

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, JANUARY 13, 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
PHILLIP ROBERTS, COUNCILMEMBER
KAREN SLUPE, COUNCILMEMBER
JIMMY WILLIAMS, COUNCILMEMBER

ABSENT: SID GARRETT

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

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

BO HOOD OPENED THE MEETING WITH PRAYER.

THE MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025 AND REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2025 WERE BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL FOR CORRECTION AND/OR APPROVAL. COUNCILMEMBER DON COTHRAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP ROBERTS. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF SAME.

COUNCILMEMBER KAREN SLUPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JIMMY WILLIAMS. THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	\$ 64.52	ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE	\$ 105.00
CARD SERVICES	\$ 689.95	CHER CO. ASSOC. VOL. FIRE	\$9,300.00
CHEROKEE CO. COMM. DIST.	\$13,366.19	CEDAR BLUFF OIL	\$2,374.09
CENTRE AUTO PARTS	\$ 1,032.18	CHEROKEE FARMERS COOP	\$ 17.97
CINTAS	\$ 849.67	DANNY'S BUILDERS SUPPLY	\$ 77.73
DASH MEDICAL	\$ 160.68	DONNIE WEAVER ELECTRIC	\$3,391.00
ETA	\$ 600.00	FARMERS BOTS LLC	\$ 349.51
MCPHERSON FLEET CARD	\$ 6,068.72	GALL'S LLC	\$ 56.86
MSTS RECEIVABLES LLC	\$ 669.97	HOLSTON GASES, INC.	\$ 24.17
INGRAM EQUIPMENT CO.	\$ 1,483.29	LARRY'S TOWING	\$ 170.83
LEXIS NEXIS	\$ 428.44	NETWORK SOLUTIONS, INC.	\$ 191.50
Q'REILLY AUTO PARTS	\$ 415.13	PIC 'N SAV	\$ 157.49

QUILL	\$ 352.17	RAY'S SAW	\$ 28.99
REECE TIRE-CENTRE	\$ 197.00	RODNEY'S AUTO PARTS	\$ 308.85
SAND MOUNTAIN PEST	\$ 129.00	VALVOLINE	\$ 116.96
TREVI PAY	\$ 603.55	WM CORPORATE SERVICES	\$ 8,455.48
WATER WAY DISTRIBUTING	\$ 116.93	WEAVER PLUMBING & SEPTICS	\$ 350.00
WEBB CONCRETE	\$ 31.47	WEISS SUPPLIES	\$ 198.85

SUB TOTAL \$52,934.14

RECREATION FUND

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	\$ 45.43	BSN SPORTS LLC	\$ 6,235.00
CARD SERVICES	\$ 136.97	CEDAR BLUFF OIL	\$ 88.49
CINTAS	\$ 144.60	DANNY'S BUILDERS SUPPLY	\$ 3.92
DAYS SPORTING GOODS	\$ 107.50	MCPHERSON FLEET CARD	\$ 319.64
PIC 'N SAV	\$ 97.97	SAND MOUNTAIN PEST	\$ 86.00
TMC GRAPHICS & SIGNS	\$ 150.00	TREVI PAY	\$ 132.94
WEISS SUPPLIES	\$ 20.72	VALVOLINE	\$ 62.87

SUB TOTAL \$ 7,632.05

SWIMMING POOL

DONNIE WEAVER	\$ 125.00	SAND MOUNTAIN PEST	\$ 45.00
WEISS SUPPLIES	\$ 159.90		

SUB TOTAL \$ 329.90

THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF PAYING THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

RAYMOND MATTHEWS, BUILDING INSPECTOR, PRESENTED HIS REPORT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER AS FOLLOWS:

