



City of Lake View
Work Session Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 8, 2025

6:00pm

Lake View Municipal Complex

The City Council of Lake View met in a regularly scheduled work session on Thursday, January 9, 2025, in the City Hall located at 22757 Central Park Drive, Lake View, AL 35111.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dudley at 6:13pm. Those present were:

- Councilmember Beaulieu
- Councilmember Hudson
- Councilmember Celmer
- Councilmember Rolan
- Mayor Dudley

Motion: Motion made by Mayor Dudley to approve the agenda for the evening. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Celmer. Unanimous approval of the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Reading and reviewing the following:

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GUEST

Mr. Chris Beernick and associates gave a presentation regarding Construction Discovery Zone – a proposed hands-on STEAM Learning facility for children and anyone interested.

Departmental Reports:

- City Clerk- Mrs. Witherspoon provided monthly report. Report attached
- Building Department- No report.
- Police Department –Mrs. Mitchelson provided monthly report. Report attached.
- Magistrate-Mr. Cervantes provided the monthly report. Report attached.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Municipal Elections- Mayor Dudley stated that the date to sign up to run for office begins June 10th – 24; the election will be held in City Hall on August 26th. The City is looking for Poll Workers and they will be compensated.
- 4th Annual Lake View Day- Mrs. Dudley offered her thanks to everyone who came out to volunteer and all those that came out to participate and she offered a potential date for the 5th Annual Lake View Day (April 25, 2026)
- Sidewalk Project – Mayor Dudley stated that a meeting will take place on Tuesday May 13th regarding the status of the project.
- HVAC Fencing- Mayor Dudley stated that work should take place on the fence next week and the fence project should be complete before the next Council meeting.
- Excess Equipment – Mayor Dudley stated that an Ordinance/Resolution was needed for to govern the disposition of the excess equipment the City possesses. Ms. Morris stated that the Resolution is forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Police Department Gate – Mayor Dudley spoke about the need for a safety barrier preventing the public from just walking into the police department. Mayor Dudley stated that the staff discussed options, and it was decided that a gate was the best option. The total cost for the project is \$4950.00. Mayor Dudley stated that the project will take about 12 weeks to complete.
- Construction Discovery Zone – Council discussed the prospect of bringing the STEM education platform to Lake View. The Mayor asked the Council to look over the information provided by Mr. Beernick and his team, to list any questions or concerns that might have for bringing this platform into the City.
- Incident Response Policy & Information Security Access Policy – Mayor Dudley asked the Council to review them and provide feedback.
- Meeting Request (Councilmember Hudson) – Mr. Hudson stated that he was approached by Senator Gerald Allen and Rep. Bill Lamb. Councilmember Hudson stated that Senator Allen and Representative Lamb told him, after meeting with council member Hudson first “to discuss a few things,” that they would like to meet with the Council to discuss the ongoing City lawsuit and the current bridge project at exit 100. Mr. Hudson said he told them that would be great, which is why the Council was elected to talk through things. Mr. Hudson stated that he reached out to them a couple of times to set up the meeting, but they had not responded; but he was still working on that.

Mr. Rolan asked what they specifically wanted to discuss. Mr. Hudson stated that they wanted to discuss the current lawsuit the City has and it being a hinderance to the completion of the bridge. Mr. Rolan asked if that was all they wanted to discuss. Mr. Hudson stated that he thought that they wanted to discuss more than the lawsuit and bridge. Mr. Goldman asked who they were coming on behalf of since they were not parties to the case. Mr. Hudson stated that they did mention the sewer owner specifically. Mr. Goldman asked if it was Mr. Hudson's impression that this meeting was at Mr. White's request. Mr. Hudson stated that it was correct. Mr. Goldman continued asking if he is attempting to have communication with the City of Lake View, without his counsel involved and without going through the trustee who has control of the Sewer system at this time, because he (White) does not? Mr. Hudson stated that it is correct and there was no mention of bringing anyone else.

