MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 19, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Tony Kennon called the meeting to order at 4:59 P.M.

II. INVOCATION Co-Pastor Julie Ragsdale, Worship on the Water Flora-Bama Church

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

Present:
Councilmember Jeff Silvers
Councilmember Jerry Johnson
Councilmember Annette Mitchell
Councilmember Jeff Boyd
Councilmember Joni Blalock
Mayor Tony Kennon

Absent: None

V. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Motion made (Silvers/Mitchell) to approve the agenda as written. Vote unanimous in favor.

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The reading was waived and minutes were approved as written.

VI. REPORTS OF OFFICERS/COMMITTEES

1. City Administrator – Ford Handley — No report.
2. Director, Public Works – Tim Tucker — No report.
3. Director, Community Development – Adam Roberson — No report.
4. Chief, Police Department – Steve Brown — No report.
5. Chief, Fire Department – Jeff Smith — No report.
6. City Clerk – Renee Eberly

   The City Clerk reminded everyone that the General Municipal Election for the City of Orange Beach will be held on August 26, 2025, at the Orange Beach Event Center, 4671 Wharf Parkway, with polls open from 7am to 7pm. She also announced that a Special-Called Council Meeting will be held on September 2, 2025, at 12 noon to canvass the results of the election.

7. Director, Finance – Ford Handley — No report.
8. Parks & Recreation – Nicole Ard — No report.
9. Director, Utilities – Rob Stalcup — No report.
10. Director, Coastal Resources – Phillip West — No report.
11. Librarian, Public Library – Meagan Bing — No report.
12. Director, Municipal Court – Pam Davis — No report.
13. Director, Expect Excellence – Ford Handley — No report.
14. Mayor/Council — No report.

VII. AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS

Motion made (Mitchell/Silvers) to certify that cash requirements with no related interests are within budget and appropriate for payment. Vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (6-0).**

Motion made (Mitchell/Boyd) to certify that cash requirements with related interests in Swift Supply are within budget and appropriate for payment. Vote revealed: Silvers, abstain; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0-1).**

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

IX. RECOGNITIONS

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolutions

1. Resolution accepting a proposal for Debris Monitoring, Disaster Management, and Recovery Services from Thompson Consulting Services, LLC. **Motion made (Johnson/Blalock) to adopt the resolution.** Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (6-0).**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

1. Resolution appointing David Trent Johnson as Interim Police Chief for the City of Orange Beach, Alabama. **Motion made (Silvers/Blalock) to adopt the resolution.** Vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, nay; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-1).**

2. Resolution declaring a vehicle owned by the City of Orange Beach as surplus and unneeded and authorizing the donation of said property to the Orange Beach Board of Education. **Motion made (Silvers/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

3. Resolution declaring a vehicle owned by the City of Orange Beach as surplus and unneeded and authorizing the donation of said property to the Saint Stephens Volunteer Fire Department. **Motion made (Johnson/Blalock) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

4. Resolution awarding Police Chief Steve Brown his duty weapons and badge as part of his retirement benefits. **Motion made (Silvers/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

5. Adopt Transportation Plan for FY2026. **Motion made (Blalock/Johnson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

6. Resolution authorizing the execution of a service order with Uniti Fiber LLC for the lifeguard building at the resident beach. **Motion made (Mitchell/Silvers) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

7. Resolution authorizing the execution of amendment five to the subaward grant agreement with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the RESTORE Act state expenditure plan funded expansion of the Orange Beach Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Program. **Motion made (Boyd/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution.** Councilmember Blalock asked for clarification from the Coastal Resources Department. Nicole Woerner, Coastal Resources, explained that the amendment extends the project deadline to the end of the year to allow for staff to finish building animal enclosures. Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

8. Resolution authorizing the execution of a cooperative agreement with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) for the city to provide permitting, regulating, monitoring, and inspection services. **Motion made (Blalock/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

9. Resolution reappointing Penny Groux to the Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Tourism Board of Directors. **Motion made (Silvers/Johnson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

10. Resolution authorizing the execution of a performance contract with Brandy Reeves for tennis instruction services. **Motion made (Mitchell/Johnson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

11. Resolution authorizing Orange Beach to join the State of Alabama and other local governments as participants in current and future opioid settlements (Purdue Pharma / Sackler Family). **Motion made (Blalock/Johnson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

XIV. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the council, motion made (Blalock/Boyd) to adjourn. Vote unanimous in favor.

Time: 5:08 P.M.

APPROVED this the 16th day of September, 2025.

Renee Eberly
City Clerk

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