2025 FOURTH QUARTER BUILDING PERMITS

COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED:		CONSTRUCTION COSTS	PERMIT COSTS
1	WALMART-POWER SECURE GENERATOR NEW PUMP	\$299,000.00	\$399.00
2	RUSTIC CHARM-COOPER CLIMATE CONTROL UNIT	\$12,870.00	\$75.00
3	LEESHAN SHOPPING-ASIMPA, LLC PAINTING	\$61,420.00	\$142.50
4	MARK MANSFIELD-BANNISTER CONST REMODELING	\$50,000.00	\$75.00
5	TIM BELL-TIM BELL REMODELING	\$30,000.00	\$75.00
6	CK TREASURES INVESTMENT-BANNISTER CONST REMODELING	\$8,300.00	\$25.00
7	JIMMY BLACK-JIMMY BLACK REMODELING	\$20,000.00	\$75.00
8	JERRAD MOSELEY-CHARLES MOSELEY FOUNDATION	\$3,200.00	\$25.00
SUBTOTAL:		\$484,790.00	\$891.50

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED:

1	LARRY LESLIE-CALEB WHORTON	NEW FENCE	\$5,000.00	\$25.00
2	DAVID JAMES-STAY DRY ROOFING	REROOF	\$4,500.00	\$25.00
3	BARTON PERRY-BROCK ROOFING	REROOF	\$25,399.00	\$75.00
4	JEFF BURK-JEFF BURK	REMODELING	\$29,000.00	\$75.00
5	JOSH LANGLEY-LANGLEY CONST	NEW HOME	\$130,000.00	\$250.00
6	JOSH LANGLEY-LANGLEY CONST	NEW HOME	\$130,000.00	\$250.00
7	JOSH LANGLEY-LANGLEY CONST	NEW HOME	\$130,000.00	\$250.00
8	JOSH LANGLEY-LANGLEY CONST	NEW HOME	\$130,000.00	\$250.00
9	TOMMY MINNIX-TOMMY MINNIX	REMODELING	\$50,000.00	\$75.00
10	JEFF GOSSETT-BANNISTER CONST	REROOF	\$20,000.00	\$75.00
11	LISA RUSSELL-BANNISTER CONST	REROOF	\$20,000.00	\$75.00
12	ABIGAIL MITCHELL-BRYANT'S HEATING	NEW UNIT	\$15,250.00	\$75.00
13	CHRISTOPHER HAYS-BROCK ROOFING	REROOF	\$15,000.00	\$75.00
14	HAROLD DAY-BROCK ROOFING	REROOF	\$15,000.00	\$75.00
15	JEFF GRIMES-BROCK ROOFING	REROOF	\$15,000.00	\$75.00
16	LISA RUSSELL-BROCK ROOFING	REROOF	\$15,000.00	\$75.00
17	TOREY CHANDLER-BANNISTER CONST	REROOF	\$15,300.00	\$75.00
18	TRENTON EDWARDS-LAMBERTS CONST	NEW HOME	\$515,000.00	\$615.00
19	BILLY PRUITT-STAY DRY ROOFING	REROOF	\$19,000.00	\$75.00
20	DUSTIN BAKER-DUSTIN BAKER	REMODELING	\$9,000.00	\$25.00
SUBTOTAL:			\$1,307,449.00	\$2,590.00

SIGN PERMITS ISSUED:

1	TINA LANGLEY-TINA LANGLEY	SIGN	\$380.00	\$15.00
2	DONNIE WEAVER-DONNIE WEAVER	SIGN	\$300.00	\$15.00
3	REX JOHNSON-NEWVIEW PARTNERS	SIGN	\$48,000.00	\$15.00
4	BYPASS EXPRESS-SUTTON CONTRACTING	SIGN	\$12,698.00	\$15.00
5	FAMILY CARE CENTER-SIMMONS SIGNS	SIGN	\$1,500.00	\$15.00
6	NEWVIEW PARTNERS-NEWVIEW PARTNERS	SIGN	\$55,000.00	\$15.00
SUBTOTAL:			\$117,878.00	\$90.00

TOTAL OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2025**\$1,910,117.00 \$3,571.50**

ROBERT PACE, FIRE MARSHAL, PRESENTED HIS REPORT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER AS FOLLOWS: 16-STRUCTURE FIRES; 141-RESCUE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; 9-HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS; 14-SERVICE CALLS; 3-GOOD INTENT CALLS; 5-FALSE ALARM & FALSE CALLS; 1-SPECIAL INCIDENT TYPES.

