



MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Council Chamber | 1953 Municipal Way
Alabaster, AL
March 20, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER - PRE-COUNCIL / WORK SESSION (5:30 PM)

The Pre-Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM by Council President Pro Tem Greg Farrell.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion - Proposal from 58INC for 2025 Economic Development

Amy Sturdivant, from 58INC discussed the opportunity to partner with Shelby County through 58INC. The City's participation will be discussed during a future work session.

2. Regular Meeting Agenda Review and Discussion

The City Council reviewed tonight's agenda items and discussed in preparation for the 6:30 Regular City Council Meeting.

ADJOURN WORK SESSION

Council adjourned the Work Session at 6:18 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular City Council Meeting that was called to order at 6:30 PM with Council President Sophie Martin presiding.

PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Sophie Martin, Rick Ellis, Stacy Rakestraw, Greg Farrell, Jamie Cole, Zach Zahariadis, Kerri Pate

PRESENT

- Council Member - Ward 1 Sophie Martin
- Council Member - Ward 2 Rick Ellis
- Council Member - Ward 3 Stacy Rakestraw
- Council Member - Ward 4 Greg Farrell
- Council Member - Ward 5 Jamie Cole
- Council Member - Ward 6 Zach Zahariadis

ABSENT

- Council Member - Ward 7 Kerri Pate

MINUTES APPROVAL

A. 03-10-2025 Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 5 Cole. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

B. 03-15-2025 Minutes - Emergency City Council Meeting

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 6 Zahariadis. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Council President Pro Tem Greg Farrell made a motion to amend the agenda by adding Item #7 Executive Session to the agenda, which was seconded by Council Member Stacy Rakestraw. Motion carried. Amended agenda approved.

MAYOR BRAKEFIELD COMMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS

- C. Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation**
- D. Sexual Assault Awareness Proclamation**

COUNCIL REPORTS

- E. Library Report - February 2025** - Council Member Rick Ellis
- F. Public Works Monthly Report - February 2025** - Council Member Stacy Rakestraw
- G. AFD Monthly Report - February 2025** - Council Member Greg Farrell
- H. APD Monthly Activity Report - February 2025** - Council Member Zach Zahariadis
- I. Building and Engineering Monthly Report - February 2025** - Council Member Jamie Cole

AGENDA ITEMS

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

- 1. Resolution 032025 Authorizing Mayor To Sign Contract With Alabama Power for LED Streetlight - Butler Rd-Hwy 17**

Authorizing the Mayor to sign and agreement with Alabama Power for an LED Streetlight at the corner of Butler Rd and Hwy 17 in an amount of 14.21 per month.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 6 Zahariadis, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell. Voting Yea: Council Member - Ward 1 Martin, Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis, Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw, Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell, Council Member - Ward 5 Cole, Council Member - Ward 6 Zahariadis. Motion carried.

- 2. Resolution 032025-A Authorizing Mayor To Sign Contract With Alabama Power for LED Streetlight - Buck Creek Neighborhood**

Authorizing the Mayor to sign and agreement with Alabama Power for 8 LED Streetlights within the Buck Creek Neighborhood in the amount of \$115.04 per month.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw. Voting Yea: Council Member - Ward 1 Martin, Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis, Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw, Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell, Council Member - Ward 5 Cole, Council Member - Ward 6 Zahariadis. Motion carried.

- 3. Resolution 032025-B Authorizing Mayor To Sign Contract With Alabama Power for LED Streetlight - Wynlake Phase 6 Subdivision**

Following the buydown by the developer, authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Alabama Power for 11 LED Streetlights within the Wynlake Subdivision Phase 6 in the amount of \$158.00 per month.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 5 Cole. Voting Yea: Council Member - Ward 1 Martin, Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis, Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw, Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell, Council Member - Ward 5 Cole, Council Member - Ward 6 Zahariadis. Motion carried.

- 4. Resolution 032025-C Appointing Court Personnel to the City of Alabaster**

Appointing Court Personnel within the City of Alabaster.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 6 Zahariadis. Voting Yea: Council Member - Ward 1 Martin, Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis, Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell, Council Member - Ward 5 Cole, Council Member - Ward 6 Zahariadis. Motion carried.

5. ***Resolution 032025-D Authorizing a Development Agreement With Southern Brew Corp**

Public Hearing, Authorizing a Development Agreement with Southern Brew Corp for the Seven Brew Drive Thru Coffee location on Hwy 119.

Motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration made by Council Member - Ward 5 Cole, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell. Voting Yea: Council Member - Ward 1 Martin, Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis, Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw, Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell, Council Member - Ward 5 Cole, Council Member - Ward 6 Zahariadis. Motion carried. Rules suspended.

Council President Sophie Martin opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak for or against said resolution. No one spoke for or against. Council President Martin closed the public hearing.

Motion to approve Development Agreement made by Council Member - Ward 5 Cole, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw. Voting Yea: Council Member - Ward 1 Martin, Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis, Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw, Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell, Council Member - Ward 5 Cole, Council Member - Ward 6 Zahariadis. Motion carried.

6. **Local State of Emergency from March 15th - Mayor's Report**

Mayor Brakefield will provide a brief report related to the recent storms that impacted Alabaster and surrounding cities.

Mayor Brakefield reported on the storms and mutual aid provided to Calera during the event.

7. **Executive Session Relating to Litigation or Pending Litigation within the City of Alabaster**

§ Code 36-25A-7a (3) To discuss with their attorney the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated or imminently likely to be litigated if the governmental body pursues a proposed course of action, or to meet or confer with a mediator or arbitrator with respect to any litigation or decision concerning matters within the jurisdiction of the governmental body involving another party, group, or body.

Council President Sophie Martin stated that the Council would enter Executive Session and they would not reconvene following the Executive Session.

Council Member Greg Farrell made a motion to enter Executive Session which was seconded by Council Member Jamie Cole. Motion carried. The council entered Executive Session at 6:52 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS None.

WORK SESSION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 10, 2025 AT 6:00 PM.

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to exit Executive Session and Adjourn the meeting made by Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

Sophie Martin, Council President