Mayor Dudley stated that there is also no mention of ALDOT being involved. Mr. Hudson stated that the Mayor's name was brought up as the reason for hindering the whole process. Mr. Hudson stated that he told them that he could not agree with that and that it did not make any sense at all. Mr. Goldman stated that he would say "early and often on this, to the extent that he believes that he has control over the sewer system, then he has full ability to resolve all these issues by simply signing the paperwork that ALDOT has to complete." Mr. Goldman further stated that if "Mr. White believes there is validity the City's concerns that he didn't go through the proper steps with the initiation of the system and thereby doesn't actually own the parts of the system, then that's a bigger problem than the road project. It is certainly within his ability to undertake the engineering needed; he doesn't actually control the sewer system right now. He does have access to the Trustee, and the Trustee certainly has the ability to sign the paperwork, pay the money, and move on. Just as they always have if they believe they have the right to do so."

Mr. Hudson stated that he did mention that if Mr. White legal counsel wanted to reach out to the City's legal counsel, it was always the option.

Mr. Goldman stated for the record that he was in regular communication with the Counsel for the Trustee and this meeting is not an agenda item that they are concerned about. There has been no ask about it; there are lots of things going on right now, that is not one of them

Mrs. Dudley asked Mr. Hudson if he met with them as a Councilmember. Mr. Hudson stated no he met them as a citizen.

TEAM MEMBER COMMENT:

- A. Chief Dennard thanked the members of the Police department, the citizens of Lake View, for their support. She informed the Council that recruit Lyles will start the Academy on Monday.

- B. Officer Holmes thanked everyone for the opportunity, and he would like to see the City moving forward.
 - C. Mr. Cervantes – Thanked everyone for the opportunity.
 - D. Mrs. Witherspoon – No
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MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER BUSINESS/COMMENTS:

Doug Beaulieu: Stated he was glad that Chief and the officers were able to go to the First Responders dinner. Thanks to Mrs. Dudley for all her work on Lake View Day. Expressed appreciation to the Council for approving the work being done on the Fire Department. Thanked Mr. Cervantes for all his work for the City and wished him the best in his future position.

Ben Hudson: Thanked Mr. Cervantes for all his work and wished him the best.

Dan Celmer: Thanked Mr. Cervantes for all his work. And asked that a Police relations meeting will take place May 14th at 5pm at City Hall to discuss dates for National Night Out.


Kelly Rolan: Thanked Mr. Cervantes for all his work and wished him the best. Thanked the Police Department for all their work.

Mayor Dudley: No comments

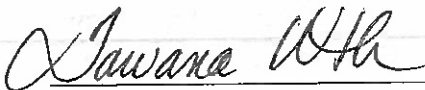
Mrs. Dudley stated that May is Mental Health Awareness month, and it is important to normalize care of mental health. If you do not have access to a therapist or local community mental health center, you could always dial 988, someone is always on the line to talk with.

Mayor Dudley stated to the staff, to remember you always have EAP.

Adjournment: Mayor Dudley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm. Councilmember Rolan seconded the motion.


Adrain Dudley PhD, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tawana Witherspoon, City Clerk





City of Lake View
Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 22, 2025
6:00 pm

Lake View Municipal Complex

Mission: To promote an ethical and responsive municipal government which provides its citizenry with high-quality municipal services in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Mayor Dudley.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Invocation and Pledge was led by Mayor Dudley.

ROLL CALL: The members present were Mayor Dudley and Councilmembers, Doug Beaulieu, Ben Hudson, Dan Celmer, Cheryl Ivey and Kelly Rolan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by the Mayor to approve the agenda for the evening. Councilmember Ivey seconded the motion. **The motion passed by the unanimous vote of the Council.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Dudley made a motion to the minutes from April with stated corrections. Councilmember Hudson seconded the motion. **The motion passed by the unanimous vote of the Council.**

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 2025 Municipal Elections- Mayor Dudley provided a reminder that the first date to register for the election is June 10 at 7am and runs through June 24 at 5pm.
 - Mrs. Witherspoon provided a reminder for the need for poll workers for the election and the requirements for those poll workers
- HVAC Fence- Mayor Dudley provided an update on the completed project.

