

**MINUTES FROM A WORK SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA, HELD
December 19, 2022**

The City Council of Muscle Shoals, Alabama met at the Muscle Shoals City Hall auditorium in said City at 5:00 p.m. on the 19th day of December 2022. The following members were found to be present or absent, as indicated:

PRESENT: CHRIS HALL, GINA CLARK, WILLIS THOMPSON, KEN
SOCKWELL, DAVID MOORE

ABSENT: NONE

Ken Sockwell, Council President, presided at the meeting. Mayor Mike Lockhart was also present. Brittney Walker, Finance Officer and Kate Isbell, Administrative Assistant/Marketing were present and kept the minutes of the meeting.

The City Council interviewed the following applicant(s) for the position of City Clerk in the City Hall Auditorium: Beth Jones

Upon completion of the interview(s), the city council reconvened their work session in the auditorium at 5:10 p.m.

Matt Bernauer, General Manager of the Muscle Shoals Electric Board, and James Nipper, Director of the Greater Shoals Broadband Cooperative District, went before the Mayor and Council for any questions they had in regard to the resolution on removing the City of Muscle Shoals as a member of the Greater Shoals Broadband Cooperative District.

Jalen Johnson gave an update on life insurance plans for city employees to the Mayor and Council. He explained that current employees will not be adversely impacted, and it will be a smooth transition.

Attorney Alan Elledge represented two clients and presented their case to the Mayor and council. They requested approval to place a medical marijuana dispensary in Muscle Shoals with a December 31st deadline for a decision to be made. Being that the next council meeting is not until January 3rd of 2023, the Mayor and Council did not approve this request.

The Mayor and Council discussed the animal shelter. The City of Muscle Shoals is giving the animal shelter \$1,900 to help with overcrowding.

The council reviewed agenda items.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

**MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF MUSCLE SHOALS,
ALABAMA, HELD
December 19, 2022**

The City Council of Muscle Shoals, Alabama met at the Muscle Shoals City Hall auditorium in said City at 6:00 p.m. on the 19th day of December 2022 being the scheduled time and place for said meeting. The meeting was called to order by Ken Sockwell, Council President. On roll call the following members were found to be present or absent, as indicated:

PRESENT: CHRIS HALL, GINA CLARK, WILLIS THOMPSON, KEN
SOCKWELL, DAVID MOORE
ABSENT: NONE

Ken Sockwell, Council President, presided at the meeting and declared that a quorum was present and that the meeting was convened and opened for the purposes of transaction of business. Mayor Mike Lockhart was also present. Brittney Walker, Finance Officer and Kate Isbell, Administrative Assistant/Marketing were present and kept the minutes of the meeting.

The invocation was given by President Ken Sockwell. President Ken Sockwell led in the pledge of allegiance.

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Thompson and seconded by Council Member Clark and unanimously adopted, the Council waived the reading of the minutes of the previously held regular meeting and work session of December 5th, 2022, and approved the minutes as written.

Mayor Lockhart announced that Purple Pride Day, celebrating the contributions of UNA to the Shoals, will be on January 11th. The Mayor also wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and thank everyone for a wonderful past year.

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was consideration of a resolution on requirements to utilize city sewer lines be carried over to next meeting on January 3, 2023. Council member Moore made a motion, Council member Clark seconded that motion.

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was consideration of approving a resolution to remove the City of Muscle Shoals as a member of the Greater Shoals Broadband Cooperative District. Council member Moore made a motion, Council member Thompson seconded that motion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be prepared forthwith by the Clerk and delivered unto The Greater Shoals Broadband Cooperative District and furthermore shall retain a copy to be kept on file by the said Clerk.

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was to appoint a City Clerk. Roll call was given to record a vote, and the vote of each Councilmember is the following:

Councilmember Hall:	Beth Jones
Councilmember Clark:	Beth Jones
Councilmember Thompson:	Beth Jones
Councilmember Sockwell:	Beth Jones
Councilmember Moore:	Beth Jones

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon the motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned.