

MINUTES

Montevallo City Council Work Session

March 23, 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. Absent: 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 Resolution 03232026-739** – A Resolution authorizing the application for a Community Development Block Grant via Shelby Urban County Policy Board in an amount of up to \$700,00.00 and matching funds of up to \$250,000.00

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 60 Reports for the month of March and 257 Total Reports. See Appendix 1.

Council Member Dukes reported Chief Davis with the Fire Department was unable to attend the meeting and no written report was submitted.

Council Member Dukes called on Sarah Hogan Shaw, Impact Montevallo. Sarah reported Impact and Jennifer Toliver with the Montevallo Police Department attended Prevention Day at the Alabama State Capitol on March 11th and it was a great day of learning and advocacy; March 14th was the 2nd Annual Backyard BookFest and thanked the Mayor and community for coming out to support the event; SRO Sgt. Wilhite, Jennifer Toliver, and she attended the 6th Annual Alabama SAYS Conference by the ABC Board, a full day of education on the latest drug trends; Impact held a Going Green for Mental Health Campaign March 16th – March 20th with the theme #STOPTHESTIGMA with various activities and positive messages; March 20th was the Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) Mock City Council Meeting; March 26th Impact is attending the Alabama School of Alcohol and Other Drug Studies (ASADS) Conference in Tuscaloosa with SRO Holloway presenting, Legal Highs: Gas Station Highs. See Appendix 2.

Mayor Nix called for the Sustainability Reports. Council Member Mitchell called on Kirk Hamby, Director of Public Works. Kirk reported Saturday is Free Dump Day at the Recycling Center from 7 AM – 1:30 PM; playground chips have been replenished in the parks; signs at Shoal Creek Park are underway; curbs are being painted yellow in no parking zones; parking lot at the Boys and Girls club has been striped; Orr Park spaces have been repainted; banners are going up on Main St. for Veterans. Council Member Dukes asked Kirk about a pothole on Middle St. near CVS and Kirk advised he would contact ALDOT.

Mayor Nix reported on Recreation and Community Development. Mayor Nix reported that the Parks and Recreation Board will have its Annual Montevallo Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th at 10 AM in Orr Park.

Mayor Nix called for the Education, Arts & Outreach Reports. Council Member Nelson read a report from Marissa Wilson, Library Director, Parnell Memorial Library.

Council Member Nelson called on Mary Elizabeth House, Junior Mayor, Montevallo Junior City Council (MJCC). Mary Elizabeth reported on MJCC and school activities; she reported Officer Elections will be held at the April 7th MJCC Meeting; Spring Break is this week; May 18th is graduation; and she gave updates on the Sports Youth report.

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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. Absent: 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 John Arthur Owens, Pastor of Faith Missionary Baptist

Approval and/ or corrections of the Minutes: 3.9.26 Minutes - Motion made by Council Member Mitchell, Seconded by Council Member Dukes, All Ayes, Motion Passed.

Recognitions/Awards: Mayor Nix read a Proclamation America 250 – Daughters of the American Revolution – Kristi Averett accepted the Proclamation. See Appendix 3.

Mayor Nix read a Proclamation of Sexual Assault Awareness Month proclaiming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month - Residential Director Tabatha Hunt from SafeHouse of Shelby County accepted the proclamation. See Appendix 4.

Opportunities for Citizens to speak to the Council: None

Mayor Nix called for Committee Reports to Continue:

Mayor Nix called for Education, Arts, and Outreach to continue. Council Member Nelson commended Cindy Boyd and the Sister City Commission on the hospitality shown to the students from Echizen, Japan during the week they were here.

Mayor Nix called for Finance, Economic Development & Tourism. Council Member King called on Courtney Bennett, Executive Director, Montevallo Main Street. Courtney reported Main Street is still accepting Façade Grants; she reported the City of Montevallo installed a Princeton Elm in Owl's Cove Park on March 18 as part of the "Liberty Tree Project," an initiative of the Alabama USA Semiquincentennial Commission and partners from the city, American Village, University of Montevallo, and Montevallo Main Street convened to celebrate the occasion; Friday Nights at the Cove will begin the last Friday of April; April's Business Basics will focus on Google Workspace Essentials for Small Business; Save the Date – April 25th: Montevallo Main Street is partnering with Alabama PALS to host a litter cleanup. See Appendix 5.