- Fire Station #2 Grant- Mayor Dudley stated that the Fire Dept. has provided pictures and updated details of the completed project.
- Sidewalk Project- Mayor Dudley provides details regarding the proposed cost and the means for mitigating that cost. Mayor Dudley also stated that Council will have to decide on what course of action to take. Councilmember Rolan made a motion to request more funds from the State of Alabama. Councilmember Hudson seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Excess Equipment- Mayor Dudley introduced Resolution 0105222025 to authorize the disposal of Personal Property of Lake View, AL. Councilmember Celmer seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Construction Discovery Zone – Mayor Dudley stated that he still has questions regarding the operation, location and cost of this endeavor.
- Incident Response Policy – Mayor Dudley made a motion to adopt the Incident Response Policy. Councilmember Ivey seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Information Access Policy- Mayor Dudley made a motion to adopt the Information Access Policy. Councilmember Celmer seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Meeting Request (Councilmember Hudson) – Mr. Hudson provided an update regarding the request for a meeting by Senator Allen and Rep. Lamb; he stated that he had not heard anything back with them regarding that meeting and requested that the City keeps the request open on the next work session's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 5th Annual Lake View Day – Mayor Dudley made a motion to set aside the fourth Saturday in April as Lake View Day. Councilmember Rolan seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Safe Room (Resolution)- Mayor Dudley spoke on the damage in north Alabama and how there is need for a community Safe Room. Mayor Dudley also stated that the City must also accept the HMGP grant for the Safe Room. Mayor Dudley introduced Resolution No. 0205222025 authorizing an agreement between the City of Lake View and the State of Alabama for the construction and installation of the community safe room. Mayor Dudley made a motion to approve the resolution and accept the FEMA grant. Councilmember Ivey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Dudley introduced the resolution that authorized the qualification for the potential contractors of the safe room. Mayor Dudley made a motion to approve Resolution No. 0305222025 authorizing the issuance of the request for qualifications for architect/engineering services and project/construction management and grant management services in connection with the construction and installation of a tornado community safe room. Councilmember Celmer seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:

- A. Budget & Finance Committee – Mayor Dudley stated that the next meeting will be near the end of June.
- B. Board of Adjustments – Councilmember Hudson stated there were no updates.
- C. Planning & Zoning – Mrs. Dudley stated that the next meeting will be June 16th at 6:00pm at City Hall.
- D. GUSC -Ms. Penn stated that GUSC met May 1st to finish old business. They invited the sewer Trustee/representative to their next meeting which is June 5th at 6:30pm.
- E. Police Relations –Councilmember Celmer stated that Police Relations had a meeting on Wednesday, May 21st and have identified a date for National Night Out. August 8th is the potential date from 5pm to 8pm, if the City allows them to use the facilities. Councilmember Rolen made a motion to allow the Police Relations to use the City of Lake View Municipal complex to host National Night Out from 5- 8pm. Councilmember Beaulieu seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER BUSINESS/COMMENTS:

Doug Beaulieu: Tuscaloosa County wants July 29th as the date to vote for increase for Fire District.

Ben Hudson: No comment

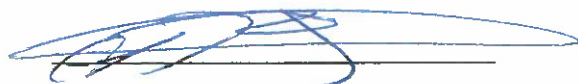
Dan Celmer: Spoke on the Mental Health license plate which support mental resources across the state. Also spoke on the 250th birthday of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the desire to promote learning of the history of Alabama and the country.

Cheryl Ivey: No comment

Kelly Rolen: No comment

Mayor Dudley: Stated that on June 14th the Army will celebrate its 250th birthday; Wished everyone a safe Memorial Day weekend. Mayor Dudley reminded everyone that Memorial Day is for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

Adjournment: Mayor Dudley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Rolen seconded the motion. **Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.**



Adrain Dudley PhD, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tawana With

Tawana Witherspoon, City Clerk

