

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OZARK, ALABAMA
TUESDAY, March 3, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Ozark, Alabama, met in Regular Session in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Complex at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday **March 3, 2026**. Upon roll call the following members were present:

Present: Charles Ward, Mayor
Winston T. Jackson, Council President, Place No. 3
Bryan Macario, Councilmember, Place No. 1
Les Perault, Councilmember, Place No. 2
Brenda Simechak, Councilmember, Place No. 4
Caitlyn Cummings, Councilmember, Place No. 5

Absent:

Also present: Chris Peters, who acted as clerk of the meeting, Heather Jordan, Denise Ellis, Ozzie Maianeto, Holle Smith, Chief Bryan, and Joe Adams.

Councilmember Simechak gave the prayer followed by Mayor Ward leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Council having read the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on **February 17, 2026** President Jackson asked the wishes of the Council. Councilmember Simechak made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on **February 17, 2026** which motion was seconded by Councilmember Macario. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Council President Jackson advised the Council that it was time to set the Agenda. Councilmember Macario made a motion to set the Agenda as presented, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Cummings. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Perault made a motion to approve the Second Reading Application 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only): Applicant: 5 LP Ozark Inc; Trade Name: Stop and Go Store A, 1464 Will Logan Rd, Ozark, AL 36360. Owners: Dhruvaben Patel, 3107 Wynn Way, Opelika, AL 36804., which motion was seconded by Councilmember Simechak. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Macario made a motion to approve the updated Grant Writer job description which motion was seconded by Councilmember Cummings. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Simechak introduced a Resolution to confirm yearly Tax Levy for FY2027 to be provided to the Dale County Revenue Commission and moved for its adoption which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Perault made a motion to approve an update to the Employee Handbook which motion was seconded by Councilmember Cummings. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Macario introduced a Resolution to approve an economic tax abatement for Motobilt and moved for its adoption which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council vote was recorded as to wit: Ayes, Councilmember Simechak, Councilmember Perault, Councilmember Macario; Nays, Councilmember Cummings. The motion passed.

Councilmember Macario made a motion to go into Executive Session, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof. Councilmember Macario made motion to amend his motion to add the following attendees to the Executive Session: Joe Adams, Charles Ward, Chris Peters, Heather Jordan and Ozzie Maianeto, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Perault made a motion to come out of Executive Session, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Cummings. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

With there being no further business to come before this Regular Council Meeting of **March 3, 2026** Councilmember Macario made a motion to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Cummings. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Council President

City Clerk