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Montevallo City Council Work Session
October 26, 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 PM by Mayor Nix with Quorum present.

Discussion of New Business Items:

- **Discussion of Request from Montevallo Main Street** to close Island Street from North Boundary Street to Park Drive from 9AM to 11 PM on Sunday November 1, 2026 and to waive vendor and business license fees for the Annual Day of the Dead Festival.
- **Discussion of Request for Approval of Funds** – request for funds in the amount of $2,500 for a signage Kiosk with bench and approval for placement in Orr Park for the purpose of signage regarding the history of Orr Park and Tinglewood.

Mayor Nix called for Committee Reports:

Mayor Nix called on Chief Burr for the Police Department report. Chief Burr reported there were 63 Reports in October and 903 Total Reports for the Year. See Appendix 1.

Mayor Nix called on Chief Davis for the Fire Department report. Chief Davis advised he would give the Fire Department report at the next Council meeting. No written report submitted.

Mayor Nix called on Sarah Shaw for the Impact Montevallo report. Sarah reported Red Ribbon Week kicked off today and the National Theme is – Be A Hero. Stay Drug Free. There are many ways the community can join our youth in celebrating living a drug-free life; take a picture with the 6ft. inflatable Red Ribbon located at the Post Office; participate in Dress-up Days every day this week - Hometown Hero today; Tuesday, Everyday Hero; Wednesday; Be RED-Y to Be a Drug-Free Hero; Thursday; Be An Over The Hill Hero; Friday; Choose Your Favorite Hero. There will be Lunchtime trivia at all three Montevallo Schools; Tuesday, October 27th is our Community Challenge at Theron Fisher Stadium from 4pm-6pm. Heroes at Home & Fall Festival Thursday evening; Impact will be participating in Hometown Halloween; Sarah reported Impact will conclude the week at the Day of the Dead Festival with the kids area. No written report submitted.

Mayor Nix called on Council Member Mitchell for the Sustainability Reports. Council Member Mitchell called on Kirk Hamby, Head of Public Works. Kirk reported in preparation day the Tinglewood banners will be coming down and Veterans banners going up this week; Christmas banners will go up November 29th; there has been work at the end of Valley Street by widening the water department's filtration complex; the department is making the transition from right-of-way cutting to vacuuming leaves; tree work removal on Oak Street and Nabors Street. No written report submitted.

Council Member Mitchell reported the Historical Preservation Commission will meet on November 3rd at the library at 6 PM.

Council Member Mitchell reported the Arbor and Beautification Board will meet November 10th at the library at 6 PM.

Mayor Nix called on Council Member Green for the Recreation and Community Development Reports. Council Member Green called on Sydney Baugh, Park Director for the Youth Athletic and Senior Center Reports. Sydney reported Youth Football completed their tournament and finished 5 – 1; Council Member Green used TextMyGov to notify City of the missing restroom sign and hoped this program should be promoted more; she asked about Stephens Park ADA Parking being taken by others and if there is a solution to this issue to have a better use of spaces for our handicapped citizens.

Mayor Nix called for on Council Member Nelson for the Education Arts & Outreach Reports. Council Member Nelson called on Marissa Wilson, Director of the Parnell Memorial Library. Marissa reported on the remaining October events and November events and the November calendar is posted on their social media pages, website, and at the library to pick up. The library will be closed on November 11th for Veterans Day. No written report submitted.

Council Member Nelson called on Natalie Lutz for the MJCC report. Natalie reported tomorrow the band will have a performance from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM; MJCC will be participating in the Impact Montevallo Community Challenge; October 28th the high schoolers will be taking the PSAT's if they signed up; October 29th the JAG will have an awards ceremony from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM; October 30th there will be an away football game in Talladega; MJCC will be participating in Hometown Halloween; some MJCC will be participating at the Day of the Dead.

Montevallo City Council Meeting
October 26, 2026
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 PM by Mayor Rusty Nix.

Invocation Reverend Curtis Childs, Green Chapel Missionary Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Approval and/ or corrections of the Minutes: 10.12.26 Minutes - Motion made by Council Member Mitchell, Seconded by Council Member Nelson, All Ayes, Motion Passed.

Recognitions/Awards: None

Opportunities for Citizens to speak to the Council: CP Pierson 1131 SW Oak Street – are stumps to be removed where trees were cut down (yes); point of order for pledge of allegiance.

Curtis Childs County Road 203 – the road narrows near church and he asked if it could be widened; he was out in area and feels drain work is needed – Shelby County to be asked for assistance.

Bill Hare 8637 County Road 73 - if a light can be purchased to shine on flag at Hwy 73 – power company safety factor at cemetery light needed; power company advised it would be $50 per month – will check with Kirk about how lighting can be accomplished.

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.

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

Mayor Nix called for Committee Reports to Continue:

Mayor Nix called on Council Member King for the Finance and Economic Development Reports. Council Member King called on Courtney Bennett, Director, Montevallo Main Street. Courtney reported on the upcoming 4th Annual Dia de Muertos Festival at Orr Park Pecan Grove on Sunday, November 1st from 2:00 PM – 9:00 PM and provided Mayor and Council the Press Release for the event. See Appendix 2.

