

Work Session Minutes
May 18, 2026
@ 5:00 PM

Present: Mayor Ryan Jolly
Danny Morris
Jason White
Tate Gilley
Cassandra Lee
Chris Proctor

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jolly.

Ms. Lashundra Craig with “The Kitchen” was ask to come up and present her request to the Council. Ms. Craig ask the Council to investigate possibly allowing her to lease, rent, or use the building located on Court St. to operate her community outreach program. She currently has the service in a building on 157 that has no air or heat and other issues. Ms. Lee ask Ms. Craig to bring to the Council information on what she does through the service and provide the stats. If that building is not available is anything else that the City has that she could use. Mayor Jolly said that at the next Work Session they would try to have an answer because Ms. Craig needs to know by August.

Mayor Jolly had ask all supervisors to be present for a Mid-Year Budget meeting to inform everyone how things are going and in preparation for next year’s budget.

Each supervisor was allowed time to speak on their department’s current expenditures and budget and allow for the Council to ask questions also.

Gas Dept – Caleb Harville has plans to try to expand each year by adding at least 2 miles of additional gas lines. Equipment being rented for the purpose of installing these extensions and using our employees will be cheaper than hiring contractors to do this. Department head Caleb Harville also would like to purchase a leak detector that can detect a leak at 150 feet from a building which will be a great safety tool to be used. Councilman Chris Proctor ask about the Hwy 33 south project and how it is coming. Mr. Harville let the Council know that the line was worked on this week and hopefully will have finished in the next few weeks. The delay in finishing this project has been due to a project that was required by the Alabama Public Service Commission that was not expected.

Emily Edwards spoke on the General Fund and the Administration parts of the budget. Everything seems to be headed in the correct direction. With summertime rentals will be up for the Park, Building Permits are down because currently no big construction or renovations are happening. Everything dealing with the Park & Recreation will increase because this is the busier time of year for them. With the Administration, the Computer IT company had failed to bill us for approximately a year and so we have been paying more to cover that cost. Three computers had to be replaced with Windows 11 compatible ones. On the autos that was where the Building Dept truck was purchased for around \$30,000.00 when only \$20,000.00 had previously been approved.

Police Dept. Chief Craig Knight spoke on the overtime for his department was due to the fluctuations in staffing to which they are currently short of 3 officers but that nasho covers \$7,000.00 of that time. They currently have 3 candidates for the academy which is coming up. If they get fully staffed, they feel like overtime will be reduced as well as other things affected by the overtime. They will always have overtime as some things can't be helped, such as court, late arrest or calls, training etc. Councilman Gilley ask about the differences in the forecasted budget verses the actual cost that are depicted currently. He stated that if the estimated budget numbers were off by that much, we need to do a better job on projecting those numbers. Ms. Edwards added that one officer was hired that was not accounted for in this budget and that actuaries can help when making assessments but those usually come in after the budget is passed.

Fire Department – Chief Brian Phillips stated that their overtime shows over due to the shifts that the employees work but it is still within the range of the past 3 years except for when an employee was off due to surgery. He would like to hire 4-5 part-time people from other fire departments to help to cut down on overtime by having them work the weekend shift with the other fireman. One of the bigger purchases was the fire truck but funds were used from the sale of 2 vehicles(Engine 3 and the Rescue Truck) and then the additional \$10,000.00 needed for the purchase was approved by the Council, the purchase of the 2012 KME Truck. The next larger purchase was for the turn out gear which was done in a cycle to prevent such a large purchase at one time.

Street & Garbage Foreman/Superintendent – Daniel Woodard spoke on his budgets that maintenance on the Garbage Trucks needed to be reevaluated because the cost is so much and some of the items may actual need recategorized as Equipment. He also stated that he and Mayor Jolly had discussed setting aside a percentage to be spent on paving areas of greater need each year and also continuing to apply for Grants such as the one for Rosenwald, as well as in that area since the school is there we might be able to partner with them on the

paving. One of the issues that was talked about is that several streets have been paved repeatedly causing the actual roadway to be higher than the curbing and guttering which will cause those to have to be milled down prior to paving which is an additional cost overall to do. Council women Cassandra Lee spoke about using the money the City has to be proactive rather than reactive whenever possible. Mayor Jolly spoke to this as he wants to implement a comprehensive plan which would also help when we apply for grants. Mayor Jolly also stated that we may have to increase garbage rates soon.

