

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE
CITY OF CENTRE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CENTRE, ALABAMA

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTRE MET IN REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL.

ROLL CALL FOUND THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

JAY HOWELL, MAYOR
TOREY CHANDLER, COUNCILMEMBER
CARETHA CLIFTON, COUNCILMEMBER
DON COTHRAN, COUNCILMEMBER
SID GARRETT, COUNCILMEMBER
PHILLIP ROBERTS, COUNCILMEMBER
KAREN SLUPE, COUNCILMEMBER
JIMMY WILLIAMS, COUNCILMEMBER

MAYOR JAY HOWELL PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING AND SHERRIE CHANDLER, CITY CLERK, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, RECORDED THE MINUTES.

MAYOR HOWELL STATED A FULL MEMBERSHIP WAS PRESENT AND DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

BO HOOD OPENED THE MEETING WITH PRAYER.

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026 WERE BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL FOR CORRECTION AND/OR APPROVAL. COUNCILMEMBER KAREN SLUPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP ROBERTS. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF SAME.

MAYOR HOWELL PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTRE, ALABAMA, TO WIT:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-02-24-01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT TOM "TINY" OWENS BE RE-APPOINTED TO THE ALCOHOL REVIEW BOARD COMMITTEE FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS TERM SHALL EXPIRE FEBRUARY 24, 2029.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.

JAY HOWELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHERRIE CHANDLER, CITY CLERK

COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TOREY CHANDLER. THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE RECORDED:

YEAS: TOREY CHANDLER, COUNCILMEMBER
CARETHA CLIFTON, COUNCILMEMBER
DON COTHRAN, COUNCILMEMBER
SID GARRETT, COUNCILMEMBER
PHILLIP ROBERTS, COUNCILMEMBER
KAREN SLUPE, COUNCILMEMBER
JIMMY WILLIAMS, COUNCILMEMBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINING: JAY HOWELL, MAYOR

MAYOR HOWELL PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTRE, ALABAMA, TO WIT:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-02-24-02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCILMEMBER SID GARRETT BE APPOINTED TO THE CENTRE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS TERM SHALL EXPIRE NOVEMBER 4, 2030.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.

JAY HOWELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHERRIE CHANDLER, CITY CLERK

COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TOREY CHANDLER. THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE RECORDED:

YEAS: TOREY CHANDLER, COUNCILMEMBER
CARETHA CLIFTON, COUNCILMEMBER
DON COTHRAN, COUNCILMEMBER
PHILLIP ROBERTS, COUNCILMEMBER
KAREN SLUPE, COUNCILMEMBER
JIMMY WILLIAMS, COUNCILMEMBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINING: JAY HOWELL, MAYOR
SID GARRETT, COUNCILMEMBER

MAYOR HOWELL APPOINTED MARCUS WILLIAMS TO THE CENTRE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A SIX YEAR TERM. THIS TERM SHALL EXPIRE FEBRUARY 24, 2032.

MAYOR HOWELL PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTRE, ALABAMA, TO WIT:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-02-24-03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT SINDA SNEAD BE APPOINTED CHAIRMAN TO THE ZONING ADJUSTMENT BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS TERM SHALL EXPIRE FEBRUARY 24, 2029.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.

JAY HOWELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHERRIE CHANDLER, CITY CLERK

COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DON COTHRAN. THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE RECORDED:

YEAS: TOREY CHANDLER, COUNCILMEMBER
CARETHA CLIFTON, COUNCILMEMBER
DON COTHRAN, COUNCILMEMBER
SID GARRETT, COUNCILMEMBER
PHILLIP ROBERTS, COUNCILMEMBER
KAREN SLUPE, COUNCILMEMBER
JIMMY WILLIAMS, COUNCILMEMBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINING: JAY HOWELL, MAYOR

MAYOR HOWELL PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTRE, ALABAMA, TO WIT:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-02-24-4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT DEBBIE CURRY BE APPOINTED TO THE ZONING ADJUSTMENT BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS TERM SHALL EXPIRE FEBRUARY 24, 2029.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.

