

Board Members in Attendance (term expiration):

X	Julie Smitherman (2025)	X	Tonia Mayton (2027)
X	Kirk Lightfoot (2025)	X	Patricia Honeycutt (2027)
X	Ken Jones (2025)		Jackie Chappell (2027)
X	Clay Nordan (2025)	X	Susan Lehman (2027)
	Kathy King (2025)	X	Sarah Hogan Shaw (2027)
X	Susana Vazquez (2026)	X	Courtney Bennett (Ex officio)
	Sean Hilty (2026)	X	Adele Nelson (Ex officio)
X	Marissa Wilson (2026)		Mayor Rusty Nix (Ex officio)
X	Stephanie Benitez (2026)		Junior Mayor (Ex officio)
X	Wesley Hallman (2026)		MDCD Representative (Ex officio)

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

President Kirk Lightfoot called the meeting to order at 8:13 AM. City Clerk Steve Gilbert and Council Member David King were welcomed as guests.

Minutes were reviewed from the meeting on November 13, 2025. *On a motion by Julie Smitherman, seconded by Patricia Honeycutt, minutes were approved as presented.*

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sarah Hogan Shaw presented a report dated 12/9/2025 indicating:

- Income Statement (Profit & Loss for 11/6-12/10): -\$18,523.41
- Balance Sheet (as of 12/10/25): \$49,951.42
- Outstanding checks: \$1,194.92
- Net Statement Balance (as of 12/9/25): \$48,756.50

REVENUE SOURCES

- Memberships: \$362.57 (YTD: \$9,880.10)
 - General: Davidson Law Firm, Good Shepherd Funeral Home
 - Individual: Calvin Meadows, Mary Woodham
- Day of the Dead: \$75
 - 1 vendor fee collected
- Business Basics: \$19.12
 - 2 tickets sold

- 2026 Monte Gras Ball: \$225
 - 3 tickets sold
- Interest from Commercial Sweep: \$128
- Tinglewood Festival Boat Race Prize: \$300

It was also reported that five fraudulent charges were made on the Main Street Trustmark debit card, which were disputed and refunded in total by Trustmark by the time of the report.

On a motion by Susan Lehman, seconded by Julie Smitherman, the financial reports were approved as presented.

President's Report

President Kirk Lightfoot thanked the City of Montevallo's Public Works Department for all their hard work making sure downtown looks warm and inviting for the holiday season, in particular with the refurbished street pole garlands. Main Street will provide them with breakfast as a gesture of thanks.

Committee Reports

Organization Committee:

Kirk Lightfoot reported that the murals by Emma Gilbert Art at 603 and 665 Main Street are complete and will be celebrated with a Ribbon Cutting December 13 at 10 AM.

Design Committee:

Committee Chair, Julie Smitherman, reported that the Christmas disc is up at the photo frame, and the frame will be completely overhauled in celebration of the Semiquincentennial; replacement roses will be planted soon at the post office lawn; storefront decorating contest winners were announced; Facade grants will be advertised next year starting in March with construction beginning in May; and many thanks to Karen Kelly for her years of leadership in the Storefront Decorating Contest - she is stepping down and a new chair will take over this project moving forward.

Promotion Committee:

Committee Chair, Sarah Hogan Shaw, thanked all the volunteers who decorated the Community Christmas Tree; the tree is nearing the end of its life and plans will be made regarding its replacement; for Small Business Saturday, thanks to Marissa for distributing Main Street's "swag" and to Adele for her leadership in creating the "Shop Local" display at 665 Main Street, as well as a Montevallo Living video; the elf scavenger hunt is underway and the elves have been hidden 3 times, with 5 more scheduled; thanks to Patricia for her leadership in the Hometown Hype program, and all volunteers are encouraged to post on social media; tulips in conjunction with the American Village/Blooming Bargain Program will be planted by the end of December.

Economic Vitality Committee:

Committee Chair, Ken Jones, reported that a video will be produced to thank CAWACO RC&D for their grant in support of CO.STARTERS; the committee pledged a sponsorship for Book Fest; and a housing study is tentatively scheduled for Main Street Alabama to conduct on our behalf, details to be determined in early 2026.

