

CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
December 1, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.
Muscle Shoals City Hall – Council Chambers

A Work Session of the Muscle Shoals City Council was held on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Council President Donnie Linley called the work session to order.

A. Electric Board Interviews

Council conducted interviews and discussion related to the Electric Board appointment.

B. Ms. Eileen Nunnelly – Caring Place of the Shoals

Mrs. Nunnelly addressed the Council regarding services provided by the Caring Place of the Shoals. She discussed the organization's work with older adults and caregivers, outlined funding needs, and requested continued municipal support. She also invited the public to the upcoming Tour of Homes fundraiser on December 12–13.

C. Butch Fleming – Department Projects

Mr. Fleming addressed the Council on departmental projects underway. He provided an operational update, including ongoing maintenance activities and seasonal workload considerations.

D. Mr. Chad Holden – SSUT Resolution

Mr. Holden, Superintendent of Muscle Shoals City Schools, addressed the Council regarding the statewide Simplified Sellers Use Tax (SSUT). He spoke in favor of SSUT reform, emphasizing the need for predictable school funding, and asked the Council to carefully consider its position on the pending SSUT litigation.

E. Mr. Tyrus Mansell – SSUT Resolution

Mr. Mansell addressed the Council regarding SSUT, outlining the history of SSUT distribution, the current allocation model, and his concerns that altering SSUT through litigation could create instability and financial loss for municipalities. He recommended maintaining the existing SSUT structure.

F. Jared Gandy – Live Streaming (Absent)

An item on the agenda anticipated remarks from Mr. Jared Gandy regarding live streaming; however, Mr. Gandy did not attend, and no presentation was made.

The work session concluded at 5:49 p.m.

CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 1, 2025 – 5:50 p.m.
Muscle Shoals City Hall – Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Muscle Shoals City Council was held on Monday, December 1, 2025, beginning at 5:50 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Council President Donnie Linley called the meeting to order.

City Clerk Brittney Walker was present and served as clerk for the meeting.

1. Call to Order

Council President Donnie Linley called the regular meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council Members Present:

- Chris Hall – Council Member, Place 1
- Gina Clark – Council Member, Place 2
- Willis Thompson – Council Member, Place 3
- Kenneth Sockwell – Council Member, Place 4
- Donnie Linley – Council President, Place 5

A quorum was present.

3. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Police Chief Clint Reck delivered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. November 17, 2025 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Willis Thompson and seconded by Kenneth Sockwell.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

5. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Billy Hudson offered the following remarks:

- Thanked Public Works and the Street Department for leaf collection efforts.
- Recognized the Muscle Shoals High School football team, cheerleaders, band, dance squad, coaches, and administration for a successful season.
- Thanked Police, Fire, and Parks & Recreation staff for their continued work.
- Provided a brief update on drainage/flooding mitigation efforts, including work associated with retention pond.
- Noted that Garage Road would be renamed during the meeting.
- Clarified that citizens may video public meetings, referencing recent live-streaming concerns.

6. Comments of the Public

(Public comments were taken during the work session; none were received during the regular meeting.)

7. Reports of Officers

A. Butch Fleming – Mechanic Job Description

Mr. Fleming formally presented requested changes to the Mechanic job description, specifically allowing a one-year period for a newly hired mechanic to obtain a CDL. Council discussed recruitment and training timing issues.

B. Jalen Johnson – Cell Phone/Seat Belt Policies

Mr. Johnson presented proposed policies on:

- Cell Phone Use While Driving (City vehicles/on City time)
 - Seat Belt Use Policy
- He stated these were recommended by AMIC to support risk reduction and potentially reduce insurance premiums. Council discussed the proposal.

8. Hearing on Petitions, Applications, Appeals, Communications, etc.

(No items were presented.)

9. Financial Reports

(No items were presented.)

10. Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

A. Resolution No. 3401-25 – Authorizing Intervention in Statewide SSUT Litigation

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 3401-25 was made by Kenneth Sockwell and seconded by Chris Hall.

Vote:

- Chris Hall – Yes

- Gina Clark – Yes
- Willis Thompson – No
- Kenneth Sockwell – Yes
- Donnie Linley – Yes

Result: Resolution No. 3401-25 adopted 4-1.

B. Resolution No. 3402-25 – Renaming Garage Road to Independence Way

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 3402-25 was made by Gina Clark and seconded by Willis Thompson.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Result: Resolution No. 3402-25 adopted 5-0.

C. Resolution No. 3403-25 – Appointment to Zoning Board of Adjustments

Council considered the appointment of Edward Hester to the Zoning Board of Adjustments for a term expiring December 2028.

Roll Call Vote:

- Chris Hall – Edward Hester
- Gina Clark – Edward Hester
- Willis Thompson – Edward Hester
- Kenneth Sockwell – Edward Hester
- Donnie Linley – Edward Hester

Result: Resolution No. 3403-25 adopted unanimously.

D. Resolution No. 3404-25 – Appointment to Electric Board

Council considered the appointment of Ronnie Garner to the Electric Board for a term expiring February 2029.

Roll Call Vote:

- Chris Hall – Ronnie Garner
- Gina Clark – Ronnie Garner
- Willis Thompson – Edna Burgess
- Kenneth Sockwell – Ronnie Garner
- Donnie Linley – Ronnie Garner

Result: Ronnie Garner appointed to the Electric Board by a 4-1 vote

- E. Resolution No. 3405-25 – Appointment to Park & Recreation Board

Council considered the appointment of Lonzie McCants to the Park & Recreation Board for a term expiring November 2030.

Roll Call Vote:

Chris Hall – Lonzie McCants

Gina Clark – Lonzie McCants
Willis Thompson – Lonzie McCants
Kenneth Sockwell – Lonzie McCants
Donnie Linley – Lonzie McCants
Result: Resolution No. 3405-25 adopted unanimously.

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Willis Thompson.
The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.