

MINUTES

Montevallo City Council Work Session

March 9, 2026

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Present: Mayor Rusty Nix, Council Member David King, Council Member Lelia Mitchell, Council Member Kenneth Dukes, Council Member Brandelyn Nelson, Council Member Alyssa Green. Quorum present.

Work Session Called to Order at 5:30 P.M. by Mayor Nix with Quorum present.

Discussion of New Business Items:

- **Discussion of Memorandum of Understanding** – Between the City of Montevallo and the Old Salem Cemetery Association, Salem School Community Trustees and the Salem Cemetery Trustees
- **Discussion of Request from Parnell Memorial Library** - to close Island St. from North Boundary St. to Park Drive on Saturday March 14, 2026 from 8 AM to 4 PM for Backyard Bookfest.

Mayor Nix Called for Committee Reports:

Mayor Nix called for the Public Health and Safety Reports. Council Member Dukes called on Chief Burr for the Police Department report. Chief Burr reported there were 104 Reports for the month of February and 197 Total Reports. See Appendix 1.

Council Member Dukes called on Chief Davis for the Fire Department report. Chief Davis reported there were 126 Calls in February and 263 Total Calls for the year. See Appendix 2.

Council Member Dukes called on Sarah Hogan Shaw, Impact Montevallo. Sarah reported Impact held its SPOT Trailer training at last Friday at SafeHouse; March 11th is Prevention Day at the Alabama State Capitol and Impact will be attending; March 16th – March 20th is National Mental Health Campaign and Impact will be having activities all week; March 20th is the LOT Mock City Council Meeting at 8:15 AM in Council Chambers and invited everyone to attend; March 26th is the Alabama School of Alcohol and Other Drug Studies (ASADS) Conference in Tuscaloosa. No written report submitted.

Mayor Nix called for the Sustainability Reports. Council Member Mitchell called on Kirk Hamby, Director of Public Works. Kirk reported the fence project at Orr Park is complete; new swing sets have been installed at Orr Park; new bark has been put down in all park playground areas; posts for signs will be installed at Shoal Creek Park; parking lot across from city hall has been completed; renovations at the Scout Lodge are underway; parking lots at the library and Boys and Girls Club are on the schedule to be striped.

Council Member Mitchell reported the Historical Commission meeting will be held on April 7th at 6 PM at the library.

Mayor Nix called for the Recreation and Community Development report. Council Member Alyssa Green thanked the volunteers that came out for the Privet Pull at Shoal Creek Park; there were volunteers

from areas outside of Montevallo and more than 100 volunteers so it was a successful event; Council Member Green addressed the Council about the idea from the Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) about the suggestion of basketball courts in the city and hoped that's a project that could move forward; she asked if there was an ordinance regarding automobiles idling while waiting in line which causes passive emissions for pedestrians and others getting out of their vehicles – she asked if it would be possible to research if other cities have an ordinance about idling emissions.

Mayor Nix called for the Education, Arts & Outreach Reports. Council Member Nelson called on Marissa Wilson, Library Director, Parnell Memorial Library. Marissa reported there were 2,800 visits to the building; 40 programs during the month of February with 626 program participants; 57 community meetings were held at the library; this Saturday is the 2nd Annual Backyard BookFest in Pecan Grove and invited everyone to attend; she reported the sensory panels have been installed in Pecan Grove. See Appendix 3.

Montevallo City Council Meeting

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6:00 p.m. at City Hall

Present: Mayor Rusty Nix, Council Member David King, Council Member Lelia Mitchell, Council Member Kenneth Dukes, Council Member Brandelyn Nelson, Council Member Alyssa Green. Quorum present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Meeting was called to order at 6 P.M. by Mayor Rusty Nix.

Invocation Reverend Walker gave the invocation.

Approval and/ or corrections of the Minutes: 2.23.26 Minutes - Motion made by Council Member Mitchell, Seconded by Council Member Green, All Ayes, Motion Passed.

Recognitions/Awards: Mayor Nix read a Proclamation National Developmental Disabilities Month – ARC of Shelby County; Mayor Nix presented the proclamation to Mrs. Erica Hopkins, Director of Development and Community Relations, The Arc of Shelby County and Alston Scott, Youth Leadership Shelby County. See Appendix 4.

Opportunities for Citizens to speak to the Council: Andrew Gunn, announced he is a candidate for Superintendent on the Shelby County Board of Education.

Payton Eddie announced his candidacy for State Senate District 14 as an independent candidate.

