

**MONTEVALLO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Montevallo City Hall
Minutes**

**Special Called Meeting
April 21, 2025
1:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Sonya Swords, Mark Richard, Trey Gauntt
Staff Present: Regina Ashmore
Others Present: Steve Gilbert, City of Montevallo

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Chairman Swords. Chairman Swords, Mr. Richard and Mr. Gauntt were in attendance creating a quorum. A notice for this meeting was posted on April 8, 2025.

Mr. Gauntt made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richard. The motion was approved by a vote of three (3-0), with Chairman Swords, Mr. Richard and Mr. Gauntt voting in favor.

The Board discussed the timeline for the gymnasium project support and the requirements for obtaining a new bond. Mr. Gauntt stated the Board of Education was only looking for a commitment of funds now as they continue to work out state and federal funding options as well. He expects the funds to be requested next spring which provides the city ample time to draft a memorandum of agreement for usage of the facility upon completion.

The city council approved the development of two natural grass soccer fields behind the school in the flood plain area on the Brown property. The Community Center architectural drawings have been placed on hold at this time and the soccer field design on the Brown property will move forward. The Board continued to discuss the possibilities for this location including sod, irrigation, lighting, restrooms, and a concession stand and the priority level of those items. The county committed the use of heavy equipment for the grading along with PARA labor force. If it is decided to utilize PARA for the rough grading and drainage components of the project the City would only pay for the actual labor and fuel expense. Once the project survey and grading plan is completed by the consultant a more detailed cost estimate will be determined. Mr. Gauntt made a motion to create a project budget line for the project named: Montevallo Recreation Fields Project and re-allocate \$30,000 from the Montevallo Community Center and Athletic Complex project line (52049) for design services for the city of Montevallo Recreation Fields Project behind the high school football stadium on Board of Education property also known as the Brown property. After the design is complete the board will discuss next steps and address any construction funding needs at that time. The motion was approved by a vote of three (3-0), with Chairman Swords, Mr. Richard and Mr. Gauntt voting in favor.

The Crossroads project is still waiting on ALDOT paperwork to be able to proceed. The city is unable to purchase required rights-of-way or accept the sewer design plans without the proper approval.

The title company is working on transfer of title to the hotel developer.

The parking lot improvements are on hold until construction of the hotel begins in an effort to prevent damage caused by heavy equipment or materials during construction of the hotel.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Montevallo City Hall. The Zoom login will be provided for the meeting.

There being no further business, Mr. Richard made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gauntt. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of three (3-0), with Mr. Gauntt, Mr. Richard and Chairman Swords voting in favor, the special called meeting of April 21, 2025 was adjourned at 1:42 pm.

Regina Ashmore
Recording Secretary

Sonya Swords
Montevallo Development Cooperative District