

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
MAY 2, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Pro-Tem Jeff Boyd called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.
- II. INVOCATION** Pastor Jared Jones, Central Church
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmember Jeff Silvers
Councilmember Jerry Johnson
Councilmember Annette Mitchell
Councilmember Joni Blalock
Councilmember Jeff Boyd

Absent: Mayor Tony Kennon

V. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Motion made (Blalock/Mitchell) to approve the agenda as written. Vote unanimous in favor.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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The reading was waived and minutes were approved as written.

VII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS/COMMITTEES

1. City Administrator – Ford Handley No report.
2. Director, Public Works – Tim Tucker No report.
3. Director, Community Development – Kit Alexander No report.
4. Chief, Police Department – Steve Brown No report.
5. Chief, Fire Department – Mike Kimmerling No report.
6. City Clerk – Renee Eberly No report.
7. Director, Finance – Ford Handley No report.
8. Parks & Recreation – Ford Handley No report.
9. Director, Utilities – Jeff Hartley No report.
10. Director, Coastal Resources – Phillip West No report.
11. Librarian, Public Library – Meagan Bing No report.
12. Director, Municipal Court – Pam Davis No report.
13. Director, Expect Excellence – Jonathan Langston No report.
14. Mayor/Council

Councilmember Blalock announced a Pet CPR and Emergency Measures class being held by Orange Beach Animal Control and free to residents with preregistration. The deadline to

preregister is Friday, May 5, 2023, at City Hall. The class will be held on Monday, May 15, 2023, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Orange Beach Community Center.

Councilmember Johnson invited citizens to join in celebrating the National Day of Prayer at the Orange Beach Coastal Arts Center on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at noon.

Woody Speed, Environmental Specialist, was recognized for his role as chairman of the Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program. Woody shared that a \$12 million cost sharing grant has been awarded to the program with \$8 million to be spent in Orange Beach for restoration of the islands and the living shoreline.

VIII. AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS

Motion made (Mitchell/Silvers) to certify that cash requirements with no related interests are within budget and appropriate for payment. Vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye. **Passed. (5-0).**

Motion made (Mitchell/Blalock) to certify that cash requirements with related interests in Swift Supply are within budget and appropriate for payment. Vote revealed: Silvers, abstain; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye. **Passed. (4-0-1).**

IX. PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring April 30-May 6, 2023, as National Small Business Week and recognition of Christina Woerner McInnis of Soilkit by AgriTech Corporation as Alabama Rural-Owned Small Business of the Year.

Yo Johnson, Business Advisor with the Alabama Small Business Development Center, read the proclamation aloud and introduced Christina Woerner McInnis. Christina spoke in gratitude for the city's support of SoilKit, a soil testing product which prescribes the correct mixture of fertilization chemicals to lower toxic runoff into our environment and is now available in Lowes nationally.

2. Nicole Woerner, City Grant Coordinator, introduced Mary Courtney, Orange Beach City Schools Director of Student Affairs, who presented a slideshow on a recently held 9th grade service project. 78 students provided 234 service hours in a single day, providing yard work for widows and senior residents in need, beach cleaning, a car wash for municipal vehicles, and cleanup of the dog park.

X. RECOGNITIONS

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

1. Resolution reappointing Sherry Brandler to the Library Board. **Motion made (Blalock/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.
2. Resolution authorizing the execution of an addendum to an administrative services agreement with RxBenefits, Inc., for pharmacy claims related to the employee health benefit plan. **Motion made (Silvers/Johnson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.
3. Resolution awarding the bid for Storage Warehouse Repairs to Sun Coast Builders, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$91,013. **Motion made (Johnson/Silvers) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.

4. Resolution declaring certain personal property owned by the City of Orange Beach as surplus and unneeded and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to dispose of such property. **Motion made (Mitchell/Silvers) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.
5. Resolution authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with MINT Decor LLC for interior design of City Hall. **Motion made (Silvers/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.
6. Resolution authorizing the execution of a memorandum of understanding with the City of Gulf Shores for airport automatic mutual aid. **Motion made (Johnson/Silvers) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.
7. Resolution authorizing the execution of an amended and restated interlocal agreement for the Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program. **Motion made (Blalock/Silvers) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.
8. Resolution approving the submission of the 2022 Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Annual Report. **Motion made (Silvers/Blalock) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.
9. Resolution authorizing the publication of an Amendment 750 notice relating to an economic development with Wharf Retail Properties, LLC, Wharf Entertainment Properties, LLC, and Wharf Landing, LLC. **Motion made (Johnson/Silvers) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.
10. Resolution establishing a schedule of fees for the rental of the Performing Arts Center and its available equipment. **Motion made (Silvers/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.
11. Resolution approving a settlement by and between Georgene Conner, et al., and the City of Orange Beach and authorizing the Mayor to undertake all actions necessary to effectuate said settlement. **Motion made (Mitchell/Blalock) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.
12. ADDITION: Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Vehicle for the Administration Department from State Bid in the amount of \$34,095.50. **Motion made (Johnson/Silvers) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

XIV. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the council, motion made (Blalock/Mitchell) to adjourn. Vote unanimous in favor.

Time: 5:31 P.M.

APPROVED this the 6th day of June, 2023.

Renee Eberly
City Clerk