Joyce Lewis, 330 Reonda Ln Addressed Mayor and Council as President of the Montevallo Rotary Club and thanked the Mayor and Chief Burr for attending the recent Rotary meeting.

Rance Gaddis 1025 Island St addressed Mayor and Council regarding Jeff Curry about what he does to help keep the city clean and asked if there was a possibility to recognize him.

Recognitions / Awards: Recognition of Officers – Police Chief Todd Burr – Chief Burr recognized Capt. Harrelson, Sgt. Pendergrass, Officer Sims, and Officer Holloway for their professionalism, patience, and tactical decision-making to ensure the safety of a student at Montevallo High School. See Appendix 5.

Mayor Nix called for Committee Reports to Continue:

Mayor Nix called for Education, Arts, and Outreach. Council Member Nelson called on Mary Elizabeth House, Junior Mayor, Montevallo Junior City Council (MJCC). Mary Elizabeth reported on MJCC and school activities; she gave updates on the Sports Youth report.

Council Member Nelson reported the Tulip Festival at American Village is in full bloom.

Council Member Nelson reported the Sister City students from Echizen, Japan will arrive on March 13th.

Mayor Nix called for Finance, Economic Development & Tourism. Council Member King called on Adele Nelson, Executive Director, Montevallo Chamber of Commerce. Adele reported that the 10th Annual Festival of Tulips and 7th Annual Blooming Bargains is going strong; monthly luncheon topic will be AMERICA 250 ALABAMA on March 18th; Onion Sale is underway and deadline is April 13th; Washington Update Luncheon will be April 6th; Chamber Golf Tournament will be April 23rd. See Appendix 6.

Council Member King reported that MDCD met today at 1 PM in Council Chambers and various projects were discussed.

Planning and Zoning Commission will meet next month on March 19th at 6 PM.

Council Member King gave an update on Montevallo Main Street activities from the E-Newsletter.

Public Health & Safety (Police, Fire Code Enforcement, Impact, Housing Abatement, Annexation) - Reported during City Council Work Session.

Sustainability (Streets & Sanitation, Recycling, Arbor & Beautification, Environmental, Historical Comm.) - Reported during City Council Work Session.

Recreation and Community Development (Parks & Recreation, Vallo Cycle, Youth Athletics, Trails) - Reported during City Council Work Session.

Education, Arts & Outreach (Schools, UM, Boys & Girls Club, Library, American Village, Sister City Commission, Art Walk, MJCC) - Reported during City Council Meeting.

Finance, Economic Development & Tourism (Finance, MDCD, IDB, Chamber, Main Street, Planning and Zoning) - Reported during City Council Meeting.

Consent to Pay the Bills: Mayor Nix asked for a Motion to Pay the Bills. Council Member King made a motion to pay the bills, Seconded by Council Member Dukes, All Ayes. Motion Passed.

New Business:

- **Memorandum of Understanding** - Between the City of Montevallo and the Old Salem Cemetery Association, Salem School Community Trustees and the Salem Cemetery Trustees. Motion made by Council Member King, Seconded by Council Member Mitchell, All Ayes, Motion Passed. See Appendix 7.
- **Request from Parnell Memorial Library** - to close Island St. from North Boundary St. to Park Drive on Saturday March 14, 2026 from 8 AM to 4 PM for Backyard Bookfest. Motion made by Council Member Dukes, Seconded by Council Member King, All Ayes, Motion Passed.

Old Business: None

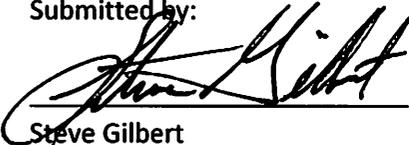
Board Appointments: None

Other Business:

Citizen Participation: C P Pierson 1131 Oak St Spoke to Chief Burr and the officers congratulating them on their handling of the incident at Montevallo High School.

Adjourn: Mayor Nix called for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Council Member Dukes, Seconded by Council Member King, All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Gilbert", written over a horizontal line.

