

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OZARK, ALABAMA
TUESDAY, February 17, 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 **February 17, 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, Holle Smith, Jason Maertens, Joey McNabb, Captain Cody Evans, and Joe Adams.

Councilmember Cummings 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 3, 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 3, 2026** which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

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

Councilmember Macario made a motion to nominate Mayor Ward as voting delegate and Council President Jackson as 1st alternate and Councilmember Cummings as 2nd alternate for Annual Meeting of the Alabama League of Municipalities which was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Perault made a motion to approve the First 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 Cummings. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Simechak made a motion to approve an additional unbudgeted expense of \$22,500.00 from the General Fund for a previously approved Growing Alabama project at the Ozark Airport to be paid by ODEDC receiving the funds from Dale County Commission, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Cummings made a motion to approve the acceptance of a Residential Incentive Program application from Gene Lynn which motion was seconded by Councilmember Macario. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Macario made a motion to approve the unbudgeted expense of \$136,645.00 from the EMS Fund for the purchase of a 2026 Ford F350 Ambulance motion was seconded by Councilmember Cummings. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Council President Jackson advised the Council that a Court Report and Financial Report were in their packets for review.

With there being no further business to come before this Regular Council Meeting of **February 17, 2026** Councilmember Simechak made a motion to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Cummings. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Council President

City Clerk