

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, MARCH 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 24, 2026 WERE BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL FOR CORRECTION AND/OR APPROVAL. COUNCILMEMBER CARETHA CLIFTON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JIMMY WILLIAMS. 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. 26-03-24

BE IT RESOLVED THAT MARY OWENS BE REAPPOINTED TO THE ZONING ADJUSTMENT BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM.

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

APPROVED AND APPOINTED THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

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JAY HOWELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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SHERRIE CHANDLER, CITY CLERK

COUNCILMEMBER SID GARRETT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE MAYOR JAY HOWELL AS VOTING DELEGATE, COUNCILMEMBER KAREN SLUPE AS FIRST ALTERNATE AND COUNCILMEMBER CARETHA CLIFTON AS SECOND ALTERNATE AT THE BUSINESS MEETING AT THE ALABAMA LEAGUE CONVENTION IN APRIL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP ROBERTS. THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE RECORDED:

YEAS: TOREY CHANDLER, COUNCILMEMBER  
DON COTHRAN, COUNCILMEMBER  
SID GARRETT, COUNCILMEMBER  
PHILLIP ROBERTS, COUNCILMEMBER  
JIMMY WILLIAMS, COUNCILMEMBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINING: JAY HOWELL, MAYOR  
CARETHA CLIFTON, COUNCILMEMBER  
KAREN SLUPE, COUNCILMEMBER

COUNCILMEMBER DON COTHRAN MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE FIVE TURNOUT GEARS FROM CENTRAL ALABAMA TRAINING SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,975.00 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP ROBERTS. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF SAME.

COUNCILMEMBER TOREY CHANDLER MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE FIVE HELMETS, GLOVES AND BOOTS FROM CENTRAL ALABAMA TRAINING SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 4,720.00. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARETHA CLIFTON. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF SAME.

COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TYLER TECHNOLOGIES CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY NETWORKING SERVICE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE COST INCLUDES A ONE-TIME SETUP FEE OF \$1,500.00 AND AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$3,945.00 FOR A TOTAL OF \$5,445.00. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JIMMY WILLIAMS. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF SAME.

COUNCILMEMBER KAREN SLUPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TO APPLY FOR THE 250AL GRANT FOR \$2,500.00. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TOREY CHANDLER. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF SAME.

COUNCILMEMBER KAREN SLUPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE \$5,000.00 FOR THE CITY TO HOST THE AMERICA 250AL CELEBRATION EVENT ON MAY 16, 2026, AT ESTES FIELD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SID GARRETT. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF SAME.

COUNCILMEMBER DON COTHRAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE BANNISTER CONSTRUCTION TO CONSTRUCT A NEW 16X16 PAVILION AT THE CITY PARK TO REPLACE THE GAZEBO THAT WAS REMOVED DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,480.00. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP ROBERTS. 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 DON COTHRAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE BANNISTER CONSTRUCTION TO REPAIR THE J.W. HAMPTON FIELD BATHROOMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,600.00. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIP ROBERTS. THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE RECORDED:

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

NAYS: KAREN SLUPE, COUNCILMEMBER

ABSTAINING: JAY HOWELL, MAYOR

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUISNESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL, COUNCILMEMBER JIMMY WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 5:26 P.M.

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JAY HOWELL, MAYOR

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SHERRIE CHANDLER, CITY CLERK