Steve Gilbert
City Clerk / Treasurer

2026 Montevallo Fire And Rescue Events by Type

Report Date: 3/1/2026

APPENDIX 2

		Jan	Feb	Total
ABDOMINAL PAIN/INJURY		6	2	8
ALARM	CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM	1	0	1
	COMMERCIAL FIRE ALARM	2	4	6
	MEDICAL ALARM	3	1	4
	RESIDENTIAL FIRE ALARM	6	2	8
	SCHOOL/CHURCH FIRE ALARM	1	0	1
ALLERGIC REACTIONS		2	2	4
ALTERED MENTAL STATUS		7	2	9
ASSAULT		1	1	2
BACK PAIN/INJURY		1	0	1
BLEEDING		3	0	3
BREATHING PROBLEMS		11	8	19
BURN INJURIES		0	1	1
CARDIAC	CARDIAC ARREST - ADULT	1	0	1
CHEST PAIN		10	13	23
DIABETIC RELATED		4	3	7
DRUG OVERDOSE		2	0	2
EXTREMITY INJURIES		1	1	2
FALL	FALL FROM STANDING POSITION	5	9	14
FD ASSIST	LAW ENFORCEMENT	1	0	1
	LIFTING ASSISTANCE	9	6	15
	MUTUAL AID	1	4	5
	OTHER AGENCY	0	1	1
	PUBLIC	1	1	2
FIRE	BRUSH / WOODS FIRE	4	4	8
	COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FIRE	2	1	3
	DUMPSTER FIRE	3	1	4
	RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE	6	6	12
GAS	GASOLINE / DIESEL SPILL	0	1	1
	NATURAL / PROPANE GAS LEAK	1	1	2
GENERAL ILLNESS		20	19	39
HEAD/NECK INJURY		1	2	3
HEADACHE		2	0	2
HEART PROBLEMS		2	4	6
MVC	MVC - CHECK FOR INJURIES	3	5	8
	MVC WITH INJURIES	3	0	3
NOTE IN CAD		1	0	1
ODOR	ODOR OF ELECTRICAL	0	1	1
	ODOR OF PROPANE / NATURAL GAS	1	0	1
PERSON	PERSON DOWN	0	2	2
POSSIBLE STROKE		0	6	6
SEIZURE		2	2	4
SUICIDE ATTEMPT		0	1	1
TEST CALL		0	1	1
UNRESPONSIVE PERSON		7	8	15
Total		137	126	263

PARNELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 2026

VISITS TO THE
BUILDING

2,800

CIRCULATION

2,840

CITIZEN SAVINGS

\$128,054.55

PHONE CALLS

101

PROGRAM
PARTICIPATION

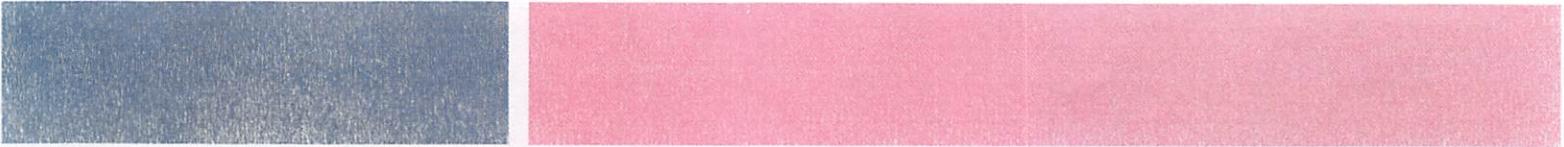
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COMMUNITY
MEETINGS

57

PROGRAMS: 40

- 4 Story times
- 2 Take Home Craft Kits
- 4 Pokémon Club
- 2 Tiny Tumbling
- 4 Mini Music
- 4 Mini movies
- 1 Family fun Night
- 1 girls book club
- 2 grown up book club
- 1 Adult Craft night
- 1 Black history program
- 1 Spanish Storytime
- 1 4H club
- 3 Brush and Beyond after school paint



PARNELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

MARCH 9, 2026

- Tomorrow, we have Mini Music at 10, followed by a Mini Movie at 10:45, Pokémon club at 3:30, and Family Fun Night, which is game night, at 6:00 PM
 - Wednesday, is Storytime, and Friday will be tiny tumbling at 10:30, and Homeschool Hub at 11:30 with Melissa Martin from SK quilts, she will be coming to discuss quilting.
 - Backyard Bookfest will be March 14th, come on out! 10-3
 - Monday, the 16th we will have Brush and Beyond, next Tuesday, Mini Music at 10, followed by a mini movie at 10:45, and that evening at the library at 6, will be our horror book club, theme is monster madness. SO read something along the lines of monster-ish.
 - We had a GREAT turnout at our first 1776 Reading Group! We had over 10 attendees and looking to keep growing! Val Crofts, the chief education and programs officer at the American Village did a presentation and led the group! The 1776 Reading book club has also been added to the 250AL state official calendar! Next one will be at the library on March 18th.
 - Our hotspots are officially in! We are trying something new, so to be able to check out, a patron will need to bring \$20 cash to check out, and when it is returned, the \$20 will be returned to the patron. We are hoping this keeps the theft of the hotspots down.
 - The library did receive the American Library Association, Library Transforming Communities grant, which is a grant that helps libraries with disabilities. We received 10,000 and this will help the library to start a dyslexia friendly book collection, and kits so patrons can check out. This is our 4th time to receive this grant.
 - Sensory panels are installed! Thank you to Shane and Byron from our Street department!
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PROCLAMATION