Council Member King called on Adele Nelson, Executive Director, Montevallo Chamber of Commerce. Adele reported April Chatter will be distributed Friday, March 27th; Washington Update Luncheon will be April 6th; Chamber Golf Tournament will be April 23rd. See Appendix 6.

Council Member King reported Planning and Zoning Commission met and approved a conditional use of a duplex on Commerce St. and that will be coming to Council to vote on soon.

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 Work Session and 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 Dukes made a motion to pay the bills, Seconded by Council Member King, All Ayes. Motion Passed.

New Business:

- **Resolution 03232026-739** – A Resolution authorizing the application for a Community Development Block Grant via Shelby Urban County Policy Board in an amount of up to \$700,00.00 and matching funds of up to \$250,000.00 – Motion made by Council Member Mitchell, Seconded by Council Member Nelson, All Ayes, Motion Passed.

Old Business: None

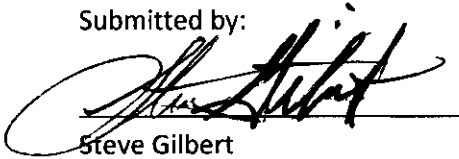
Board Appointments: None

Other Business: None

Citizen Participation: None

Adjourn: Mayor Nix called for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Council Member Mitchell, Seconded by Council Member Nelson, All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Submitted by:

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Steve Gilbert
City Clerk / Treasurer

City Council Meeting: March 9, 2026

Ms. Sarah Hogan Shaw, program director provided the following report:

- 🌱 Prevention Day @ the Capital, Wednesday, March 11
 - Jennifer Toliver and I had a great day of learning and advocacy. Networking and hearing from legislators and prevention colleagues from around the State. We are grateful to our local delegation for hearing us and working to put prevention strategies in place at the state level.
- 🌱 March 14: Backyard BookFest
 - Thank you to the Mayor and the community for supporting the 2nd Annual Backayrd BookFest. It was a beautiful day and it was great to see so many families out and about to enjoy the activities and authors.
- 🌱 Says Conference: Monday, March 16
 - SRO Sgt. Wilhite, Jennifer Toliver and I attended the 6th Annual Alabama SAYS Conference by the ABC Board. This was a full day of education on the latest drug trends. We were able to compare notes on items we had already identified in our gas stations and was that we will be on the lookout for. They did encourage us to talk with our local government about taxing products at the local level, without waiting on state regulations. I will have a follow-up discussion with the Mayor and Steve about that potential.
- 🌱 LOT: Mock City Council Meeting: Friday, March 20 at 8:15 am here at City Hall.
 - Thank you to the Mayor, Ms. Mitchell, and Mr. Dukes for attending the LOT Mock City Council Meeting. The students did an excellent job and I'm excited to see what these youth will accomplish for their community as they continue to find opportunities to lead.
- 🌱 Going Green for Mental Health – next week, March 16 – 20
 - Our Going Green for Mental Health campaign last week was a success. The theme this year was #STOPTHESTIGMA. We shared facts and information on our social media outlets, hid green rubber ducks around the Main Street district, visited all three schools to engage with students and give them a free bracelet. We also provided bracelets to the public, you can pick one up in the lobby.
- 🌱 National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week
 - This week is National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week was also last week, but since we had our mental health campaign, we will be releasing facts on our social media this week. The MJCC also helps with this campaign each year, making post on their accounts for their peers.
- 🌱 ASADS Conference- Alabama School of Alcohol & Drug Studies

- SRO Holloway and I will be attending the ASADS Conference on Thursday to present on Legal Highs: Gas Station Drugs. We look forward to sharing this valuable information with others around the state and our community when we return. We plan to video the presentation and post it to our youtube channel.