Executive Director's Report

Activity Report

Courtney Bennett reported that she visited the Monte Gras venue (American Village) and met with the Alabama Power Foundation at the Made in Montevallo Foundation on November 17; she participated in a podcast interview with Main Street Alabama on November 18; and she toured CoLAB and downtown Opelika on November 19.

Business Transitions

- **Opened this month:**
 - n/a
- **Ownership transition:**
 - n/a
- **Opening soon:**
 - n/a
- **Closed this month:**
 - n/a
- **For sale:**
 - 727 Middle Street: call Anna Picklesimer at (205) 229-2499
 - Lot on Island Street for sale or build to suit—listed by Bob Nesbitt, (205) 939-8219
- **For rent:**
 - 1259 Ashville Road, Suite 600: Call Shoal Creek Realty at (205) 567-9659
 - 1225 Valley Street: Call Shoal Creek Realty at (205) 567-9659

University of Montevallo Report

Wesley Hallman shared information regarding the search for UM's incoming President, "Pianos for Montevallo" program, and other updates.

City of Montevallo Report

City Clerk Steve Gilbert reported on the status of various projects throughout the city.

Old Business

- 501(c)3: Courtney Bennett reported that Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation have been approved by the initial board, and that she has asked our accountant for assistance in the next stage of the process.
- Container Stage Committee - artist E. Allen Warren has been hired to paint the container stage and will visit the site on December 12.

- 2026 Workplans, approved at the November meeting, are included in the board members' packets.
- The Holiday Party for Volunteers & Members will be held on December 17 from 5:30-7:30 PM at Bradford Real Estate, with volunteer recognitions and a brief business meeting at 6:30 PM.

New/Other Business

- The board reviewed Article VI of their Bylaws and, on a motion by Sarah Hogan Shaw and seconded by Julie Smitherman, they updated language in section (c) to read: "An annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held once each calendar year"
- Five board members whose terms expire December 31, 2025 were considered for renewal for terms starting January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2028. The following board members were approved: Julie Smitherman (on a motion by Sarah Hogan Shaw and seconded by Patricia Honeycutt); Kirk Lightfoot (on a motion by Susan Lehman and seconded by Julie Smitherman); Ken Jones (on a motion by Sarah Hogan Shaw and seconded by Patricia Honeycutt); Clay Nordan (on a motion by Patricia Honeycutt and seconded by Susan Lehman); and Kathy King (on a motion by Julie Smitherman and seconded by Patricia Honeycutt). A call for other nominations was made but none were submitted.

Announcements/Upcoming Events

- Thursday, December 11:
 - (NEW DATE) Montevallo's Annual Christmas Parade, presented by Montevallo Chamber of Commerce, will kick off with the tree lighting at 5:30 PM on the post office lawn, followed by the parade rolling down Main Street at 6 PM.
 - 2025 Holiday Chamber After Hours, co-hosted by Montevallo Chamber of Commerce and the Shelby County Chamber at Indigo Café + Bar, from 5:30-7:30 PM. RSVP by December 8.
- Friday, December 12 through Monday, December 15: Montevallo Chamber of Commerce will host their Annual Christmas Open House. Visit participating businesses to collect your tickets for your chance to win prizes and Chamber Cash! For more information, contact montevallochamber@gmail.com or (205) 665-1519.
- Saturday, December 13: Join us for a Ribbon Cutting at 10 AM celebrating the completion of two new murals by Emma Gilbert at 603 and 665 Main Street. Montevallo Main Street commissioned downtown's newest pieces of public art thanks to a grant from Main Street Alabama. Ribbon Cutting organized by Montevallo Chamber of Commerce.
- Wednesday, December 17: All annual members and volunteers are invited to our 7th Annual Volunteer & Member Appreciation Holiday Party! Join us from 5:30 - 7:30 PM at Bradford Real Estate Group (804 Main Street). Volunteer recognitions and a brief membership meeting will be held at 6:30 PM.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2026.

On a motion by Julie Smitherman, seconded by Patricia Honeycutt, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Marissa Wilson, Secretary