

Record of Council Work Session Minutes City of Margaret

Date: Monday, March 2, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Margaret City Hall
Council Work Session

The City Council for the City of Margaret met on Monday, March 2, 2026, for a work session prior to the regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

The work session roll call is as follows:

Councilperson James Chapman – Present
Councilperson Martrece Bell – Present
Councilperson Kerry McIntyre – Present
Councilperson Samantha Davis – Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Jonathon Ray – Present
Mayor Matthew Tortorice – Present

Dave Evans, County Commission Chairman candidate, addressed the crowd.

Bill Morris, Alabama State Representative candidate, addressed the crowd.

Don Smith from the Economic Development Council spoke about efforts to get retail in Margaret.

Revised Ordinance #2026-005: Firearm Discharge within City Limits was presented for consideration at the next meeting.

Variance Request for 457 Hunter's Crossing Road was heard and discussed. A public hearing will be held at the next meeting.

A second entrance proposal for Ridgefield was discussed.

The work session continued with a review of regular council meeting agenda items:

1. Quote from Southern Data Automation, Inc
Mayor Pro-Tem Ray stated that he would pursue additional quotes for the next meeting.
2. "Back-to-School" Sales Tax Holiday, July 17-19
3. City Clerk Job Description and Pay Range
4. Alabama Power Street Lights
5. Ordinance #2026-009: No Smoking in Public Places
6. Ordinance #2026-010: Sign Regulations
7. Ordinance #2026-011: Littering
8. Ordinance #2026-012: Property Annexation
9. Resolution #2026-004 Officer Contract Buyout for reconsideration

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Hutchins, an attorney representing the “Margaret Concerned Citizens” group, spoke on behalf of his group and their concerns.

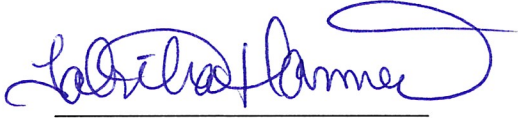
The work session adjourned at 6:49pm for a short recess before the Council Meeting.

APPROVED:



Mayor Matthew Tortorice

ATTEST:



Tabitha Hanner, City Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CITY OF MARGARET

Date: Monday, March 2, 2026
Time: 6:58 PM
Place: Margaret City Hall
Council Meeting

ROLL CALL

Councilperson James Chapman – Present
Councilperson Martrece Bell – Present
Councilperson Kerry McIntyre – Present
Councilperson Samantha Davis – Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Jonathon Ray – Present
Mayor Matthew Tortorice – Present

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 PM. The invocation was given by Mr. Gene Barker. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Roll Call was taken and is recorded above.

The floor was opened for public comment on the following ordinances:

1. Ordinance #2026-009: No Smoking in Public Places
2. Ordinance #2026-010: Sign Regulations
3. Ordinance #2026-011: Littering
4. Ordinance #2026-012: Property Annexation

No public comments were made on any of the proposed ordinances.

Councilperson Davis made a motion to table the Southern Data IT Quotes until the next meeting. Councilperson McIntyre seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – no, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to approve City participation in the “Back to School Sales Tax Holiday”, July 17-19. Councilperson Chapman seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Davis made a motion to approve the prepared City Clerk job description and pay. Mayor Tortorice seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – no, Bell – no, McIntyre – no, Davis – yes, Ray – no, Tortorice – yes. Motion dies.

Councilperson Chapman made a motion to table the decision on Alabama Power streetlights. Councilperson Davis seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Davis made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2026-009: No Smoking in Public Places. There was no second. Motion dies.

Mayor Tortorice called for a motion to table Ordinance #2026-010 Sign Regulations. No motion was made.


Councilperson Chapman made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2026-011: Littering. Mayor Pro-Tem Ray seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Chapman made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2026-012: Property Annexation. Councilperson Davis seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Davis made a motion to reconsider Resolution #2026-004: Officer Contract Buyout. Councilperson Bell seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – no, Bell – yes, McIntyre – no, Davis – yes, Ray – no, Tortorice – yes. Motion dies in a tie.

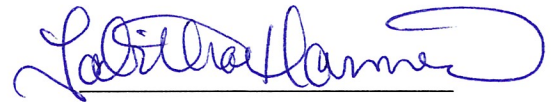
Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Chapman seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – no. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Mayor Matthew Tortorice

ATTEST:



Tabitha Hanner, City Clerk