



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chamber | 1953 Municipal Way

Alabaster, AL

March 09, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Pre-Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM and the Council organized for the Regular Meeting, which began at 6:30 PM, with Council President Greg Farrell presiding.

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mike Myers, Rick Ellis, Stacy Rakestraw, Greg Farrell, Jamie Cole, Jamia James, Kerri Pate

PRESENT

Council Member - Ward 1 Mike Myers
Council Member - Ward 2 Rick Ellis
Council Member - Ward 4 Greg Farrell
Council Member - Ward 5 Jamie Cole
Council Member - Ward 6 Jamia James
Council Member - Ward 7 Kerri Pate

ABSENT

Council Member - Ward 3 Stacy Rakestraw

MINUTES APPROVAL

A. 02-23-2026 Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting

B. 03-05-2026 Minutes - Work Session City Council

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 6 James.
Motion carried. Minutes approved.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion to amend the agenda by moving #7 Appointing Court Personnel to the top of the agenda made by Council Member - Ward 7 Pate, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 1 Myers. Motion carried. Amended agenda approved.

MAYOR BRAKEFIELD COMMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS

C. Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month 2026 - The ARC of Shelby County

D. Alabaster Police Cadet Recognition

E. Recognition of the 2025-2026 Alabaster Citizens Government Academy

AGENDA ITEMS

* Public Hearing on these Items ** Set Public Hearing on these Items

1. Resolution 030926-B Appointing Court Personnel to the City of Alabaster

Appointing new Court Personnel within the City of Alabaster - adding Magistrate Sara Wendt.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 1 Myers, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 6 James. Motion carried.

Council President Farrell asked Judge Walden and Magistrate Sara Wendt to come up front for the swearing-in ceremony.

2. Swearing in of Court Personnel - Judge Walden

Judge Walden administered the Oath of Office to Magistrate Sara Wendt.

3. *Ordinance 26-267 Levying Fee for Central Alabama Homebuilding Academy

Public Hearing, authorizing an ordinance establishing a \$20 residential building permit fee to support workforce development through the Central Alabama Homebuilding Academy in partnership with the Home Builders Association.

Council Member Pate introduced Ordinance 26-267 and Council President Greg Farrell opened the public hearing by asking if anyone would like to speak for or against said ordinance. No one spoke for or against the ordinance and President Farrell closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 7 Pate, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis. Motion carried. Ordinance adopted.

4. *Resolution 030926-E Amending 772 Agreement for Newcastle Homes

Public Hearing, to amend Resolution 120924-F Amending the 772 Agreement with Newcastle Homes.

Council Member James introduced Resolution 030926-E and Council President Greg Farrell opened the public hearing by asking if anyone would like to speak for or against said resolution. No one spoke for or against the resolution and President Farrell closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 6 James, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 1 Myers. Motion carried.

5. **Ordinance 26-268 An Ordinance to Prezone 1745 & 1707 Hwy 31

Setting a public hearing for Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:30 PM, requested by applicant / owner Jeff Whitlock, pre zoning 1745 & 1707 Hwy 31 to M-1 (Light Industrial District). PIN: 22 4 20 0 000 016.001

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 7 Pate. Motion carried.

6. **Ordinance 26-269 An Ordinance to Alter and Rearrange the Corporate Limits of the City of Alabaster Alabama by Annexing 1745 & 1707 Hwy 31

Setting a public hearing for Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:30 PM, requested by applicant / owner Jeff Whitlock, annexing 1745 & 1707 Hwy 31 following pre zoning. PIN: 22 4 20 0 000 016.001

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 5 Cole. Motion carried.

7. Resolution 030926 Authorizing Change to Account Signers for Alabaster Water Board Accounts

Updating all financial accounts with the Alabaster Water Board to reflect the following signors on accounts: Scott Brakefield, Brian Binzer, John Haggard, and Milly Stewart and remove all current Alabaster Water Board signers.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 5 Cole, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 7 Pate. Motion carried.

8. Resolution 030926-A Accepting the Roads at Peavine Crossing

At the request of the Alabaster Planning Commission, accepting the roads within the Peavine Crossing Subdivision.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 1 Myers, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 6 James. Motion carried.

9. Resolution 030926-C Reclassifying Positions within the Alabaster Police Department

Reclassification positions of Police Captain, Police Corporal SRO, Police Corporal, Police Lieutenant, Police Officer - Police Recruit, and Police Sergeant within the City of Alabaster Police Department.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 7 Pate, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 5 Cole. Motion carried.

10. Resolution 030926-D FY25 Audit Acceptance

Acknowledging receipt and acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2025 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and accompanying independent auditor's report.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 6 James, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 7 Pate. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Brumlow welcomed Ben Fuller and Jay Welborn, who are both running for District Court Judge for Shelby County.

Ben Fuller 128 Southern Hills Circle, Calera AL talked with the Council and asked for their support during the upcoming election for District Court Judge.

Jacob Tidmore 176 Hwy 61, Columbiana, AL talked with the Council and asked for their support during the upcoming election for Property Tax Commissioner.

Jay Welborn talked with the Council and asked for their support during the upcoming election for District Court Judge.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Kerri Pate thanked everyone that attended and explained that the Council spends hours reviewing and discussing the actions taken during the Regular City Council meetings and encouraged everyone to attend the Work Sessions as well.

Council President Greg Farrell expressed his appreciation for the Cadets and Government Citizens Academy participants' graduation tonight. He also thanked Finance Director John Haggard and everyone who assisted with the City's audit process.

WORK SESSION SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH AT 5:00 PM, WITH THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT 6:00.

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 7 Pate, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 6 James. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

Greg Farrell, Council President