

Town of Mentone  
Town Council Meeting  
July 8, 2025

Mentone Town Council met July 8, 2025, at 5:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hammond. Clerk took roll.

Present:

Absent:

Mayor Rob Hammond  
Councilman John Paul Verdon

Councilman David Allgood

Councilman Hobson Kirby  
Councilman Ray Padgett  
Councilman Gerald Bailey

Clerk: Kristen Emory  
Police: Gene McKee  
Public Works: Paul Nail  
Attorney: Patrick Tate

Visitors: Lisa Schad, Jenny Morris

Minutes of the June 3, 2025 meeting were read. Motion to approve minutes as presented was made by Councilman Kirby. Motion was seconded by Councilman Bailey and all approved.

Checks written for bills in June were reviewed. Motion to approve bills paid was made by Councilman Verdon. Motion was seconded by Councilman Padgett and all approved.

Mayor Hammond stated that Mentone Arts and Culture Center made their final payment to the town, 19,000.00, for the building at 5961 AL Hwy 117, Mentone.

Mayor Hammond read Resolution 2025-05, resolution for each officer elected without opposition. Resolution 2025-05 was for John Verdon. Resolution 2025-06 was for David Allgood. Resolution 2025-07 was for Hobson Kirby. Resolution 2025-08 was for Gerald Bailey and Resolution 2025-09 was for Mayor Rob

Hammond. Councilman Kirby made a motion to accept all resolutions and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion. All approved.

All Certificates of Election were signed.

Mayor Hammond discussed a request from Brett Johnson, head of DeKalb County Economic Development Authority, for \$1,000. They are asking all municipalities to invest in DCEDA. Mayor Hammond has spoken with Mr. Johnson and explained that the Town of Mentone is focused on tourism. Discussion was had. Councilman Verdon made a motion to give a onetime donation of \$500 to DeKalb County Economic Development Authority. Motion was seconded by Councilman Padgett and all agreed.

Mentone Americana Nights started this month and Stephen Smith sent Mayor Hammond a summary. Americana Nights is a concert series that was developed to attract more people to Moon Lake Campus. They had 60-75 visitors. NACC donated the sound system. Moon Lake Kitchen was overwhelmed with people and Faith and Mustard Seed, LRAC and Other World Gifts were busy with first time customers.

Mayor Hammond gave an update on sidewalk. He spoke with Adam Lea at LADD Engineering and the crew that is going to do the sidewalk is taking some time off and completing their punch list in Fort Payne.

Paul Nail gave an update on the air conditioning for the Gym. He has talked with Watkins Heating and Cooling and should start Friday or Monday.

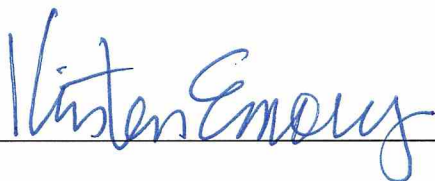
Mayor Hammond was able to speak with the company that is going to clear the property at Brow Park for the trail. They will start clearing in the Fall.

Councilman Kirby asked about the electrical for Moon Lake Campus. Mayor Hammond stated that the architect will be speaking with electrical engineer. Mayor Hammond also stated that Alan Williamson, architect, mentioned putting in a sprinkler system at Moon Lake Campus.

Councilman Verdon made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Padgett seconded the motion. All approved.



Mayor



Clerk