KIRK BLANKENSHIP, POLICE CHIEF, PRESENTED HIS REPORT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER AS FOLLOWS: 233-INCIDENTS & OFFENSE REPORTS; 149-ARRESTS; 45-ACCIDENTS; 125-TRAFFIC CITATIONS; 809-WARNINGS.

IN THE ABSENCE OF JAMES SEWELL, RECREATION DIRECTOR, COUNCILMEMBER DON COTHRAN PRESENTED THE REPORT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER AS FOLLOWS:

October

- Ended Youth Soccer Season
 - Registration up 10% over previous season
 - 3 Leagues
 - 14 teams
 - 14 Certified Volunteer Coaches
- Planned and initiated youth basketball season
 - Established and input program parameters and opened registration on RecDesk
 - Delivered informational flyers to all county schools
 - Coordinated dates and gym availability with participating communities
 - Advertised basketball registration on facebook
 - Set dates for Coaches' Meeting, Player Evaluations, Team Drafts, and season start/ end dates
 - Competitively priced uniforms for season
 - Recruited volunteers to coach
- Coordinated with Cherokee County Fellowship of Christian Athletes to host fundraiser pickleball tournament
- Planned and coordinated Kids' Fun Run at Centre Fall Festival
 - Opened registration on RecDesk
 - 180 registrants
 - Handed out fun run T-shirts
- Daily maintenance of City Pool
- Maintained approximately 20 acres of property and all structures at Parks and Recreation Facilities

November

- Concluded Youth Soccer Regular Season
- Concluded Youth Basketball Registration
 - 170 Registrants

- 6 Leagues
- 31 teams
- Helped plan and facilitate “Art In The Park” at City Park
- Aerated, fertilized, and overseeded approx. 15 acres of ball fields
- Daily maintenance of City Pool
- Maintained approximately 20 acres of property and all structures at Parks and Recreation Facilities

December

- Began Youth Basketball
 - Held Youth Basketball games at the City Gym
 - Coordinated with CES, Cedar Bluff, Gadsden State, and Gaylesville schools to ensure equitable practice time for all teams and host games
 - Completed schedules for 25’26 season with limited available gym space
 - Four venues
- Attended Alabama Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) District IV Quarterly Meeting
 - Centre selected to host September Quarterly Meeting
 - Multiple representatives from approximately twelve municipalities in District to attend
- Assisted in facilitating City of Centre Christmas Parade
- Winterized the park and pool bathrooms
- Began planning for ’2026 Baseball and Softball seasons
- Daily maintenance of City Pool
- Maintained approximately 20 acres of property and all structures at Parks and Recreation Facilities

BOBBY PAUL, SUPERVISOR, STREET & SANITATION, PRESENTED HIS REPORT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER AS FOLLOWS: MOWING SEASON OVER; TRIMMING ROW BACK AND CLEANING OUT GUTTERS; REPAIRED CHRISTMAS LIGHTS; CHRISTMAS PARADE WAS A SUCCESS; YEARLY TRUCK INSPECTIONS; RAIN TREE PAVING COMPLETED; NEW BRUSH TRUCK.

COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CHEROKEE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPONSORSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DON COTHRAN. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF SAME.

COUNCILMEMBER KAREN SLUPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE WEISS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION 2026 CRAPPIE RODEO SPONSOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TOREY CHANDLER. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF SAME.

COUNCILMEMBER CARETHA CLIFTON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE EXTENDED FAMILY SPONSOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DON COTHRAN. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF SAME.

COUNCILMEMBER KAREN SLUPE MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE A PORTABLE POOL VACUUM CLEANER FROM POOL WEB IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,999.99. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TOREY CHANDLER. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF SAME.

COUNCILMEMBER TOREY CHANDLER MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE SIX COMMERCIAL GARBAGE DUMPSTERS AT \$2,175.00 EACH FOR A TOTAL OF \$13,050.00 FROM T&S WELDING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DON COTHRAN. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF SAME.

COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TAYLOR SUDDEN SERVICE TO REPLACE THE TRANSFER SWITCH ON THE GENERATOR AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,099.00. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TOREY CHANDLER. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF SAME.

COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TAYLOR SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE ON THE GENERATOR AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,228.00. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DON COTHRAN. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF SAME.

COUNCILMEMBER DON COTHRAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PATRICIA E. SHERMAN, ARCHITECT, AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,150.00. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP ROBERTS. THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE RECORDED:

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

NAYS: KAREN SLUPE, COUNCILMEMBER

ABSTAINING: JAY HOWELL, MAYOR

ABSENT: SID GARRETT, COUNCILMEMBER

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EAST ALABAMA REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EARPDC) TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY IN

PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED
PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES FOR 2026-2027.

WHEREAS, the City of Centre recognizes the importance of pursuing funding opportunities to support community and economic development, infrastructure improvements, and related local priorities; and

WHEREAS, the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (EARPDC) provides technical assistance to member governments in the preparation and administration of grant applications through program such as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), and U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to authorize EARPDC to prepare and submit competitive grant applications on behalf of the City for eligible projects that advance local and regional priorities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to initiate the procurement of qualified professional services, including but not limited to engineering, architectural, and environmental services, as may be required for grant application preparation and project implementation in accordance with applicable federal and state procurement regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Centre, Alabama, as follows:

1. That the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (EARPDC) is hereby authorized to prepare, submit, and manage grant funding applications through programs such as CDBG, ARC, and EDA on behalf of the City of Centre for the 2026-2027 grant cycle.
2. That the Mayor/Chairman and authorized staff are hereby empowered to coordinate with EARPDC and to execute all necessary application documents, certifications, and related materials.
3. That the Maor/Chairman and authorized staff are further authorized to begin the procurement of professional engineering, architectural, environmental, or related services in anticipation of potential grant-funded projects, consistent with applicable federal and state procurement requirements.
4. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 13 day of January, 2026.

Jay Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherrie Chandler, City Clerk

COUNCILMEMBER DON COTHRAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE 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

ABSENT: SID GARRET, COUNCILMEMBER

COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A GENERATOR FROM A&S ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,635.00 FOR THE NEW CITY HALL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP ROBERTS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DON COTHRAN. 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

ABSENT: SID GARRETT, COUNCILMEMBER

COUNCILMEMBER KAREN SLUPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE HATCHER COMMUNITY CENTER RULES AND POLICIES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARETHA CLIFTON. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF SAME. THE FOLLOWING RULES AND POLICIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

HATCHER COMMUNITY CENTER RULES AND POLICIES

- THE BUILDING IS ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO FREE.
- RENTER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE OF THE FACILITY AND SUPERVISION OF THE EVENT DURING THE HOURS OF RESERVATION. THE BUILDING IS TO BE CLEANED AND THE DOORS LOCKED BY 12 A.M.
- RESPONSIBLE PARTY MUST PAY AT THE TIME OF RESERVATION IN ORDER TO BE RESERVED ON THE CALENDAR. RENTER MUST BE 25 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE.
- FLOORS MUST BE CLEANED.
- TABLES AND CHAIRS MUST BE CLEANED, TAKEN DOWN AND PUT BACK IN STORAGE AFTER USE.

- IF KITCHEN IS USED, SINKS, STOVE, COUNTERS, AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS ARE TO BE WASHED AND CLEANED. DO NOT LEAVE PERSONAL ITEMS SUCH AS PLATES, UTENSILS, BOWLS, COOKWARE, ETC.
- IF CANDLES ARE USED, THEY MUST BE IN WAX CATCHING CONTAINERS.
- NO GLITTER, CONFETTI, PERMANENT MARKERS, CHALK OR CRAYONS ALLOWED.
- EVERYTHING PERTAINING TO THE EVENT MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE BUILDING BEFORE LEAVING. THIS INCLUDES ALL GARBAGE.
- RENTER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL DAMAGE TO THE FACILITY. IF DAMAGE EXCEEDS THE DEPOSIT AMOUNT, RENTER WILL BE BILLED FOR THE ADDITIONAL CHARGES.
- DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, THERMOSTAT IS TO BE PLACED ON 80 DEGREES. DURING THE WINTER MONTHS, THERMOSTAT IS TO BE PLACED ON 65 DEGREES.
- NOISE/MUSIC MUST BE KEPT INSIDE THE BUILDING AFTER DARK.
- THERE WILL BE NO FINANCIAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATED WITH USING THE VENUE. NO ADMISSION FEES, SALES OR DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED. THE VENUE IS TO BE USED ONLY TO HOST THE EVENT, NOT TO GENERATE INCOME.

