



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

300 Martin Luther King Blvd.

August 4, 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

Mayor Smith, President Allen, Ms. Holmes, Mr. Beams, and Mr. Rauch were present. Ms. Whatley was absent.

1. George Allen, Janataka Hughley-Holmes, Leigh Whatley, Chuck Beams, Todd Rauch

3. INVOCATION

Mr. Fryer provided the invocation.

1. Jarel Fryer from Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church.

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 08-04-26.

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, 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 07-21-26 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

None.

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

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

1. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 505 S 4th 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.
2. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 901 S 4th 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.
3. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 814 Donald Avenue.
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 - 710 Elizabeth 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.
5. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 1801 S Long 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.
6. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 202 Raintree 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 5 Todd Rauch

SECONDER: Councilwoman Ward 2 Janataka Hughley-Holmes

AYES: Councilman Ward 1 - President Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 Hughley-Holmes, Councilman Ward 4 - President Pro-Tem Beams, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

1. **General Business:** Request Downtown Street Closure - Workout Anytime Family Field Day on 10-03-26.
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
2. **General Business:** Request Downtown Street Closure - Annual "On The Tracks" Event on 10-09-26.
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
3. **General Business:** Request Downtown Street Closure - Railyard Concert and Villain's Ball on 10-31-26.
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
4. **Bid:** Two (2) Automated Side Loader Garbage Trucks with Chassis - OES.
RESOLUTION NO. 155-26
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
5. **Resolution:** Expense Reports from Various Departments.
RESOLUTION NO. 156-26
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
6. **Resolution:** Accept Public Infrastructure and Utilities of Cannon Gate Subdivision Phase 3A and 3B - ENG.
RESOLUTION NO. 157-26
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
7. **Resolution:** Adopt Transportation Plan Pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act - ENG.
RESOLUTION NO. 158-26
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
8. **Resolution:** Annual Authorization to Levy Tax on Property within Opelika.
RESOLUTION NO. 159-26
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
9. **Resolution:** Amend CDBG PY2025 Action Plan - CD.

RESOLUTION NO. 160-26

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

10. **Resolution:** Approve CDBG PY2026 Budget & Annual Action Plan - CD.

RESOLUTION NO. 161-26

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

11. **Resolution:** Request for Approval of a Special Use Permit by Verizon Wireless at 900 Reeder Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 162-26

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

12. **Resolution:** Set Date of Public Hearing on Petition to Revoke Certain Business Licenses - 3040 Capps Way - REV.

RESOLUTION NO. 163-26

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

13. **Appointment:** Appoint Jeff Neely to the Lee Russell Council of Governments MPO Citizen Advisory Committee. Existing Term expires 11-05-26.

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

13. AWARDING OF BIDS

14. RESOLUTIONS

President Allen asked Mr. Treese to present the resolutions.

1. Weed Abatement Assessment - 505 S 4th Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 164-26

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

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

AYES: Councilman Ward 1 - President Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 Hughley-Holmes, Councilman Ward 4 - President Pro-Tem Beams, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Weed Abatement Assessment - 901 S 4th Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 165-26

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

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

SECONDER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

AYES: Councilman Ward 1 - President Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 Hughley-Holmes, Councilman Ward 4 - President Pro-Tem Beams, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Weed Abatement Assessment - 814 Donald Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 166-26

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

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

AYES: Councilman Ward 1 - President Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2
Hughley-Holmes, Councilman Ward 4 - President Pro-Tem
Beams, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Weed Abatement Assessment - 710 Elizabeth Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 167-26

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

SECONDER: Councilwoman Ward 2 Janataka Hughley-Holmes

AYES: Councilman Ward 1 - President Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2
Hughley-Holmes, Councilman Ward 4 - President Pro-Tem
Beams, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. Weed Abatement Assessment - 1801 S Long Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 168-26

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

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

SECONDER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

AYES: Councilman Ward 1 - President Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2
Hughley-Holmes, Councilman Ward 4 - President Pro-Tem
Beams, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

6. Weed Abatement Assessment - 202 Raintree Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 169-26

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

SECONDER: Councilwoman Ward 2 Janataka Hughley-Holmes

AYES: Councilman Ward 1 - President Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2
Hughley-Holmes, Councilman Ward 4 - President Pro-Tem
Beams, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

President Allen asked Mr. Treese to present the ordinances.

1. Amend Section 16-188 of the City Code of Ordinances: School Zone Speed Limit Times for Opelika City Schools - 1st Reading.

FIRST READING: INTRODUCED

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

President Allen then asked for a motion to suspend the rules to have a second reading. Mr. Rauch made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the following vote was recorded:

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES: UNANIMOUS

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

President Allen then asked if there was a motion to approve the ordinance at second reading. Ms. Holmes made a motion to approve. Mr. Rauch seconded the motion.

During discussion, Mr. Rauch asked Mr. Jones to read each school zone speed limit time changes for everyone and Mr. Jones did so.

The following vote was then recorded:

ORDINANCE NO. 024-26

SECOND READING AND APPROVED: 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, Councilman Ward 4 - President Pro-Tem Beams, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

2. Rename JoAnn Drive to Faith Way - 1st Reading.

FIRST READING: INTRODUCED

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

16. APPOINTMENTS

17. SECOND ROSTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit comments to 3 minutes or less)
None.

18. ADJOURN

The City Council meeting minutes of August 4, 2026, are hereby adopted and approved this the 18th day of August, 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 - Commitment: an agreement or pledge to do something in the future.
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 5 Todd Rauch

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

AYES: Councilman Ward 1 - President Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2
Hughley-Holmes, Councilman Ward 4 - President Pro-Tem
Beams, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The council meeting ended at 06:14 pm.