

CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
January 20, 2026 – 5:00 p.m.  
Muscle Shoals City Hall – Council Chambers

A Work Session of the Muscle Shoals City Council was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Council President Donnie Linley called the work session to order.

A. Eric Kelley – Discussion of audit findings

Mr. Kelley discussed the audit finding at the previous meeting. He was concerned about potential issues for employees with the SIMRP.

B. MSCS & MSPR – Grant Announcement

Dawn Woodall announced through a collaborative effort between Muscle Shoals Park and Recreation and Muscle Shoals City Schools that they had been awarded a grant known as the Alabama Summer and After School Program. This grant is designed to increase access to high quality summer and after school programs.

C. Brad Williams – Civil Group

Mr. Williams updated the council on various projects that were currently in the works.

D. Brie Clark – Nathan Estates

Ms. Clark addressed the council about the plans the city has for the Nathan Estates retention pond. She also communicated with the council what the residents in the neighborhood wanted to see done.

E. Mayor Hudson – Discussion of proposed new position

Mayor Hudson asked the council to review the job description that was attached to their agenda packet for a new proposed position. He asked the council to provide any feedback that they had after their review of the job description.

F. Discussion of City Policy for Hemp License

The council discussed adopting a city policy regarding hemp license.

The work session concluded at 5:40 p.m.

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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, HR Director/Assistant City Clerk

CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 20, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.  
Muscle Shoals City Hall – Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Muscle Shoals City Council was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Council President Donnie Linley called the meeting to order.

HR Director/Assistant City Clerk Jalen Johnson was present and served as clerk for the meeting.

1. Call to Order

Council President Donnie Linley called the regular meeting to order at 5:40 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

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

4. Approval of Minutes

A. January 5, 2026, Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Gina Clark and seconded by Chris Hall.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

5. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Billy Hudson offered the following remarks:

- Mentioned James Bobo is coming to the next council meeting to discuss plans for Steenson Hollow.
- Mentioned a wreck involving a Fire department employee this morning. Stated that employee was okay.
- Thanked all department heads for their work.

## 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. Approval of Cell Phone Use While Driving Policy and Seat Belt Policy.

Motion to adopt both policies was made by Kenneth Sockwell and seconded by Willis Thompson.

Vote: Policies were adopted unanimously.

## 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. 3411-26 – Resolution to increase compensation for Civil Service Board members to \$7,200.00 annually.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 3411-26 was made by Chris Hall and seconded by Gina Clark.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Result: Resolution No. 3411-26 adopted 5-0.

### B. Mayor Hudson appointed Perry Burgess to the Planning Board with a term ending in December 2031.

#### Board Vacancies

Civil Service Board with an unexpired term ending in June 2028. Applications are available at City Hall or on our website by going to Government and clicking on Board Information.

## 11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Gina Clark.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

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