

CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2026

The City Council of the City of Muscle Shoals, Alabama met in a regular session on Monday, July 20, 2026 at City Hall.

1. Call to Order

The Council President, Donnie Linley, called the meeting to order

2. Roll Call

Present: Chris Hall, Gina Clark, Willis Thompson, Ken Sockwell, Donnie Linley

Absent: None

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Clint Reck delivered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President, Donnie Linley.

4. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Gina Clark and seconded by Willis Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes

The Council considered the minutes of the July 13, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. A motion was made by Ken Sockwell and seconded by Chris Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Mayor's Comments

The Mayor recognized upcoming community events, including the W.C. Handy Festival and Beats & Eats activities. He provided updates regarding improvements throughout the City, including vehicle lights, patriotic and school flag installations, City pool operations, and the potential sale of surplus property on River Road. The Mayor thanked City employees and volunteers for their continued service to the community.

7. Reports of Officers

8. Hearing on petitions, applications, appeals communications, etc.:

9. Financial Reports

10. Resolutions, ordinances, orders, & other business:

A. Ordinance Declaring Surplus & Property and Authorizing Its Sale to Wire Properties LLC.

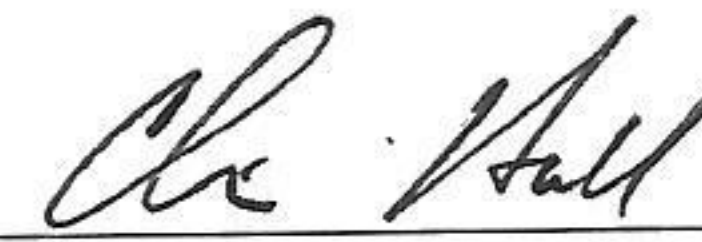
The Council conducted the first reading of an ordinance declaring approximately 0.45 acres of City-owned property as surplus and authorizing its sale to Wired Properties, LLC. As a first reading, no final action was taken.

B. Resolution Authorizing Disposal of a Surplus Fire Department 1990 12- Foot Boat

The Council considered and approved a resolution declaring a surplus 1990 twelve-foot Fire Department boat and authorizing its disposal in accordance with applicable Alabama law. The resolution determined that the equipment was no longer needed for municipal purposes and authorized its disposition.

11. Adjourn

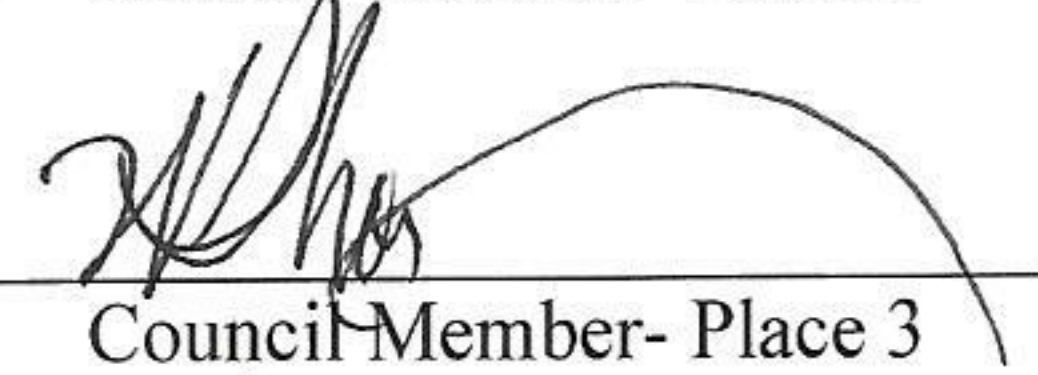
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned following approval of a motion to adjourn by Willis Thompson.



Council Member- Place 1



Council Member- Place 2



Council Member- Place 3



Council Member- Place 4



Council Member- Place 5

ATTEST:



Finance Officer/Assistant City Clerk

Work Session Agenda

July 20, 2026

A. Chelsea Lawson – Cramer Children's Advocacy Center

Ms. Lawson thanked the City for its continued support of the Cramer Children's Advocacy Center and outlined the services provided to children and families affected by abuse, neglect, and trauma. She requested that the City's annual contribution be increased from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for the 2026–2027 fiscal year due to reduced federal funding and increased demand for services.

B. William Underwood

Mr. Underwood addressed the Council regarding Board of Education appointments, public records, transparency, Sportsplex expenditures, and other matters of City business. He expressed concerns regarding the handling of public information requests, questioned previous financial commitments related to the Sportsplex project, and advised the Council of potential legal action concerning those matters.

C. Donation of Former Police K-9 Vehicle

Police Chief Clint Reck requested that the City's former 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe K-9 vehicle be declared surplus and donated to Colbert County Animal Control after unsuccessful attempts to sell the vehicle. Council members discussed the vehicle's condition, the value of supporting animal control services, and legal requirements for donating City property. The City Attorney advised that a resolution containing legislative findings would be required before the donation could be approved.

D. Police Department Overtime Policy

Chief Reck discussed the Police Department's overtime policy that was passed in May 2024 regarding the 84-hour versus 86-hour overtime threshold for officers assigned to 12-hour shifts. He also requested consideration of including dispatch personnel under the same work period. Following discussion, the Council directed the City Attorney to review Fair Labor Standards Act requirements before any changes are made to the City's policy. By consensus, the Council agreed to maintain current scheduling practices until legal guidance could be obtained.

Chief Reck reviewed the condition of the Police Department fleet and emphasized the need for a long-term replacement plan. He reported that several patrol vehicles have exceeded 100,000 miles and explained the costs associated with purchasing and equipping replacement vehicles. Council members discussed incorporating fleet planning into the upcoming budget process.

F. Ladder Truck Equipment

Fire Chief Hyde advised the Council that the City's new ladder truck could not be placed into service without purchasing additional equipment. He presented an itemized estimate for

approximately \$178,000 in equipment needed to fully outfit the apparatus. Council members discussed procurement requirements and requested clarification regarding bid compliance and quotation formatting before taking formal action.


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ATTEST:


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