March 2026 as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

WHEREAS, developmental disabilities affect millions of individuals, as well as concerned families and friends; and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities come from diverse racial, ethnic, educational, social, religious, and economic backgrounds, and are valued members of society who strive to enjoy everyday life; and

WHEREAS, developmental disabilities continue to be marked by stigma and discrimination based on preconceived notions and misinformation; and

WHEREAS, March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, which seeks to increase public awareness about developmental disabilities and promote greater understanding of the issues affecting people with developmental disabilities.

The awareness month also seeks to show that people with developmental disabilities are vital and vibrant members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, new opportunities have been created through accessible training initiatives and services that allow those with developmental disabilities and their families to increase their knowledge and participation in advocacy, support and disability services. This training, education and skill-building have brought about significant changes in public perception of young people and adults with developmental disabilities, opening new doors to independent and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, the desire to maintain family relationships is of utmost importance to an individual's health, well-being and happiness. It is important to provide the support needed that can enable individuals with disabilities to live in family homes or their own homes; increase independence, employment, and access to all services afforded to all citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by **Mayor Rusty Nix** and the **Montevillo City Council** do hereby proclaim March, 2026 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; and reaffirm our commitment to developmental disabilities awareness by recognizing the many accomplishments and contributions made by those with developmental disabilities on this **9th day of March, 2026**.



Rusty Nix, Mayor
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Rusty Nix - Mayor

Steve Gilbert - City Clerk

Todd Burr - Chief of Police

Brad Davis - Fire Chief

Council Members

David King – District 1

Lelia Mitchell – District 2

Kenneth Dukes – District 3

Brandelyn Nelson – District 4

Alyssa Green – District 5

APPENDIX 5

March 9, 2026

Subject: Formal Commendation for Outstanding Performance – January 28, 2026

Attention: Mayor Rusty Nix and Members of the Montevallo City Council

To: Captain Harrelson, Sergeant Pendergrass, Officer Sims, and Officer Holloway

On January 28, 2026, the Montevallo Police Department responded to a mental health crisis at Montevallo High School involving an 18-year-old student. Upon arrival, Captain Harrelson, Sergeant Pendergrass, and Officer Sims promptly assessed the situation and determined that the student had barricaded himself in the ISD room with a family member who had arrived earlier to attempt de-escalation.

Captain Harrelson made the decision to allow the family the opportunity to resolve the situation without immediate police intervention, while officers remained nearby, prepared to act if necessary. When it became evident that the family could not safely resolve the situation, a coordinated plan was implemented. The officers entered the room in a controlled, strategic manner and safely secured the student, who was subsequently transported to Grandview Medical Center for evaluation.

The professionalism, patience, and tactical decision-making demonstrated by Captain Harrelson, Sergeant Pendergrass, Officer Sims, and Officer Holloway during this rapidly evolving and high-stress incident were exemplary. Their ability to balance empathy, clear communication, and decisive action ensured the safety of the student, the family, and all personnel on scene.

The student's family and Montevallo High School administration commended these officers for their exceptional handling of the situation. The Montevallo Police Department formally recognizes Captain Harrelson, Sergeant Pendergrass, Officer Sims, and Officer Holloway for their outstanding performance. Their conduct reflects the highest standards of law enforcement, demonstrating technical skill, sound judgment, and compassion. The department is proud to have you as members of our team.