PROCLAMATION

APPENDIX 3

RECOGNIZING THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION FOR COMMEMORATING THE UNITED STATE OF AMERICA'S SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

WHEREAS; On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate the Semiquincentennial anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS; The journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead to the future generations who will carry forward the ideals of democracy and individual liberty that make the United States a unique nation in the world community; and

WHEREAS; The great state of Alabama played a role in the American Revolution with the Battle of Fort Charlotte (also known as the Siege of Mobile) in 1780 that saw Spanish forces successfully seize the fort from the British; and

WHEREAS; The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a non-political women's service organization, established in 1890, whose members are lineally descended from Patriots of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS; Through the President General's leadership, over the next three years, all Daughters will "Illuminate Our Legacy" through commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States of America with intention and purpose by reflecting on the values of liberty, democracy, and the sacrifices made by those who came before us; and

WHEREAS; From the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party in 2023 until the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 2033, Daughters are celebrating our nation's rich history and diversity of experience by honoring all men and women who achieved American independence. These Patriots, believing in the noble cause of liberty fought valiantly to establish a new nation; and

RESOLVED THAT I, Rusty Nix, Mayor of the City of Montevallo, and on behalf of the City Council, commend this commemoration to all our City of Montevallo, Shelby County, Alabama, residents.

Signed and sealed on this day, March 23rd, 2026.



Rusty Nix

Mayor

City of Montevallo, AL



Proclamation of Sexual Assault Awareness 2026

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) calls attention that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in our community. SAAM aims to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent it;

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show one in six women and one in 33 men will be raped at some point in their lives; (Rainn.org)

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in ten children will experience sexual assault before age 18; (National Children's Alliance)

WHEREAS, on Campus, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college; (Krebs, Lindquist, Warner, Fisher, & Martin, 2007)

WHEREAS, ending sexual abuse, assault, and harassment requires more than individual action, together, we have the power to build a future free from violence, where all individuals feel safe, valued, and respected;

WHEREAS, education about consent, healthy relationships, and bystander intervention is critical to preventing sexual violence and fostering safe, respectful communities; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month encourages communities to listen to survivors, believe them, and take collective action to end sexual violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rusty Nix, Mayor, City of Montevallo, Alabama, do hereby proclaim the month of **April** as **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** in 2026, and call upon all individuals, organizations, and institutions to support survivors, promote awareness and prevention efforts, and work together to create a culture of respect, safety, and accountability.

Signed and sealed on this day, March 23rd, 2026.



Rusty Nix
Mayor
City of Montevallo

**Report to City Council
March 23, 2026**

General Updates

- Applications are still being accepted for this year's round of Facade Grants. Businesses and property owners located within the Main Street District who fit certain criteria are welcome to apply for up to \$5,000 to improve their building facades in this 50/50 reimbursement grant.
 - Application Deadline: May 6, 2026
 - Applications are available on the MMS page on the City website and in the City Hall lobby.
- The City of Montevallo installed a Princeton Elm in Owl's Cove Park on March 18 as part of the "Liberty Tree Project," an initiative of the Alabama USA Semiquincentennial Commission (A250AL). Partners from the City of Montevallo, American Village, University of Montevallo, and Montevallo Main Street convened to celebrate the occasion. The planting site was selected due to its central downtown location, as well as its proximity to the Bicentennial time capsule from 1976. Montevallo is proud to be a Semiquincentennial City, one of 52 currently recognized in Alabama. Montevallo will be the site of Alabama's official Semiquincentennial celebrations—the Sweet Home 250 Festival—held at American Village on July 3 and 4.
- Friday Nights at the Cove will be held from 6:30-8:30 PM on the last Fridays of April through July. We are still seeking two more sponsors for our season, and sponsorships are \$250 per event, reduced in cost this year to give more businesses a chance to participate. Contact us if you're interested in sponsoring!
- April's Business Basics will focus on Google Workspace Essentials for Small Business – Part 1! This session will be held on April 15 from 8:30-9:30 AM at University of Montevallo Stephens Hall (999 Farmer Street, Montevallo, AL 35115) in room 201 (large conference room on the 2nd floor). Attendees are encouraged to bring a computer, tablet, or smartphone to use during each session. Register online for \$10/session [at this link](#). Business Basics 2026 is co-hosted by the University of Montevallo Stephens College of Business, Montevallo Main Street, and Montevallo Chamber of Commerce.
- Save the Date: April 25
 - Montevallo Main Street is partnering with Alabama PALS (People Against A Littered State) to host a litter cleanup event on April 25, 2026. Participants are invited to register at City Hall (541 Main Street) between 8 AM - 10 AM, pick up their cleanup supplies, and get their area assignment. For more information, contact mainstreet@cityofmontevallo.com or (205) 597-9322.

