



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

300 Martin Luther King Blvd.

June 2, 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. Spivey provided the invocation.

1. Will Spivey from First Baptist Church of Opelika.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Russell A. Jones, MMC - City Clerk.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. Motion to Adopt the CM Agenda for 06-02-26.

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 05-19-26 council 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. Holmes 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. Upcoming Events on June 6, 2026.
Mayor Smith reminded everyone of multiple events happening on Saturday, June 6, 2026, in Opelika.

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

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

1. Public Hearing - Demolition - 500-A Martin Luther King Boulevard.
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 demolition. No one came forward to speak. President Allen closed the public hearing.
2. Public Hearing - Demolition - 500-B Martin Luther King Boulevard.
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 demolition. No one came forward to speak. President Allen closed the public hearing.
3. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 500-A Martin Luther King Boulevard.
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 weed abatement. No one came forward to speak. President Allen closed the public hearing.
4. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 500-B Martin Luther King Boulevard.
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 weed abatement. No one came forward to speak. President Allen closed the public hearing.
5. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 1211 Magnolia Street.
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 weed abatement. 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.

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 Downtown Street Closure - Juneteenth Celebration on 06-19-26.

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

2. **Bid:** Robotic Turf Mowing System Lease and Repair/Service Agreement - PW (\$ as needed).

RESOLUTION NO. 116-26

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

3. **Bid:** Waverly Parkway and Dunlop Drive Intersection Improvements - ENG (\$1,222,586).

RESOLUTION NO. 117-26

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

4. **Resolution:** Expense Reports from Various Departments.

RESOLUTION NO. 118-26

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

5. **Resolution:** Purchase - Tasers, Related Equipment & Training - Sole Source - OPD (\$688,879).

RESOLUTION NO. 119-26

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

6. **Resolution:** Approve MOU with U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Benning for Career Skills Program - ED.

RESOLUTION NO. 120-26

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

7. **Resolution:** Special Appropriation to GEMS Empowered for Juneteenth Celebration (\$2,000).

RESOLUTION NO. 121-26

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

13. AWARDING OF BIDS

14. RESOLUTIONS

President Allen asked Mr. Treese to present the resolutions.

1. Demolition - 500-A Martin Luther King Boulevard.

RESOLUTION NO. 122-26

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilwoman Ward 3 Leigh Whatley

SECONDER: Councilwoman Ward 2 Janataka Hughley-Holmes

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

2. Demolition - 500-B Martin Luther King Boulevard.

RESOLUTION NO. 123-26

MOTION TO APPROVE: 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

3. Weed Abatement Assessment - 500-A Martin Luther King Boulevard.

RESOLUTION NO. 124-26

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilwoman Ward 3 Leigh Whatley

SECONDER: Councilwoman Ward 2 Janataka Hughley-Holmes

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

4. Weed Abatement Assessment - 500-B Martin Luther King Boulevard.

RESOLUTION NO. 125-26

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilwoman Ward 2 Janataka Hughley-Holmes

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

5. Weed Abatement Assessment - 1211 Magnolia Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 126-26

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilwoman Ward 3 Leigh Whatley

SECONDER: Councilwoman Ward 2 Janataka Hughley-Holmes

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

15. ORDINANCES

16. APPOINTMENTS

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

Henrietta Snipes of 2300 Lafayette Parkway spoke first. Ms. Snipes thanked the city for its continued support of the annual Juneteenth Celebration.

Sue Ellen Tallakson of 910 David Street spoke next. Ms. Tallakson spoke against potential data centers being allowed to be located in Opelika.

Tessa Tallakson of 1102 Renfro Avenue spoke next. Ms. Tallakson also spoke against potential data centers in Opelika.

Dustin Howard of 1102 Renfro Avenue spoke last. Mr. Howard also spoke against potential data centers in Opelika.

18. ADJOURN

The City Council meeting minutes of June 2, 2026, are hereby adopted and approved this the 16th day of June, 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 - Loyalty, a strong feeling of support or allegiance. 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

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

SECONDER: Councilwoman Ward 2 Janataka Hughley-Holmes

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 06:21 pm.