Todd Burr, Chief of Police

Montevallo Police Department

- 1) **7th Annual Blooming Bargains with the 10th Annual Festival of Tulips** is still going strong! The 2026 participating Montevallo businesses- C's Cake and Coffee House, China Mix, Falcon Art Supply, Meri Moon, Save My Cell, Sophie's Kitchen and Xcaret Grill - have reported a huge response from festival attendees visiting their businesses.
- 2) **Montebrier Estate Ribbon Cutting Brunch** will be Tues March 10 at 10am, 19275 Hwy 139, Brierfield / hosted by Montevallo and Bibb County Chambers
- 3) **Skye Apothecary Ribbon Cutting** will be Sat. March 14th at 10am / Grand Opening 10am - 7pm / 615 Main St
- 4) **March Chamber Luncheon / "AMERICA 250 ALABAMA"** / Speaker: Natalie Steed, Development Officer American Village and Executive Officer Alabama USA A250AL / Wed. Mar. 18 from 11:30am to 1pm / noon - lunch \$15.00 per person , at Parnell Library meeting room, RSVP by FRI. 3/13/26
- 5) **2026 Montevallo Onion Sale** order deadline April 13th with tentative pick-up date to be announced for May. Funds raised will go to support the **Annual Montevallo Community Grant Fund**. A 5 lbs. bag of Onions will cost \$6. each
- 6) **Washington Update Luncheon** on Monday April 6 with Congressman Palmer. Partnership with The Shelby Chamber and others. / Pelham Civic Complex / \$35.00 each / RSVP to Adele by April 2nd
- 7) **Montevallo Chamber Golf Tournament** Thursday April 23 / to benefit the Mary Lou Williams Scholarship Fund / Cahaba Fall Country Club - Centerville / 11am lunch with shotgun at 12:30pm



Adele Nelson
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Memorandum of Understanding

Between the City of Montevallo, Alabama and the Old Salem Cemetery Association, Salem School Community Trustees and the Salem Cemetery Trustees.

Whereas, the Old Salem Cemetery Association, Salem School Community Trustees, and the Salem Cemetery Trustees, desire to preserve the history of the Salem Cemetery and Salem Memory Chapel; and,

Whereas, the Salem Cemetery Association, Salem School Community Trustees, and the Salem Cemetery Trustees desire to provide for the perpetual care of the grounds of the Salem Cemetery and the perpetual maintenance of the Salem Memory Chapel Building; and,

Whereas, the City of Montevallo desires to preserve the history of these grounds and structure in the public interest; and,

Whereas, the City of Montevallo has the resources to facilitate the perpetual care and maintenance of the afore-mentioned grounds and structure; and

Whereas, the City of Montevallo the Old Salem Cemetery Association, Salem School Community Trustees and the Salem Cemetery Trustees have reached an agreement to transfer the deeds for certain described property, as more fully detailed and attached hereto; and,

Whereas, the Montevallo City Council has resolved and authorized the Mayor to negotiate and effect this Memorandum of Understanding.

Now, Therefore, the City of Montevallo, the Old Salem Cemetery Association, Salem School Community Trustees and the Salem Cemetery Trustees hereby execute this Memorandum of Understanding:

- The City of Montevallo agrees to provide and bind general liability, casualty and property insurance coverages for the Cemetery grounds and the Chapel structure and contents.
- The City of Montevallo agrees to provide perpetual care for the cemetery grounds and maintenance of the structure known as Salem Memory Chapel.
- The Salem Cemetery Association, Salem School Community Trustees, and the Salem Cemetery Trustees hereby transfer the funds held in the checking account and certificate of deposit accounts at Trustmark National Bank, in the amount of \$30,067.03 to the City of Montevallo.
- The City of Montevallo agrees to establish a bank account with said funds for the purpose of perpetual care of the cemetery grounds and the chapel structure.
- The Old Salem Cemetery Association, Salem School Community Trustees and the Salem Cemetery Trustees hereby agree to transfer the deeds for certain described property, as detailed and attached hereto to the City of Montevallo.

- The City of Montevallo agrees that said funds shall be kept separate from the general operating funds of the City and said funds shall be restricted to expenditures related to cemetery care, chapel maintenance and other associated expenses.

This Memorandum of Understanding was adopted and approved by the Old Salem Cemetery Association, on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Old Salem Cemetery Association Trustees

This Memorandum of Understanding was adopted and approved by the Salem Cemetery Trustees, on the_ day of _____, 2026.

Salem Cemetery Trustees

This Memorandum of Understanding was adopted and approved by the Salem School Community Trustees, on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Salem School Community Trustees

This Memorandum of Understanding was adopted and approved by the City of Montevallo on the 9th day of March, 2026.

Rusty Nix, Mayor
City of Montevallo

(CITY SEAL)

Attest:

Steve Gilbert, City Clerk