

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 11, 2026

The Greenville City Council convened in the Council Chamber of City Hall on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. for a regular council meeting. Mayor Jae'Ques Brown called the meeting to order. City Clerk - Treasurer Dee Blackmon called the roll and recorded the following members present: Mayor Brown, Councilmembers Ed Sims, Brandon Smith Sr., Kenderius Boggan, Bryan Reynolds and Joseph West. Mayor Brown led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Mr. Eddie Cook delivered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Brown advised that each councilmember had received for review a copy of the proposed minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 29, 2026. He asked if there were any additions, deletions, or amendments to the minutes as presented.

Councilmember West moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes for the April 29, 2026, Regular Council Meeting as drafted. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the Council.

PROCLAMATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION FROM THE ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation Committee Chairman Paul Hudson informed the council that he was presenting an award to the Greenville Police Department for accreditation of the department's policy and procedures. Hudson explained that several years ago, the association launched an accreditation program designed to unify law enforcement agencies across Alabama under consistent policies and professional standards. He noted that the program is policy-based and is intended to strengthen cooperation among agencies, build public trust, and reduce liability for law enforcement departments throughout the state. He also stated that this designation could reduce insurance rates through AMIC. Chief Justin Lovvorn accepted the award on behalf of the police department.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Brown advised the council about the department head meeting held earlier that morning, where he and the department heads discussed the need for additional police officers and firefighters. He stated that he is exploring and brainstorming solutions to address the staffing shortages and emphasized that the city must become more competitive in pay for first responders. Mayor Brown noted that the city's pay evaluation was conducted five years ago, in 2021.

Additionally, Mayor Brown reminded the council that the Sasanqua Garden Club invited the council to attend an event on May 13th at Beeland Park Community Center, where Bobby Green will be the featured speaker.

Mayor Brown also discussed the sale of the hospital and advised that attorney Brandon Simmons would speak further on the matter.

The Mayor further advised the council that the Camellia Pointe Cabins are performing well financially, and that rental revenue from the cabins is sufficient to cover the mortgage payments. He added that he wants the city's tourism areas to be maintained and presented in an attractive manner.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

City Clerk-Treasurer Dee Blackmon advised the council that the new balance for the month of May in the general fund checking is \$219,143.18. She also stated that the money market balance is \$450,432.52.

Blackmon explained that a recent check run and payroll contributed to the current balances. Additionally, Ms. Blackmon advised the council that the 2024 audit has been completed, Branum and Company will present the audit at the next council meeting. She further stated that once the 2024 audit is accepted, work can begin on the 2025 audit.

Tracy Salter with the Chamber of Commerce advised the council that on May 30th, the Chamber and the City will host a Greenville Clean & Green Project. She stated that she hopes to make the event a monthly or bi-monthly initiative. Ms. Salter explained that the project will bring the community together to clean neighborhoods throughout the city and noted that all equipment will be provided for volunteers.

Mayor Brown added that the city will have a limb truck and garbage truck available for residents to dispose of larger items. He also encouraged each council member to attend and support the event.

Police Chief Justin Lovvorn updated the council on police department statistics for the month of April, reporting a total of 752 emergency calls. He stated that 13 of those calls involved Part I crimes and that there were 10 felony theft calls during the month.

Chief Lovvorn also thanked Andy Beck for assisting with organizing files for the accreditation process. In addition, he invited the community to attend the Law Enforcement Memorial service scheduled for Thursday, May 14, at 11:00 a.m. at Lurleen B. Wallace Community College.

Chief Belletete updated the council on the fire department statistics for the month of April. He reported that the department responded to 172 calls during the month. Chief Belletete stated that the majority of the calls were medical-related and that there were four fire-related calls. He advised that there were no structural fire calls; however, the department did respond to several grass fires. Chief Belletete also informed the council that the fire department is currently short on personnel and is seeking to hire both certified and non-certified firefighters.

