

**MINUTES FROM A WORK SESSION OF THE  
COUNCIL OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA, HELD  
March 3, 2025**

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 City Council interviewed the following applicants for the position of Fire Chief before beginning the work session in the auditorium: John Hyde and Brian Stafford.

Upon completion of the interviews, the City Council reconvened their work session in the auditorium at 5:30 p.m.

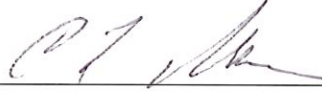
Mike Lockhart, Mayor, discussed the need for an Economic Planning and Development Coordinator. He provided the council with a copy of the preliminary job description.

The council reviewed agenda items.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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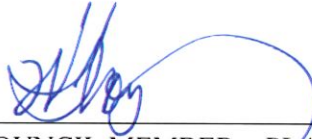
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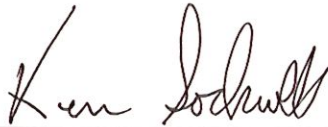
COUNCIL MEMBER – PLACE ONE



COUNCIL MEMBER – PLACE TWO



COUNCIL MEMBER – PLACE THREE



COUNCIL MEMBER – PLACE FOUR



COUNCIL MEMBER – PLACE FIVE

ATTEST:



Jalen Johnson, Director of HR/Assistant City Clerk

The City Council of Muscle Shoals, Alabama met at the Muscle Shoals City Hall auditorium in said City at 5:50 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

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. Jalen Johnson, Director of HR/Assistant City Clerk was present and kept the minutes of the meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Linley and seconded by Council Member Thompson and unanimously adopted, the Council waived the reading of the minutes of the previously held regular meeting and work session of February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and approved the minutes as written.

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:

Mayor Lockhart discussed his recent trip to Washington D.C. with the Shoals Chamber of Commerce, Shoals area businesses, and community leaders where he participated in several meetings with members of Congress and representatives to advocate for economic growth in the Shoals.

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was the approval of a Community and Special Events Director for Parks and Recreation. Council Member Clark made a motion to approve; Council Member Hall seconded that motion.

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AYES: All

NAYS: None

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was to appoint a new Fire Chief. Roll call was given to record a vote, and the vote of each Council Member recorded as follows:

Council Member Hall:	John Hyde
Council Member Clark:	John Hyde
Council Member Thompson:	John Hyde
Council Member Sockwell:	John Hyde
Council Member Linley:	John Hyde

## **STATE OF ALABAMA**

## **COLBERT COUNTY**

### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 3361-25**

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Shawn Malone has announced his retirement effective April 1, 2025;

WHEREAS, notice was given of said pending vacancy and applications were solicited for the appointment of a Fire Chief;

WHEREAS, the following individuals made proper application for consideration of the appointment:

- **John Hyde**
- **Brian Stafford**

WHEREAS, John Hyde was determined to have received the best overall ranking on the Mayor and City Council evaluations, and

WHEREAS, a roll call vote was had by the City Council as follows:

- **Council Member Chris Hall:** John Hyde
- **Council Member Gina Clark:** John Hyde
- **Council Member Willis Thompson:** John Hyde
- **Council Member Ken Sockwell:** John Hyde
- **Council Member Donnie Linley:** John Hyde

WHEREAS, Council President Ken Sockwell announced that John Hyde had received a majority of the votes cast,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, that John Hyde is hereby appointed to serve as Fire Chief for the City of Muscle Shoals effective April 1, 2025.

The Clerk is hereby directed to notify the above-named person of their appointment.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 3rd day of March, 2025.

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was the first reading of an ordinance to amend Public Safety Insurance Eligibility.

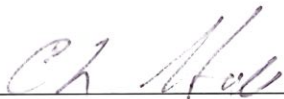
President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was the first reading of an ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance to Establish a Waiting Period for Reapplication for Rezoning After Denial.

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was the first reading of an ordinance 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.

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was to select a voting delegate for the Annual Business Meeting of the League of Municipalities. The following delegates were decided upon: Mike Lockhart, with the first alternate being Willis Thompson and the second alternate being Donnie Linley.

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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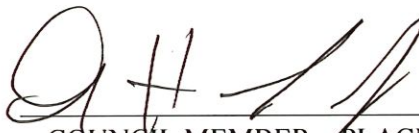
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