Ward 3 Whatley, Councilman Ward 4 - President Pro-Tem Beams, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

The council meeting ended at 06:22 pm.