Council Member King called on Adele Nelson, Executive Director, Montevallo Chamber of Commerce. Adele reported Montevallo Hometown Halloween will be Friday, October 30th; November Chamber Chatter will be delivered Friday, October 30th; Chamber will be participating in the Day of the Dead; Chamber Luncheon will be November 18th - "Volunteer Appreciation" program. See Appendix 3.

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:

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Old Business: None

Board Appointments: None

Other Business: None

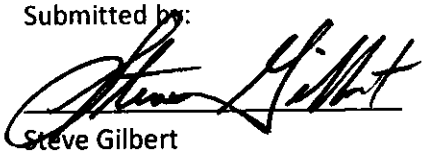
Citizen Participation: Statement from Council Member Dukes regarding Jewel Dailey, the wife of George Dailey, passed away and he wanted to make that announcement since Dailey Park is named after George Dailey, who was the first black City Councilman in Shelby County; and Ms. Jewel Dailey taught school.

Council Member Dukes invited everyone to the Magic City Classic this Saturday in Birmingham, it is the largest family reunion and tailgating.

Council Member Mitchell would like the City to acknowledge Ms. Jewel Dailey with a Proclamation.

Adjourn: Mayor Nix called for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Council Member Mitchell, Seconded by Council Member Dukes, All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Submitted by:



Steve Gilbert
City Clerk / Treasurer

APPENDIX 1

	January-26	February-26	March-26	April-26	May-26	June-26	July-26	August-26	September-26	October-26	November-26	December-26	Total
Total Reports	**93**	**104**	**88**	**92**	**121**	**90**	**57**	**96**	**79**	**83**	**0**	**0**	**903**
Criminal Cases	70	79	58	71	90	60	40	78	60	63			669
Non-Criminal	23	25	30	21	31	30	17	18	19	20			234
Traffic Accidents	4	12	14	11	12	6	8	18	11	12			108
Traffic Citations	63	66	60	79	48	74	45	106	105	35			681
DUI Arrests	5	7	2	4	8	4	5	6	4	6			51
Public Intox Arr	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	7	0	3			20
Alias Arrests	11	12	10	8	10	11	6	7	3	2			80
Juvenile Arrests	1	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	1			8
Misd Arrests	11	6	11	13	10	0	5	13	12	7			88
Felony Arrests	4	7	4	4	4	6	2	5	5	4			45
Drug Related	6	16	8	11	12	7	3	6	5	7			81
Total Arrest	39	49	39	41	49	30	22	44	24	32	0	0	**373**
Auto Thefts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Burglaries	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0			7
Auto Recoveries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Auto Burglaries	2	1	1	0	0	4	2	1	1	0			12
Criminal Mischief	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	0			7
DV. Related	6	5	3	5	10	4	7	8	2	10			60
Assaults	1	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0			7
Fraud/Forgery	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	7			14
Harass / Reck	5	5	2	3	2	4	1	4	3	1			30
Misc. Offenses	24	23	28	23	32	42	11	30	28	25			266
Robberies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Sex Crimes/Other	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			2
Thefts / Attempts	9	8	3	8	2	2	0	2	6	3			43
Suicide / Attempts	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1
Deaths	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0			4

APPENDIX 2

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 26, 2026

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MONTEVALLO TO HOST 4thANNUAL DIA DE MUERTOS FESTIVAL

Montevallo, Ala.— Montevallo will host their 4th Annual Dia de Muertos Festival at the Orr Park Pecan Grove at 940 Island Street on Sunday, November 1, 2026 from 2 PM to 9 PM. This free-admission event is being organized by Presenting Sponsors Su Casa Real Estate / Team Lehman Realty, Catrina Contest Sponsor Montevallo Main Street, and Impact Montevallo, along with other community partners and sponsors.

The public is invited to honor their loved ones at the community altar that will be set up on site. Registration for setting up an altar has now closed due to space restrictions at our current festival site, but we have several individuals and groups currently planning to set up altars at the event to honor family, pets, and even celebrities and artists. A $500 prize will be awarded to the best altar at 7:45 PM.

Prizes will also be awarded to the "Best Dressed" Catrin or Catrina in both adult and children's categories. Registration for the "Best Dressed" Catrin or Catrina will be held from 2-6 PM. Winners will be announced at 6:15 PM. Prizes for Adults will include $500 for First Place, $250 for Second Place, and $150 for Third Place. The top three winners in the children category will receive a basket of goodies.

Live music and dancing will be held throughout the event. Acts include traditional Aztec dance by Danza Azteca Xochipilli, cumbia and tropical rhythms by Saul Ramirez Y Su Ritmo Tropical, Baile Folklorico traditional Mexican dancing by children and adults from St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, music by local DJ and friend of the festival Lobo DJ, traditional banda and Sinaloense music by La Bandanononora de Jalisco, and traditional music by a wonderful Mariachi band.

