

CITY OF HANCEVILLE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

2/12/2026

The City Council of Hanceville, Alabama, met in public session on February 12, 2026, for a work session beginning at 6:00 PM in the council chambers of city hall with the council meeting immediately following.

Mayor Pro tem Nolan Bradford called the meeting to order.
City Attorney, Dan Willingham led the prayer and Mayor Pro tem Bradford followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro tem Bradford opened the floor for public comments.

Bob Long of 1112 Blountsville Street addressed the Council with a couple of concerns: Amendments to the alcohol ordinance being talked about, in particular the buffer zones for churches and schools that might allow a bar to locate nearer to those facilities and the ordinance to abolish the police department, didn't know why you couldn't add into the ordinance that a police department would be restarted, stating he expected to have a police department that he had moved here having one.

Mayor Pro tem Bradford responded that we hear you.
Councilor Jana Shelton responded that it is our intentions, every one of us, we will get a police department started.
Mayor Pro tem Bradford stated we will start on restarting it ASAP.

Teresa with the Hanceville Library announced the starting of an Adult Book Club and inviting the public to be a part of it, asking local businesses to partner with them. She introduced Chris Johnson, owner of HanceVegas Coffee Shop, stating he will be partnering with them.

Chris Johnson of 113 Commercial Street commented, for clarification, the Sunday Sales Amendment does not have any changes to the footage.

Dan Davis, lifelong citizen of Hanceville, Alabama, Highway 31, addressed the Council, stating wouldn't it be too expensive to hold a special election and regarding the police department coming back, take your time to do a good forensic evaluation on what happened here.

Bo Pitts of County Road 551 addressed the Council, the park could grow more, in particular ball, he asked how positions are hired and stated he would like to see the Park and Rec grow.

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Mayor Pro tem Bradford requested roll call.

Present:

Councilor Robert Powell

Councilor Jana Shelton

Mayor Pro tem Nolan Bradford

Councilor Cameron Rowe

Councilor Kim Brown

Absent:

Mayor Paul Campbell (immediate resignation submitted 1/27/2026)

Councilor Brown motioned to approve the *consent agenda*. Councilor Rowe gave second. Motion carried.

Councilor Brown motioned to approve the *minutes* for the Regular Council Meeting held on January 22, 2026, with correction to the date for the Irish Festival from May 14th to March 14th. Seconded by Councilor Shelton. Motion carried.

Councilor Powell moved to pay the *bills*. Councilor Shelton seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro tem Bradford announced the next agenda item, Resolution No. 2026-1 Appointment of Mayor stating since I'm in the running I am handing the meeting over to Councilor Robert Powell.

Councilor Powell said he would preside over this agenda item and stated he will now open up for nominations for the office of Mayor.

Councilor Rowe motioned to make Mayor Pro tem Nolan Bradford hold the seat of Mayor. Councilor Shelton seconded.

Councilor Powell stated hearing none, no more nominations, nominations are now closed for Mayor. He then asked if there was a motion for the appointment of Mayor.

Councilor Jana Shelton gave motion to appoint Nolan Bradford as Mayor. Councilor Rowe motioned in second. Mayor Pro tem Bradford abstained. Motion carried.

Ms. Becky Hinkle, Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Nolan Bradford.

Mayor Bradford resumed presiding over the meeting moving to item no. three.

Councilor Powell motioned to appoint Councilor Jana Shelton as *Mayor Pro tem*. Councilor Rowe seconded. Motion carried.

Dan Willingham, Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Pro tem Jana Shelton.

Motion given by Councilor Rowe to fill vacancy place 4 on the *Industrial Development Board* with Clifford Denmark. Seconded by Councilor Shelton. Motion carried.

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Councilor Powell motioned to table the *ALM 2026 Convention Voting Delegates*. Seconded by Councilor Shelton. Motion carried.

Councilor Powell moved to pay the *Cullman County Commission's Invoices* (Dec. 2025 \$1,842.27, Jan. 2026 \$2,014.29, Feb. 2026 \$2,726.46). Councilor Rowe seconded stating he would like a breakdown of what they did besides sit in the parking lot all the time. Motion carried.