JAY HOWELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHERRIE CHANDLER, CITY CLERK

COUNCILMEMBER JIMMY WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KAREN SLUPE. THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE RECORDED:

YEAS: TOREY CHANDLER, COUNCILMEMBER
CARETHA CLIFTON, COUNCILMEMBER
DON COTHRAN, COUNCILMEMBER
SID GARRETT, COUNCILMEMBER
PHILLIP ROBERTS, COUNCILMEMBER
KAREN SLUPE, COUNCILMEMBER
JIMMY WILLIAMS, COUNCILMEMBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINING: JAY HOWELL, MAYOR

COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP ROBERTS MADE A MOTION NAMING THE CENTRE COMMUNITY CENTER THE MARY GEORGE JORDAN WAITE COMMUNITY CENTER. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SID GARRETT. THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE RECORDED:

YEAS: TOREY CHANDLER, COUNCILMEMBER
CARETHA CLIFTON, COUNCILMEMBER
DON COTHRAN, COUNCILMEMBER

SID GARRETT, COUNCILMEMBER
PHILLIP ROBERTS, COUNCILMEMBER
KAREN SLUPE, COUNCILMEMBER
JIMMY WILLIAMS, COUNCILMEMBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINING: JAY HOWELL, MAYOR

COUNCILMEMBER TOREY CHANDLER MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE 50 GARBAGE DUMPSTER LIDS FROM IMPACT ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,470.92. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KAREN SLUPE. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF SAME.

COUNCILMEMBER DON COTHRAN MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE 36 CHAISE LOUNGE CHAIRS FROM REC SUPPLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,757.28 FOR THE SWIMMING POOL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JIMMY WILLIAMS. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF SAME.

COUNCILMEMBER SID GARRETT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CHEROKEE COUNTY YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE PART OF THE CITY'S PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARETHA CLIFTON. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF SAME.

COUNCILMEMBER KAREN SLUPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE \$2,000.00 FOR THE CITY'S ARTS IN THE PARK EVENT AT THE CITY PARK ON APRIL 25, 2026 FROM 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARETHA CLIFTON. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF SAME.

AT 5:20 P.M. COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL POLICY WITH CITY ATTORNEY PAT TATE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JIMMY WILLIAMS. THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE RECORDED:

YEAS: TOREY CHANDLER, COUNCILMEMBER
CARETHA CLIFTON, COUNCILMEMBER
DON COTHRAN, COUNCILMEMBER
SID GARRETT, COUNCILMEMBER
PHILLIP ROBERTS, COUNCILMEMBER
KAREN SLUPE, COUNCILMEMBER
JIMMY WILLIAMS, COUNCILMEMBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINING: JAY HOWELL, MAYOR

AT 6:00 P.M. COUNCILMEMBER KAREN SLUPE MADE A MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JIMMY WILLIAMS. THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE RECORDED:

YEAS: TOREY CHANDLER, COUNCILMEMBER
CARETHA CLIFTON, COUNCILMEMBER
DON COTHRAN, COUNCILMEMBER
SID GARRETT, COUNCILMEMBER
PHILLIP ROBERTS, COUNCILMEMBER
KAREN SLUPE, COUNCILMEMBER
JIMMY WILLIAMS, COUNCILMEMBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINING: JAY HOWELL, MAYOR

COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO PAY CITY EMPLOYEES FOR VACATION DAYS OVER 5 DAYS AND SICK LEAVE DAYS OVER 90 DAYS EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2026. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JIMMY WILLIAMS. THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE RECORDED:

YEAS: TOREY CHANDLER, COUNCILMEMBER
CARETHA CLIFTON, COUNCILMEMBER
DON COTHRAN, COUNCILMEMBER
SID GARRETT, COUNCILMEMBER
PHILLIP ROBERTS, COUNCILMEMBER
KAREN SLUPE, COUNCILMEMBER
JIMMY WILLIAMS, COUNCILMEMBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINING: JAY HOWELL, MAYOR

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL, COUNCILMEMBER DON COTHRAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:05 P.M.

JAY HOWELL, MAYOR

SHERRIE CHANDLER, CITY CLERK