

City of Muscle Shoals, Alabama

City Council Organizational and Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: November 3, 2025

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Muscle Shoals City Hall, Council Chambers

Call to Order

The meeting of the Muscle Shoals City Council was called to order by Brittney Walker, City Clerk, at 5:30 p.m., for the Organizational and Regular Council Meeting.

Roll Call

Present:

- Council Member Chris Hall
- Council Member Gina Clark
- Council Member Willis Thompson
- Council Member Kenneth Sockwell
- Council Member Donnie Lindley

A quorum was present.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was delivered by Reverend Wesley Thompson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alan Hernandez, Senior Class President of Muscle Shoals High School.

Oath of Office

The following officials were sworn in for the new term:

- Mayor: Billy H. Hudson
- Council Member, Place 1: Chris Hall
- Council Member, Place 2: Gina Clark
- Council Member, Place 3: Willis Thompson
- Council Member, Place 4: Kenneth Sockwell
- Council Member, Place 5: Donnie Lindley

Each affirmed their oath to faithfully discharge their duties as required by law.

Election of Council Officers

City Clerk Brittney Walker announced that the next item on the agenda would be the election of council officers for the new term.

Council President:

Nomination: Donnie Lindley

Motion by: Chris Hall

Second by: Gina Clark

Roll Call Vote:

- Chris Hall – Lindley
- Gina Clark – Lindley
- Willis Thompson – Lindley
- Kenneth Sockwell – Lindley
- Donnie Lindley – Lindley

Result: Donnie Lindley elected unanimously as Council President.

Council President Pro Tempore:

Nomination: Chris Hall

Motion by: Gina Clark

Second by: Willis Thompson

Roll Call Vote:

- Chris Hall – Hall
- Gina Clark – Hall
- Willis Thompson – Hall
- Kenneth Sockwell – Hall
- Donnie Lindley – Hall

Result: Chris Hall elected unanimously as Council President Pro Tempore.

Adoption of Rules of Procedure

The Council adopted Ordinance No. 1583-25, establishing the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the City Council for the 2025–2029 term.

Motion: Gina Clark

Second: Willis Thompson

Roll Call Vote:

- Chris Hall – Yes
- Gina Clark – Yes
- Willis Thompson – Yes
- Kenneth Sockwell – Yes
- Donnie Lindley – Yes

Result: Ordinance No. 1583-25 adopted unanimously (5–0).

Regular Meeting Schedule

Motion to adopt the regular meeting schedule (first and third Mondays of each month) was made by Gina Clark, seconded by Chris Hall.

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Appointments

- Resolution No. 3392-25 – Appointment of City Attorney: D. Marcel Black appointed as City Attorney.

- Resolution No. 3393-25 – Appointment of City Engineer: Brad Williams appointed as City Engineer.

- Resolution No. 3394-25 – Appointment of Municipal Court Judge: Bill Marthaler appointed as Municipal Court Judge.

- Resolution No. 3395-25 – Appointment of Municipal Court Prosecutor: Bethany Ellison Malone appointed as Municipal Court Prosecutor.
- Resolution No. 3396-25 – Appointment of Fiscal Agent/Financial Manager: Johnny Dill of Frazer Lanier Company appointed as Fiscal Agent and Financial Manager.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 1584-25 – Rezoning Ordinance (Dalton Estates)

Rezoning a portion of Dalton Estates from PU (Planned Unit) to R-3 (Residential).

Motion: Chris Hall

Second: Gina Clark

Roll Call Vote:

- Chris Hall – Yes
- Gina Clark – Yes
- Willis Thompson – Yes
- Kenneth Sockwell – Yes
- Donnie Lindley – Yes

Result: Ordinance No. 1584-25 adopted unanimously (5-0).

Resolution No. 3397-25 – Vacation of Rights-of-Way (Wilson Dam Properties, LLC)

Approving the vacation of certain streets and alleys within Union Terrace, Wilson Square, and Keystone Manor Subdivisions.

Motion: Kenneth Sockwell

Second: Willis Thompson

Vote: All in favor.

Approval of minutes from the October 20, 2025 regular meeting.

Motion by Chris Hall; seconded by Gina Clark.

Vote: All in favor.

Council approved naming the basketball court at Gattman Park in honor of retired employee Terry Victory.

Council and Mayor Comments

Mayor Billy H. Hudson thanked the community, council members, and employees for their continued support.

Council President Donnie Lindley expressed appreciation for his appointment and pledged to serve with dedication.

Council Members Chris Hall, Gina Clark, Willis Thompson, and Kenneth Sockwell shared gratitude for the community and city staff.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Chris Hall and seconded by Gina Clark.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA

A Municipal Corporation



COUNCIL MEMBER – PLACE ONE



COUNCIL MEMBER – PLACE TWO



COUNCIL MEMBER – PLACE THREE



COUNCIL MEMBER – PLACE FOUR



COUNCIL MEMBER – PLACE FIVE

ATTEST:



Brittney Walker, City Clerk/Treasurer