Building Official John Haire provided the council with an update on Sherling Lake. He advised the council about the condition of the walking trails and piers at the park and stated that the current condition of the park is unsafe for the community. Mr. Haire presented the council with a slideshow containing several photographs showing the park in its current state. Mr. Haire also made several suggestions on how the city could clear the walking trails and repair the piers to improve safety and accessibility at the park. Additionally, Mr. Haire explained that the city will need to rent equipment to demolish the former Shoney's building. He suggested that, while the equipment is rented, the city should also use it to complete additional projects around the city.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2026-33. A RESOLUTION APPROVING QUARTERLY REPORTS FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2026. Mayor Brown asked for questions or concerns, hearing none, **Councilmember Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2026-33, which approves the quarterly reports.** Councilmember Boggan seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council.

RESOLUTION 2026-34. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DECLARATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY AS SURPLUS AND THE SALE OF SAME. Listed on this resolution were eight (8) properties that are not being utilized by the city. Mayor Brown asked for questions or concerns, hearing none, **Councilmember West moved to adopt Resolution 2026-34, which authorizes the City to declare certain real property surplus.** Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council.

RESOLUTION 2026-35. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GREENVILLE TO APPLY FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE DELTA WORKFORCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE GREENVILLE WORKFORCE & INNOVATION HUB INITIATIVE. Mayor Brown asked Ms. Bettdonna Mack, with Senior Services, to explain the grant. She stated that the grant program is intended to support workforce development efforts and create opportunities for job training,

innovation, and economic growth within the community. She advised the council that the City will apply for \$210,000.00. Mayor Brown asked for questions or concerns, hearing none, **Councilmember Sims moved to adopt Resolution 2026-35, authorizing the City to apply for funding through the Delta Workforce Grant.** Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council.

RESOLUTION 2026-36. A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY'S CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY AND EXPRESSING THE CITY'S INTENT TO HONOR AND PERFORM SUCH OBLIGATIONS REGARDLESS OF ANY CHANGE IN HOSPITAL OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, OR POTENTIAL CLOSURE. Mayor Brown asked attorney Brandon Simmons to provide clarification on the matter. Attorney Simmons advised the council that, the previous week, the Healthcare Authority reached an agreement with Frey Management regarding the sale of the hospital. He stated that Frey Management will purchase the hospital for approximately \$5.6 million, subject to final adjustments. Simmons also noted that the Healthcare Authority will remain responsible for the existing bonds associated with the facility. Mayor Brown asked for questions or concerns, hearing none, **Councilmember Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2026-36, affirming the City's continuing obligations under the funding agreement with the Healthcare Authority.** Councilmember West seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Mayor Brown explained the following expenditure and asked if anyone had questions or comments. Hearing none, **Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the following expenditures:**

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| A. PERRY BROTHERS AVIATION FUELS - \$20,062.40 | BUDGETED ITEM |
| 4100 GALLONS OF AVIATION FUEL FOR AIRPORT | |

Councilmember Sims seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council.

Mayor Brown presented the following expenditure and asked if there were any questions or concerns. Councilmember Boggan requested that the Council reconsider entering into a contract with Pioneer Electric, stating that he is still awaiting completion of a project on Walker Green Road. After discussion and in consideration of Councilmember Boggan's concerns, the Council agreed to table the expenditure until the next Council meeting.

- B. Pioneer Electric Cooperative - \$4,177.00**
Seven Pole and Yard Light Installation at Sherling Lake

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Brown made a recommendation to appoint Olby Bedgood and Arlene Steele, and reappoint Floyd Harris and William Johnson to the Industrial Development Board. **Councilmember Boggan made a motion to approve the appointments.** Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Council agreed to change the next council meeting to May 18th due to Memorial Day on May 25th. The Mayor also advised the council that they will swear in the Junior City Council on May 18th with a meet and greet starting at 4:00 pm.

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Jae'Ques Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dee H. Blackmon, City Clerk-Treasurer