MINUTES FROM A WORK SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA, HELD March 17, 2025

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 17th day of March 2025. The following members were found to be present or absent, as indicated:

PRESENT: CHRIS HALL, GINA CLARK, WILLIS THOMPSON, KEN

SOCKWELL, DONNIE LINLEY

ABSENT: NONE

The Mayor and Council recognized the Muscle Shoals Cheer Competition Team for their recent placing at the 2025 National High School Cheerleading Championship (NHSCC) in Orlando, Florida.

Sonny Cornelius discussed wanting to give property at Cornelius Landing to the city to maintain the pond. There was a concern regarding flooding and the substantial cost the city would have to take on.

Clint Reck, Police Chief, discussed the trade/purchase of firearms for the Tactical Team. Chief Reck explained that he would like to trade in 15 firearms to purchase new ones.

Brittney Walker, City Clerk/Treasurer, discussed possible changes to the Procurement Agent position. The proposal was to combine the Procurement Agent and Accountant 1 positions.

The council reviewed agenda items.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA

A Municipal Corporation

COUNCIL MEMBER - PLACE ONE

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COUNCIL MEMBER – PLACE FIVE

ATTEST:

Brittney Walker, City Clerk/Treasurer

MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA, HELD March 17, 2025

The City Council of Muscle Shoals, Alabama met at the Muscle Shoals City Hall auditorium in said City at 5:45 p.m. on the 17th day of March 2025 being the scheduled place for said meeting once the previously held work session ended. 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, DONNIE LINLEY

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 present. Brittney Walker, City Clerk/Treasurer, was present and kept the minutes of the meeting.

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

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Hall 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 March 3rd, 2025 and approved the minutes as written.

Mayor Lockhart discussed the recent flooding and thanked all city personnel for their diligent response. He also discussed the upgrades to the pumping systems since 2019 to aid in the event of severe weather.

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was to set a public hearing for the issuance of an Alcohol License Application (Restaurant Retail Liquor) to Hometown Pizza located at 400 Woodward Ave. The hearing was set for April 7th, 2025.

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was to set a public hearing for the prezoning to R-3 request and annexation by petition of Morgan Dr. in Colbert County, AL. The hearing was set for April 7th, 2025.

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was consideration of approving Ordinance Number 1568-25 to amend Public Safety Insurance Eligibility. Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve the ordinance; Council Member Linley seconded that motion.

President Sockwell stated that approval of the motion and second was before the Council. Those in favor of the application would indicate so by voting aye and those opposed would indicate by voting nay. Upon said question being put to a vote, a roll call was had, and the vote of each Council Member is the following:

Council Member Hall: YAY
Council Member Clark: YAY
Council Member Sockwell: YAY
Council Member Thompson: YAY
Council Member Linley: YAY

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was consideration of approving Ordinance Number 1569-25 amending the zoning ordinance to establish a Waiting Period for Rezoning After Denial. Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve the ordinance; Council Member Linley seconded that motion.

President Sockwell stated that approval of the motion and second was before the Council. Those in favor of the application would indicate so by voting aye and those opposed would indicate by voting nay. Upon said question being put to a vote, a roll call was had, and the vote of each Council Member is the following:

Council Member Hall: YAY
Council Member Clark: YAY
Council Member Sockwell: YAY
Council Member Thompson: YAY
Council Member Linley: YAY

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was consideration of approving Ordinance Number 1570-25 amending Chapter 78 of the City of Muscle Shoals Code of Ordinances to repeal and replace existing provisions. The proposed amendment establishes updated regulations and procedures for peddlers and solicitors within city limits, outlines violations, and sets penalties for noncompliance. Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve the ordinance; Council Member Linley seconded that motion.

President Sockwell stated that approval of the motion and second was before the Council. Those in favor of the application would indicate so by voting aye and those opposed would indicate by voting nay. Upon said question being put to a vote, a roll call was had, and the vote of each Council Member is the following:

Council Member Hall: YAY
Council Member Clark: YAY

Council Member Sockwell:

YAY

Council Member Thompson:

YAY

Council Member Linley:

YAY

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was consideration of approving Resolution Number 3362-25 which authorizes the Mayor to execute an engagement letter with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated. Council Member Clark made a motion to approve the resolution; Council Member Hall seconded that motion.

President Sockwell stated that approval of the motion and second was before the Council. Those in favor of the application would indicate so by voting age and those opposed would indicate by voting nay. Upon said question being put to a vote, a roll call was had, and the vote recorded as follows:

AYES: All NAYS: None

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was consideration of approving Resolution Number 3363-25 to approve the purchase of an air compressor for the Fire Department from NAFECO for \$62,800.00 under a state-approved contract. Council Member Clark made a motion to approve the resolution; Council Member Hall seconded that motion.

President Sockwell stated that approval of the motion and second was before the Council. Those in favor of the application would indicate so by voting aye and those opposed would indicate by voting nay. Upon said question being put to a vote, a roll call was had, and the vote recorded as follows:

AYES: All NAYS: None

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was consideration of approving Resolution Number 3364-25 which declares a 1989 Ford Econoline van as surplus property and authorizes the Fire Chief to dispose of it. Council Member Clark made a motion to approve the resolution; Council Member Hall seconded that motion.

President Sockwell stated that approval of the motion and second was before the Council. Those in favor of the application would indicate so by voting aye and those opposed would indicate by voting nay. Upon said question being put to a vote, a roll call was had, and the vote recorded as follows:

AYES: All NAYS: None

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was consideration of approving Resolution Number 3365-25 which authorizes advertising for bids and awarding the city street resurfacing project to APAC for \$277,742.80. Council Member Clark made a motion to approve the resolution; Council Member Hall seconded that motion.

President Sockwell stated that approval of the motion and second was before the Council. Those in favor of the application would indicate so by voting aye and those opposed would indicate by voting nay. Upon said question being put to a vote, a roll call was had, and the vote recorded as follows:

AYES: All NAYS: None

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was consideration of approving Resolution Number 3366-25 which approves advertising for bids and awarding the Muscle Shoals Sidewalks TAP Project to Eady Contracting, Inc. for \$499,266.83. Council Member Clark made a motion to approve the resolution; Council Member Hall seconded that motion.

President Sockwell stated that approval of the motion and second was before the Council. Those in favor of the application would indicate so by voting aye and those opposed would indicate by voting nay. Upon said question being put to a vote, a roll call was had, and the vote recorded as follows:

AYES: All NAYS: None

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

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