Vendors and non-profit agencies will be on site as well. Food vendors include Corn King, Delicias Ice Cream & Snack Bar, Dolce Caramelo, Estelas Tamales, H&J's sweet treats, La antojeria snack bar n more, La campechana, La Conchita, Navarro's Fresh Market, Negocio, Orbitcitystreetfood, Pollogoyo, Tacis La Capital, and Taqueria El Camioncito. Goods vendors include Accesorios Dulce Vanidad, Art by Macy Dofash, Grab Em By The Horns, Loboprint, Masquerade Face Paint, Mi Caramelo, Nazar hecho a mano, Plata Damay by Sandy Lares, Ropa y accesorios, Rosalina Barragan S, Sevini Boutique, and Venta de artesanias. Non-profit informational booths include Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice (ACIJ), Alabama Interfaith Refugee Partnership (ALIRP), Birmingham Indivisible, Birmingham Migra Watch, CALA / Centro de Acceso Para Latinos De Alabama, HICA, M@M, M@M Mujeres Ayudando Mujeres Pelham, Montevallo Legacy Project, and Voces Inmigrantes Alabama (VIA).

The Children's Area will be open from 2 PM to 7 PM. Children's make-and-take crafts will be provided by Impact Montevallo, Parnell Memorial Library, and Voces Inmigrantes, and our friends with the Montevallo High School Art Honor Society will have temporary tattoos and slap bracelets on theme with the event. We will also have two face painting vendors, and a horse—Hercules!

The Day of the Dead, or Día de Muertos, is a Mexican holiday celebrated with great reverence and joy. It is a time to remember and celebrate the lives of departed loved ones. The Day of the Dead, celebrated traditionally on November 1st and 2nd, has its origins in the ancient religious ceremonies of the Indigenous groups of Mexico. Before the Spanish conquistadors arrived in the area, these cultures had several ceremonies to say goodbye to the recently deceased. Today, the Day of the Dead combines elements of both Catholic and Aztec traditions that help people remember their loved ones and celebrate their memory. This event is dedicated to sharing and embracing this wonderful tradition here in Montevallo.

We thank our sponsors, whose support allows us to put on this free-admission event for our community. These include Presenting Sponsor Su Casa Real Estate/Team Lehman Realty, VIP Tent Sponsor Abogados Centro Legal, Main Stage Sponsor Alpha Home Builders, and Catrina Contest Sponsor Montevallo Main Street. Catrina Level Sponsors include the Cort-Lyn Trust, Creative 1st Mortgage, Davidson Law, Delicias Ice Cream & Snack Bar, GPE Shop Tire & Auto Service, Lobo DJ, Los Monchies, Mi Pueblo, Montevallo Chamber of Commerce, Navarro's Fresh Market, Saul Ramirez y su Ritmo Tropical, and Vera Homebuilders. Marigold Level Sponsors include Hércules y sus Princesas, Ixchel Photography & Films, and LeaderOne. We also appreciate the support of community partners who supported us in-kind such as Discover Shelby, Impact Montevallo, Parnell Memorial Library, St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, the City of Montevallo, and others.

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APPENDIX 3

Chamber / City Council Report **10/26/2026**

1) **Montevallo Hometown Halloween** Fri. Oct. 30th 3:30-5pm Downtown

2) **November Chamber Chatter** delivery will be Fri. Oct. 30

3) Montevallo Pecan Sale pick-up notification will be sent to all pre-orders. Benefits the Montevallo Community Grant Fund

4) Montevallo Chamber will be assisting with the 4th annual **Day of the Dead** event on Sun. Nov. 1st / 2-9pm at Pecan Grove

5) **The Brick Loft Ribbon Cutting** on Tues. Nov 3rd at 11am / 727 Middle Street

6) **CoffeeNet** on Tues. Nov. 10th Tuesday from 8:30am to 9:30am at Meri Moon, 618 Main St./ co-host The Shelby Chamber

7) **Buddy's Car Wash Ribbon Cutting** on Thurs. Nov. 12th at 11am / 4817 Hwy 25

8) **Montevallo Chamber Luncheon** Wed Nov. 18 "Volunteer Appreciation" Speakers: Support Committee AL National Cemetery & Tinglewood Festival Wooden Boat Race winners will be recognized / Montevallo First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall* / Networking 11:30am / Lunch noon $15 ea / RSVP by Fri. 11/13 / Luncheon Sponsor - Rockco Funeral Home * Note change of venue *

9) Mark you calendar for the **2026 Montevallo Christmas Parade** on Thursday Dec. 3rd @ 6pm The Registration packet is available at city hall, by emailing montevallochamber@gmail.com or chamber website

https://www.montevallochamberofcommerce.com/christmas-parade

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APPENDIX 4

Steve Gilbert

From: SHAWN MILLS <smills@shelbyal.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2026 4:11 PM
To: TREY GAUNTT; Steve Gilbert
Subject: RE: Kiosks

The kiosks at Shoal Creek were built by a contractor for the Shoal Creek Park Foundation.

The cost of the kiosk were $2,500 for one with a bench as shown in the picture or $2,000 without the bench.

That cost included both labor and material for the kiosk and it took the contractor approximately 2 days to build 2 kiosk.

Let me know it you have any other questions or need anything else from me.

