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REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

The Nauvoo Town Council met for a Regular Scheduled Council meeting on February 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Nauvoo Town Hall. Mayor Terry Burgett in the chair with Clerk Nicole Garner acting as recording secretary. Mayor Burgett called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The following council members were present upon roll call: Deb Barton, Christian Dill, Denice Perry, Melinda Wills, and Terry Burgett. Council member Olivia Allbritton was absent. Visitors in attendance were Lois Farris, Nick McDonald, Matt Sanford, Drew Sanford, Cheyenne Wellman, and Drew Miller. Barton opened the meeting with a prayer and Dill led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Burgett gave the floor to Lois Farris. Mrs. Farris had requested to be placed on the agenda to discuss her household's water usage, billing, and overall water quality. After hearing from Mrs. Farris and from the Nauvoo Water Works Operator, Nick McDonald, the council informed Mrs. Farris that her meter would be tested after the current billing cycle was over.

Dill moved to approve the financial reports for January. Barton seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Barton moved to accept the minutes of January 16, 2026, as presented. Dill seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mayor Burgett read Resolution 20260220-1, a resolution to acknowledge receipt and acceptance of the 2025 fiscal year independent auditors' report from Kellum, Wilson, and Associates, P.C. Dill moved to adopt and approve Resolution 20260220-1. Barton seconded the motion and upon a roll call vote was as follows: YEAS – Barton, Dill, Perry, Wills; NAYS – None. Motion carried.

Mayor Burgett explained that the council had previously approved to apply to a Rebuild Alabama grant for road paving. Burgett explained that the Town could apply for \$350,000 with a \$100,000 match and that the Rebuild Alabama funds could be used as the match. Burgett read aloud Resolution 20260220-2, a resolution to amend Resolution 20250819-1, the transportation plan pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act 2019-2 for the Town of Nauvoo for fiscal year 2025/2026. The resolution would amend the transportation plan by updating the fund balance and to identify the proposed project for which the funds may be used for a grant match for the following project:

1. 4th Avenue – Approximately 1,400 feet long and 20 feet wide; requires patching, milling, and application of a wear surface. Primary use includes commercial, residential, and school bus traffic.
2. McDaniel Avenue – Approximately 450 feet long and 41 feet wide; requires patching, milling, and application of a wear surface. This is the primary access road to downtown Nauvoo and Town Hall, serving commercial, residential, and school bus traffic.
3. 3rd Street – Approximately 1,700 feet long and 18 feet wide; requires patching, milling, and application of a wear surface. Primary use is residential and school bus traffic.
4. 2nd Street – Approximately 1,850 feet long and 18 feet wide; requires patching, milling, and application of a wear surface. Primary use is residential and school bus traffic.
5. Park Drive – Approximately 1,100 feet long and 20 feet wide; requires patching, milling, and application of a wear surface. Primary use is residential and recreational traffic, providing access to the Town ballpark.
6. Total Road Length – Approximately 6,500 feet.
7. These roads provide essential access to residences, businesses, and youth recreational facilities, and the proposed improvements will enhance safety for all residents, youth, and families traveling to and from the ballpark and surrounding areas.

Dill moved to adopt Resolution 20260220-2. Wills seconded the motion and upon a roll call vote was as follows: YEAS – Barton, Dill, Perry, Wills; NAYS – None. Motion carried.

Wills moved to accept \$2,000 funding from the state legislature on behalf of the fire department. Dill seconded the motion and upon a roll call vote was as follows: YEAS – Barton, Dill, Perry, Wills; NAYS – None. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Matt Sanford was given the floor. Sanford asked for the council's approval to apply for a SAFER grant for recruitment and retention of members to cover the next four years. The grant would provide for exercise equipment for the members and a LED sign and pop-up tents for recruitment efforts. Dean Harbison would write the grant for his normal fee of \$500. Wills moved to allow the department to apply for the grant and for the \$500 grant writer fee. Dill seconded the motion and upon a roll call vote was as follows: YEAS – Barton, Dill, Perry, Wills; NAYS – None. Motion carried.

Sanford asked for the approval of the purchase of two smaller SCBA masks and an adapter for the fill chamber. Wills moved to allow the purchases. Dill seconded the motion and upon a roll call vote was as follows: YEAS – Barton, Dill, Perry, Wills; NAYS – None. Motion carried.

Wills moved for the Town to apply for the America 250 Alabama grant for \$2,500 to be used toward the car show in June. Dill seconded the motion and upon a roll call vote was as follows: YEAS – Barton, Dill, Perry, Wills; NAYS – None. Motion carried.

Sanford explained that the fire department would be receiving \$5,000 in funding from the Walker County Commission's Opioid fund. Sanford asked the council to consider the using the Town's opioid funds, combined with the fire department's \$5,000 funding, to purchase various life-saving items for the fire department, all of which could be used in a case of an opioid overdose. The estimated total for all items would be \$21,000 to \$22,000 dollars. This will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

Sanford explained that the department is wanting to switch to Emergency Networking System for their reporting needs. The cost would be \$2,500 on start-up and \$2,000 a year there

after. Dill moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration of expenditure. Perry seconded the motion and upon a roll call vote was as follows: YEAS – Barton, Dill, Perry, Wills, Burgett; NAYS – None. Motion carried. Council discussed the option. Dill moved to allow the fire department to switch to the Emergency Networking System. Perry seconded the motion and upon a roll call vote was as follows: YEAS – Barton, Dill, Perry, Wills; NAYS – None. Motion carried.

Sanford asked for the council to surplus and scrap an old out of service ambulance and truck of the fire departments. Wills moved to surplus the items and scrap them. Dill seconded the motion and upon a roll call vote was as follows: YEAS – Barton, Dill, Perry, Wills; NAYS - None. Motion carried.

Council discussed the upcoming grass cutting season. No motion made on the topic.

Mayor Burgett presented a plan to lease the land between Nauvoo/Carbon Hill Road and the railroad track at the corner of 4th street and Nauvoo/Carbon Hill Road in hopes to place a medivac helipad there. Wills moved to allow Burgett to apply for the land lease and any grants available to build the pad. Dill seconded the motion and upon a roll call vote was as follows: Yeas – Barton, Dill, Perry, Wills; NAYS – None. Motion carried.

Dill moved to set the town-wide clean up day sponsored by PALS for Sunday, April 26, 2026 starting at 2:00 p.m. Perry seconded the motion and upon a roll call vote was as follows: YEAS – Barton, Dill, Perry, Wills; NAYS – None. Motion carried.

Mayor Burgett gave the following announcements:

- The next regular scheduled council meeting is set for March 20, 2026, at 10:00 AM.
- 6.6-million-dollar DOT grant has been applied for.
- Barton informed council that they are waiting on quotes for electrical work at the community center and that there are some carpentry work that needs to be done as well that they need quotes on.

Before the meeting adjourned, Barton moved to pay the \$550 attendance fee, mileage, and hotel accommodations for the water operator to attend the annual ARWA convention March 17th – 18th. Dill seconded the motion and upon a roll call vote was as follows: YEAS – Barton, Dill, Perry, Wills; NAYS – None. Motion carried.

Dill moved to adjourn the meeting. Perry seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Nicole Garner, Clerk