

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OZARK, ALABAMA
TUESDAY, March 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 **March 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, Heather Cohen, Heather Jordan, Rebecca Buckland, Denise Ellis, Holle Smith, Chief Bryan, Captain Niles, and Joe Adams.

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

Councilmember Perault made a motion to nominate Mayor Ward to fill the Ag-Plex Board position which was seconded by Councilmember Cummings. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Simechak made a motion to approve the First and Second Reading Application 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) and 990 – Tobacco and Alternative Nicotine Products: Applicant: Smart 636 Inc; Trade Name: Beeline 636, 1117 S US Highway 231, Ozark, AL 36360. Owners: Kaushik Kumar Patel, 265 Folsom Rd, Dothan, AL 36301., which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Macario made a motion to approve the updated application, residential incentive policy and business incentive policy which motion was seconded by Councilmember Simechak. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Cummings made a motion to go into Executive Session for Litigation Purposes and asked that Charles Ward, Chris Peters and Joe Adams join the meeting, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

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

Councilmember Cummings made a motion to amend the agenda with the addition of Item#10 regarding Opioid Settlement Litigation which motion was seconded by Councilmember Macario. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Cummings made a motion authorize the Mayor to execute the Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form for the Six Remnant Defendants Settlement which motion was seconded by Councilmember Simechak. 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 **March 17, 2026** Councilmember Perault made a motion to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Macario. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Council President

City Clerk