



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

300 Martin Luther King Blvd.

March 3, 2026

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

Mr. Jamison provided the invocation.

1. Bill Jamison from the Church of the Highlands.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jose and Amelia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Jose Sanchez Madrid and Amelia McGill from Fox Run School.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. Motion to Adopt the CM Agenda for 03-03-26.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE 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

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

1. Minutes from the 02-17-26 regular meeting.
President Allen stated that a copy of the minutes had been previously received by the council and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Rauch 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.
2. Minutes from the 02-24-26 called meeting.
President Allen stated that a copy of the 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.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. MAYOR COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognize Opelika High School Boys Basketball Team.
Mayor Smith asked the Superintendent, Principal, Coaches, and Players to come up front. Mayor Smith then recognized each coach and player, gave them each a gift, and stated how proud the city was of their accomplishments this year.
2. Proclamation for Blood Clot Awareness Month.
Mayor Smith invited Dr. Shannon Harris up front. Dr. Harris read a statement about the foundation she created to honor her father, who unfortunately passed away from a pulmonary embolism. Mayor Smith then thanked Dr. Harris for her work and presented her the proclamation.

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

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.

After hearing no request(s) to remove any consent agenda items, President Allen asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 4 - President Pro-Tem Chuck Beams

SECONDER: Councilwoman Ward 3 Leigh Whatley

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 Temporary Street Closure - N 8th Street Event on 05-16-26.
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
2. **General Business:** Request for Collinwood Christmas Luminaries on 12-11-26.
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
3. **Bid:** 2026 City-Wide Asphalt Paving Project - ENG.
RESOLUTION NO. 052-26
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
4. **Bid:** Traffic Signal Installation for 2nd Avenue at N 3rd Street - ENG.
RESOLUTION NO. 053-26
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
5. **Resolution:** Expense Reports from Various Departments.
RESOLUTION NO. 054-26
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
6. **Resolution:** Designate City Personal Property Surplus and Authorize Disposal.
RESOLUTION NO. 055-26
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
7. **Resolution:** Purchase One (1) 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD Z71 - OPD (\$67,762.40).
RESOLUTION NO. 056-26
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
8. **Resolution:** Purchase of Verkada Software from CDW-G - IT (\$87,627.63).
RESOLUTION NO. 057-26
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
9. **Resolution:** Special Appropriation to the Lee County Court Referral Program (\$60,000).
RESOLUTION NO. 058-26
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
10. **Appointment:** Reappoint Brent Poteet to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals. New Term expires 03-16-2029.
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
11. **Appointment:** Appoint Cody Traffanstedt to the Medical Clinic Board. New Term expires 03-02-2031.
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

13. AWARDING OF BIDS

14. RESOLUTIONS

15. ORDINANCES

President Allen asked Mr. Treese to present the ordinances.

1. Approve Annexation Petition by Janie Powers and John Morgan, 4.6 Acres, 223 Lee Road 799 - 1st Reading.

FIRST READING: INTRODUCED

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

Ms. Holmes introduced the ordinance.

2. Declare 601 Avenue A Surplus Property and Approve Conveyance - 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)

Mattie Clark of 706 Orchard Avenue, Opelika, spoke first. Ms. Clark spoke about the need for some kind of protection, or fence, at the pond located on 1st Ave across from Piggly Wiggly. Ms. Clark closed by asking if there were still plans to put a walking trail at Covington Recreation Center.

Billy U. Allen of 930 Redan Trace, Stone Mountain, Georgia spoke next. Mr. Allen stated he would like 3 things addressed by the city as follows: address the poor condition of houses located around West Street and Grove Avenue, address the Hodge Cemetery by helping to preserve it, and address the other blighted areas in the city.

Linburgh B. Jackson of 136 Arrowhead Drive, Montgomery, asked Mr. Jones to read a statement for the record. Mr. Jones read the statement, and it is attached to the minutes.

18. ADJOURN

The City Council meeting minutes of March 3, 2026, are hereby adopted and approved this the 17th day of March, 2026.

/s/ W. George Allen

President of City Council
City of Opelika, Alabama

ATTEST:

/s/ Russell A. Jones, MMC

City Clerk

1. Character Trait of the Month - Compassion, a sympathetic consciousness of others distress with a desire to alleviate it.
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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SECONDER: Councilwoman Ward 3 Leigh Whatley

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NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The council meeting ended at 06:28 pm.

March 3, 2026

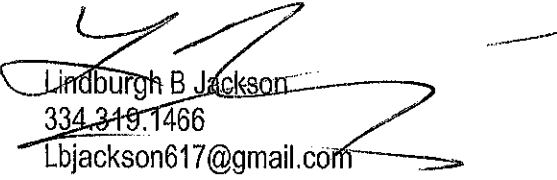
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Opelika City Mayor and City Council Members
Opelika, Alabama

This communication is a continuation of the January 6, 2026 complaint for documentation that was given to the Council regarding the release of electrical power request submitted for 1408 Monroe Avenue, Opelika.

In relationship to the previous request and complaint, I am asking that the City Clerk to read this follow up complaint into the records due to me having requested the records and a detailed itemized copy of the Code Violation that does not allow temporary power for work to continue at 1408 Monroe Avenue having it approved by Code Enforcement for connection and all deposits and fees being paid for both garbage and power to be connected but no written explanation concerning ordinances that prohibits connection for interior and security purposes being given. Also, when in Municipal Court, last week, I think I heard the Environmental Services Director, state his department had nothing to do with approving electrical power. There is a need for additional security cameras to protect the property from vandals and trespassers and illegal dumping in the front of the property.

Also, there has been work in excess of over \$40K done to the interior and exterior over the span of the last 3-years or more that removed the house from an unsafe, sound and sanitary place that had previously been scheduled for demolition by the Council. Should there had been any leftover debris from previous demo, it has been moved and the property has fencing along the eastern property line and scheduled to be completed along the northern property line and a vintage vehicle from family is to be enclosed by tent or car port which will alleviate any further violations. So, I'm asking that the Mayor and Council review any and all charges that is against myself and Ms. Humphrey and have these charges vacated due to the substantial amount of work and funds that have been spent over the last 2-months in which most property owners are generally not subjected to.



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