Councilor Brown motioned to *waive the fee* charged for the *civic center* to support the 'Night to Shine' Program. Councilor Powell gave second. Motion carried.

Councilor Powell moved to suspend the rules for consideration of *Ordinance No. 2026-1 Municipal Court Abolishment*. Councilor Rowe motioned in second. Upon roll call vote the following was recorded:

Ayes:

Councilors: Powell, Rowe, Shelton, Brown
Mayor Bradford

Nays:

None

Motion carried.

Councilor Shelton motioned to approve *Ordinance No. 2026-1 Municipal Court Abolishment*. Seconded by Councilor Powell. Councilor Brown voiced no. Motion carried.

Councilor Shelton motioned to suspend the rules for consideration of *Ordinance No. 2026-2 Police Department Dissolution*. Councilor Rowe gave second. Upon roll call vote the following was recorded:

Ayes:

Councilors: Powell, Rowe, Shelton, Brown
Mayor Bradford

Nays:

None

Motion carried.

Councilor Powell motioned to approve *Ordinance No. 2026-2 Police Department Dissolution*. Councilor Rowe gave second. Upon roll call vote the following was recorded:

Ayes:

Councilors: Powell, Rowe, Shelton
Mayor Bradford

Nays:

Councilor Brown

Motion carried.

Vehicle Reassignment Listing:

From:	To:	Make:	Model:	Year:	VIN:
PD	CH (Bldg/Code Enforcement)	DODGE	RAM 1500	2021	7357
PD	FIRE	CHEV	SIVERADO	2021	8285
PD	PARK	DODGE	RAM	2021	7356
PD	PARK	DODGE	RAM	2021	7358
PD	PUB WKS	FORD	F-150	2023	9073
PD	PUB WKS	FORD	F-150	2020	5415
PD	PUB WKS	FORD	F-150	2023	9137
PD	PUB WKS	FORD	F-150	2008	4990
PD	PUB WKS	DODGE	RAM 1500	2021	0055
PD	PUB WKS	DODGE	RAM 1500	2021	0057
PD	PUB WKS	DODGE	RAM 1500	2021	7359
PD	PUB WKS	DODGE	RAM 1500	2021	0056

Councilor Shelton motioned to approve *reassignment of vehicles* to the departments they are to go to. Seconded by Councilor Rowe. Councilor Brown voiced no. Motion carried.

Mayor Bradford announced that Rusty Fields is now in charge of the Parks and Public Works.

Reports:

- Bank Accounts Balance Sheet
- Fire & Rescue January 2026 Dispositions
- Bi-Weekly Public Work & Park Job Detail – Rusty Fields said his report includes the parks and public works stating he is now the Operations Manager.

Councilor Powell asked Rusty if he would get a price for a streetlight (Kentucky and Elm requested by Betty Dover of Dover Reality).

Councilor Shelton addressed Fire Chief, Rodger Green, stating according to his report it looked like they had more calls in January and asked if he had an update on the fire engine repair. Rodger responded that it was still in shop, had to order parts.

Councilor Powell, regarding the website, announced that on the 28th going live with Apptegy, transferring files, Ty is working with that.

Councilor Shelton said there had been a lot of negativity, I don't respond, citizens need to be patient, we're working hard as we can, trying to do things the right way, we are going to get the police department started.

Councilor Powell said he appreciated everybody coming out.

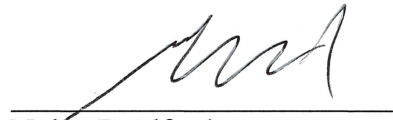
Mayor Bradford stated, regarding the police department, I think we are all in agreement, the insurance company will dictate on how much of a department we can rebuild, we will work with the county to get more county officers down here.

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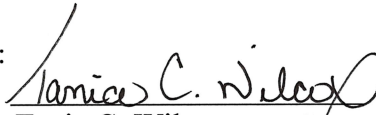
Announcements

- Work Session/Council Meeting February 26th 6:00 PM
- Work Session/Council Meeting March 12th 6:00 PM

Adjournment motion given by Councilor Powell. Seconded by Councilor Rowe. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.



Nolan Bradford
Mayor

ATTEST: 
Tania C. Wilcox, MMC