Properties for sale/rent within the District:

I. Sale:

1. 955 Main Street (former Blue Phrog Gallery): call Nathan Stamps at (205) 665-0095
2. 628-626 Main Street (former El Agave and Lucky Penny): call Susana Vazquez at (205) 796-5429
3. 727 Middle Street (former JP Building Co. office): call Anna Picklesimer at (205) 229-2499
4. Lot on Island Street for sale or build to suit—listed by Bob Nesbitt, (205) 939-8219

II. Rent:

1. 440 Middle Street: Call Montevallo Realty at (205) 665-4689
2. 1259 Ashville Road, Suite 600: Call Shoal Creek Realty at (205) 567-9659
3. 1225 Valley Street: Call Shoal Creek Realty at (205) 567-9659

Courtney Bennett, Executive Director

Chamber / City Council Report

3/23/2026

- 1) **April Chatter distribution** will be Friday March 27th
- 2) **2026 Saturday Walking Tours in Alabama** / April 4, 11, 18 & 25 / 10am
/ Bicentennial Park, Montevallo / one-hour walking tour / Alabama Tourism Department
- 3) **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
- 4) **2026 Montevallo Onion Sale** order deadline April 13th with tentative pick-up date of
May 7th. A 5 lbs. bag of Onions will cost \$6. each Benefits the Annual Montevallo
Community Grant Fund.
- 5) **April Chamber Luncheon** / "MONTEVALLO EDUCATION APPRECIATION" / Speaker:
Shelby County School District / Wed. Apr. 15 from 11:30am to 1pm / noon - lunch \$15.00
per person / Parnell Library meeting room / RSVP by FRI. 4/10/26
- 6) **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 / contact Montevallo Chamber to sponsor and/or play



Adele Nelson

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Resolution 03232026-739

A Resolution authorizing The City to apply for a Community Development Block Grant via Shelby County for the purpose of Sewer Line Improvements at State Rt.119 and CR 22

WHEREAS, The City of Montevallo in accordance with its Comprehensive Plan to Improve and enhance Public Facilities and Infrastructure and,

WHEREAS, the City of Montevallo in accordance with its Comprehensive Plan to develop the Moore’s Crossroads Area as Mixed Use Economic Center and,

WHEREAS, the aging sewer infrastructure in this area is at maximum capacity and future residential and commercial development is limited by this fact and,

WHEREAS, the Montevallo Water and Sewer Board has developed a plan to upgrade the sewer lines in this area and,

WHEREAS, the City of Montevallo in the interest of public safety has developed a plan to improve the Intersection of State Route 119 and County Road 22 and,

WHEREAS, these roadway improvements and construction directly affect the sewer lines in this area and.

WHEREAS, additional funding is required to complete the sewer line improvements in this area

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEVALLO, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Council hereby authorizes the application for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of up to \$700,00.00.

Section 2. That matching funding shall be made available in the amount of up to \$250,000.00 approximately (25%) of the total Project amount of \$ 995,650.00.

Section 3. That District 1 Councilman David King as the voting member for the City of Montevallo on the Shelby Urban County Policy Board is authorized to negotiate the terms of this application on behalf of the City of Montevallo. As needed, the Mayor and City Clerk shall also be authorized to participate in these negotiations and to take such other actions as may be necessary to accomplish and carry out the purposes of this resolution.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF March, 2026.

Signed:

Attest:

Rusty Nix
Mayor

Steve Gilbert
City Clerk / Treasurer