Park & Rec – Deangelo McDaniel park director stated that his chemical cost has increased, which is reflected in his budget. Repairs have been done internally by workers to the kitchen at the recreation center which is 90% complete as well as the meeting room and should be completed by the end of June. Currently they are looking at having an Adult Softball League or Adult Flag Football but will choose to only have one this year with hopes of expanding that in the future. On June 26, 2026, the Fireworks show will be put on, bleacher covers are expected anytime and the power box at the tennis courts has been put on hold until the plans are complete on what is going to be done about pickleball courts and placing some new additions near the recreation center.

Councilwoman Cassandra Lee ask about McKelvey park and improvements and that she wants to make sure that the money that has been talked about using there is spent there. Mayor Jolly explained that this was a different grant that was being discussed for the HA Alexander Park. McKelvey Park is expected to receive a grant of \$150,000.00 from the Moulton Lions Club and then the City or possible grant would be needed to fund the other monies needed for the upgrades at that location which had been discussed. Cost for the ADA compliance will be handled by the City. Mr. McDainiel stated that the current splash pad at the Mini park is not working, all bridges need several other things that need repaired in that park that people use every day that has just been neglected or age has caused issues. Ms. Roper in the audience ask did the public have input on what activities were done through the Park and Recreation department. Mr. McDaniel stated that the Park Association members meet and determine what is most requested by the public in general and decide what the public wants in their area and try to provide those things. There will be registration fees charged to each team Mr. McDaniel stated to Ms. Lee when ask if they had to pay.

Water Distribution – Greg Flanagan Water Distribution Supervisor spoke of wanting to put in another mile of main this year. Their focus on the Water Distribution side has been to cut the rate of water loss by making repairs more quickly and efficiently. With that being a focus, it has taken a lot of work together with the Water Treatment Plant also to understand both areas and how to

improve overall service. The Mountain Home tank is now synced to the supply and demand of that area with the Water Treatment plant and equipment installed to prevent the loss of treated water as that tank for years and years had been running over causing a large loss of treated water.

Water Treatment Plant – Stanley Nichols Water Treatment Plant Supervisor spoke of the monies he had received from the lawsuit and the items it has been used for or will be used for such as the roof of the plant, ceiling tiles, flooring, Scada system, countertops, high service pump, flocculators etc. The grant money obtained from Senator Strongs office will be spent on filters to bring down the contaminants such as the PFAS's etc. Mayor Jolly spoke to the prospect of purchasing treasury bills with some of the money on hand which would be for 4 – 8-week notes that could be turned several times producing on average \$2,500.00 tax free every 4 weeks. Councilman Danny Morris ask about the overgrowth at the old lake and that it needed to be looked at to clean up like had been done in the past. Stanley Nichols stated that the old lake was not currently being used and had not been used in several years and that it probably would be a good idea to check the pumps for that lake. The overgrowth he said that someone would have to be hired to do that because he is not qualified to know what would be safe to use. About 10 years ago a company named Aqua services was hired to do that process.

Tate Gilley stated that if we have that much lawsuit money, it should be used to fund some of the other projects that are needed in the Cities infrastructure.(He was not aware that lawsuit pertained to water treatment and had been earmarked for the Water Treatment Plant).

Sewer Treatment Plant – Mark Heflin spoke on his expenditures consisted of maintenance of pumps, electrical, centrifuge, polymer and tipping fees. He has been comparing different avenues as to the cost of the tipping fees verses having other methods of disposing of the sludge once the moisture is removed and will continue to see which is going to be the most cost-efficient way to continue to go or work toward for the future. Once the testing is cleared up and completed a much cheaper way to go would be to land apply but that will be possible maybe later. A sewer road bore was carried out this week at Al Hwy 157 near Byler Rd across to the other side of AL Hwy 157. The industrial park still needs fall line installed.

Golf Course – Myron Bohannon stated that his chemical cost was going to be more due to the drought that what was needed in summer would be needed again, prices are higher due to increased fuel cost that drives the chemical pricing. He stated that the bathrooms in the back needed to be redone, they do function but just needed updating and attention. Several trees were lost during the

hailstorm that came through in that area and 4 areas need resodding. Planning on selling part of the golf carts next year to keep rotation of those going. Thoughts have been considered about bringing back the kitchen to increase revenue there as well as improving the quick grab and go type of items. Memberships are now to be paid at City Hall.

Mayor Jolly ask that Council be considering the retiree insurance benefit as well as recommendations people to serve on boards that need to be appointed.

Work Session Closed and Council Meeting began at 6:41 PM