

Town of South Vinemont Work Session Minutes

Tuesday, June 2, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.
Town of South Vinemont Town Hall | 36 Patton Drive Cullman, AL 35058

Mayor Bonnie Goodwin called the meeting to order, welcomed all present.

Visitors:

Members Present:

Kelley Little-Present
Nina Justice-Present
Ross Campbell-Present
Michael Ashbaugh-Present
Ashley Shrader-Present
Mayor Bonnie Goodwin-Present

Members Present: Kayceea Sasser-Clerk/Treasurer, Madison Hunt-Assistant Clerk, Mike Graves-Public Works Director
Andrew Herren-Municipal Attorney

Review of Minutes and Financials, Clerk made Mayor and Council of bank balances as of May 31, 2026. Also gave report of assets sold this year.

Review of new business

Mayor Bonnie Goodwin reviewed upcoming training available for Clerk and Assistant Clerk for CGAT at the University of Alabama cost \$150.00 per person. No comments or concerns.

Mayor Bonnie Goodwin opened for discussion on Annexations, clerk reviewed mapping with council on what properties could potentially be annexed in. Reviewed ideas on how to reach people, social media, mail out information, door to door, community meetings and approaches one that have already shown interest in annexing. Also discussed how the town could reach people through legislation of getting right of ways. Discussion continued.

Mayor Bonnie Goodwin opened for discussion on Special Projects, clerk reviewed the projects for the future, discussion followed.

Up Coming Events:

Senior Citizens Day June 15, 10-1 Vinemont Community Center (Sandwiches)
Community Clean Up Day June 11-13 7AM-7PM Vinemont Community Center (Installing temporary fences for control)
4th of July Celebration July 5, 2026, 6PM Vinemont Sports Complex

Other general town business/new business/council updates

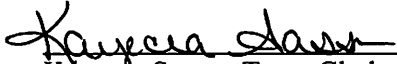
Motion to adjourn:

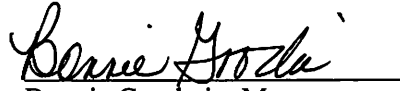
Nina Justice made a motion to adjourn at 5:58 PM, 2nd by Michael Ashbaugh.
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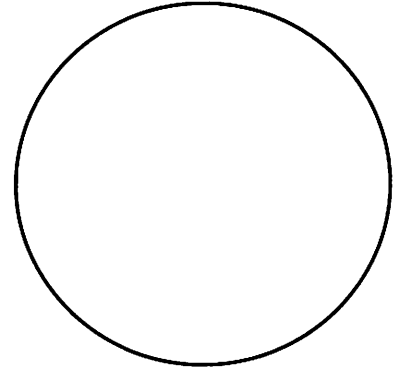


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Kayceea Sasser, Town Clerk


Bonnie Goodwin, Mayor



Gov Deals Sold Assets		
Item	Sold Date	Sold Price
2004 Kawaski Mule	5/18/2026	\$ 1,565.00
3 Comination Dial Safes	4/27/2026	\$ 216.00
2 Sweeper Attachments Grosshopper	5/29/2026	\$ 200.00
2019 Grasshopper Mower	4/27/2026	\$ 7,500.00
1.2008 Hollingswoth Diesel Generator	3/18/2026	\$ 605.00
2. 2008 Hollingswoth Diesel Generator	3/18/2026	\$ 360.00
1994 Davey Air compressor	4/2/2026	\$ 600.00
2006 Columbia Golf Cart	3/18/2026	\$ 1,500.00
2006 John Deere Gator HPx	3/18/2026	\$ 2,825.00
2013 Chevy Equinox	4/2/2026	\$ 3,355.00

Total: \$ 18,726.00



Town of South Vinemont

Town of South Vinemont Municipal Building
P.O. Box 130 Vinemont, AL 35179/ 36 Patton Drive Cullman, AL 35058
Tel: (256) 737-5411 Email: info@townofsouthvinemont.com

DATE

Name

Subject: REQUEST FOR ANNEXATION

Mr. & Mrs. ,

The Mayor's office of Town of South Vinemont is currently reviewing the property lines for the Town. It has come to our attention that your property located **Address** is currently zoned County. The Cullman County Tax Assessor lists this property as:

➤ PIN: Address: Parcel:

On the enclosed map, your property & other county zoned property is outlined in pink, and Town of South Vinemont limits outlined in green. As you can see, your parcel is contingent to properties that are already zoned South Vinemont Town Limits. We are contacting you to request your permission to annex your properties listed above into South Vinemont Town limits.

Benefits of annexation include but are not limited to:

- **Excellent Fire ISO Rating that qualifies for homeowner insurance discounts**
- **Growing volunteer fire department availability**
- **Ease of access to Mayor and Town Council for your voice to be heard**
- **Being involved with a growing community**

We do hope you will consider this request as it will help to expand and protect our municipal borders.

I have enclosed a petition for annexation form for your signature to be returned to our office at your earliest convenience. This form does require a notary signature. Town Clerk, Kayecea Sasser is a notary at Town Hall that will do this for free for this document, or you may be able to have this done at your local bank. This petition and annexation process would have no cost to you because we have reached out to you. We would need a copy of the deed as well as signatures of the other individuals listed on the deed.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this request, please feel free to contact me at (256)737-5411 or info@townofsouthvinemont.com.