I, _____, HAVE READ THE RULES AND POLICIES AND UNDERSTAND
(PLEASE PRINT NAME)

THAT VIOLATION OF THEM WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF MY \$50 PER DAY DEPOSIT AND CAN CAUSE ADDITIONAL CHARGES TO BE BILLED TO ME. I AGREE TO FOLLOW THE RULES AND POLICIES FOR THE RENTAL OF THE HATCHER COMMUNITY CENTER.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

WITNESS: _____ DATE: _____

EVENT DATE: _____

PHONE: _____

TYPE OF EVENT: _____

DATE DEPOSIT PAID _____ AMOUNT _____ CHECK _____ CASH _____

HATCHER COMMUNITY CENTER CLEANING CHECKLIST

- _____ TABLES AND CHAIRS CLEANED, TAKEN DOWN AND PUT BACK IN STORAGE.
- _____ KITCHEN SINK, COUNTERS, STOVE AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS WASHED AND CLEANED.
- _____ ALL PERSONAL ITEMS REMOVED FROM BUILDING.
- _____ FLOORS CLEANED.
- _____ NO FOOD LEFT IN STOVE OR REFRIGERATOR.
- _____ ALL GARBAGE REMOVED.
- _____ THERMOSTAT ON 80 DURING SUMMER OR 65 DURING WINTER.
- _____ TOILETS ARE FLUSHED.

INSPECTOR: _____ DATE: _____

DATE DEPOSIT IS RETURNED: _____ AMOUNT: _____ Cash _____ Check _____

PERSON DEPOSIT IS RETURNED TO: _____
(PLEASE PRINT NAME)

PERSON DEPOSIT IS RETURNED TO SIGNATURE: _____

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

JANUARY 2026 HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a public health issue and crime that harms the health and well-being of children, individuals, families, and communities, often across generations;

WHEREAS, human trafficking can happen to anyone in every community;

WHEREAS, human trafficking is connected to many other forms of violence and exploitation, and often shares common risk factors, such as lack of resources and unsafe environments;

WHEREAS, strengthening communities requires collective action to prevent, recognize and reduce the conditions that contribute to exploitation and to create environments where people are protected from human trafficking and other forms of violence;

WHEREAS, a successful response to human trafficking requires a coordinated, community-wide response that includes collaboration across sectors and with those who have experienced human trafficking, to ensure that services and programs are effective and meet the needs of survivors;

WHEREAS, every individual, family, community, and organization can help raise awareness, prevent trafficking, and support survivors by learning how to take action;

WHEREAS, the City of Centre would like to be designated as a *Trafficking Free Zone* showing our commitment to action and awareness and partnerships to comprehensively address the issues of human trafficking; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Howell, as Mayor of the City of Centre do hereby proclaim January 2026 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month, and reaffirm our commitment to human trafficking awareness, training and education activities, strengthened resources for those

impacted by human trafficking; and to being designated a *Trafficking Free Zone* supporting a more coordinated, comprehensive response to prevent and combat the crime of human trafficking.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this the 13th day of January, 2026.

Jay Howell, Mayor

Attest:

Sherrie Chandler, City Clerk

COUNCILMEMBER CARETHA CLIFTON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE 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

ABSENT: SID GARRETT, COUNCILMEMBER

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL, COUNCILMEMBER DON COTHRAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:27 P.M.

JAY HOWELL, MAYOR

SHERRIE CHANDLER, CITY CLERK