Sincerely,

Kayecea Sasser
Municipal Clerk

Bonnie Goodwin, Mayor

Kayecea Sasser, Municipal Clerk

Town of South Vinemont

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Mayor Bonnie Goodwin • Clerk Kayecea Sasser • PO Box 130 Vinemont, AL 35179 • 36 Patton Drive Cullman, AL 35058

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF South Vinemont, ALABAMA

To: Town Clerk
Town of South Vinemont

I/We, the undersigned Petitioner(s), owners of the properties described in the attachments as delineated on the Cullman County Tax Assessors Map attached as such property being outside the corporate limits of Town of South Vinemont, Alabama, but which is now, or at the time this petition is acted upon will be, contiguous to the said corporate limits, and such property is not lying within the corporate limits of any other municipality, do by these presents hereby petition Town of South Vinemont, a municipal corporation, that said property be annexed into the Town of South Vinemont, Alabama, pursuant to the authority of Sections 11-42-20 through 11-42-24, Code of Alabama, 1975.

I/We, the undersigned Petitioner(s), further make known that this property located at _____, **PIN #** _____ will be zoned _____ upon annexation and will be considered part of the corporate limits of Town of South Vinemont.

I/We, the undersigned Petitioner(s), further petition that the Honorable Mayor and Council of the Town of South Vinemont, Alabama, set a date for the hearing of this petition and adopt an ordinance annexing such property.

As owners(s) of the hereinafter described real property, I/we do hereby certify that I/we have the right and authority to execute and file with the office of the Town of South Vinemont this petition and request for annexation; that said property is contiguous to the existing corporate limits of the Town of South Vinemont, Alabama, and that said property does not lie within the corporate limits of any other Municipality or if such property overlaps with any other Municipality, the property or territory hereinafter described is located closer to the corporate limits of the Town of South Vinemont, Alabama, than to the corporate limits of any other municipality as required by Section 11-42-21, Code of Alabama 1975.

BONNIE GOODWIN, MAYOR

KAYECEA SASSER, CLERK

PO BOX 130 VINEMONT, AL 35179/ 36 PATTON DRIVE CULLMAN, AL 35058
PHONE (256) 737-5411 / EMAIL INFO@TOWNOFSOUTHVINEMONT.COM

I/We, the undersigned Petitioner(s), also ask that the Honorable Mayor and Town of Council of the Town of South Vinemont, Alabama, do all things necessary and requisite to comply with the terms of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____

Signature of Petitioner

Printed Name of Petitioner

NOTE: Petitioner(s) must attach a copy of the deed of proposed property to be annexed and a map of said territory showing relationship to the corporate limits of the Town of South Vinemont.

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

I, the undersigned Notary public in and for said County in said State, herby certify that _____ whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument and who presented to me proof of identification proving before me on this day, that being informed of the contents within instrument, he-she-they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal of office this _____ day of _____ 20__.

My Commission Expires

Notary Public

Annexations

How to Draw People Into Your Community for Annexation

To attract residents and businesses to your community for annexation, you need a **multi-pronged engagement strategy** that builds trust, showcases benefits, and makes participation easy and rewarding.

1. Identify and Showcase Local Assets

Use **Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD)** to highlight what your community already offers — from skilled residents and local businesses to parks, schools, and culture. This shifts the narrative from “what’s missing” to “what’s great,” making annexation look like an opportunity to grow and preserve.

2. Build Trust Through Active Listening

Engage residents early and often. Use **active listening and two-way communication** to understand their needs, concerns, and aspirations. Host open forums, Q&A sessions, and participatory budgeting-style meetings so people feel their input shapes decisions.

3. Create Incentives and Rewards (We Will need to speak with Attorney about this)

Make participation attractive. Offer perks like:

- Tax abatement or reduced fees for new residents
- Access to exclusive community events
- Recognition in local media or on social media

4. Use Hyperlocal Outreach

Leverage **hyperlocal social media** to connect with neighborhood-specific audience. Post tailored content about your community’s history, amenities, and future plans, using local hashtags and geo-targeted ads.

5. Host Engaging Events

Organize **community events** — from festivals and workshops to walking tours — that showcase your area’s strengths. These create positive first impressions and foster personal connections.

6. Leverage Storytelling

Share **resident stories** and success stories to build empathy and pride. Highlight how annexation will improve quality of life, safety, and access to services.

7. Make Participation Easy

Provide **clear, accessible information** about annexation benefits, timelines, and how to get involved. Use email newsletters, local radio, and community boards to keep people informed .

8. Partner with Local Leaders

Collaborate with neighborhood associations, schools, and businesses to spread the message and lend credibility. Their endorsement can be a strong draw for residents.

Social Media Post

Grow with Town of South Vinemont! ☀️

Did you know that if your property is currently county-zoned, you may be eligible to annex into the Town of South Vinemont? Annexation is a simple, voluntary process—and it comes with some real advantages for you, your property, and our community.

🌳 Why Annex into the Town of South Vinemont?

- ✓ Enhanced Services – Benefit from town services like improved infrastructure planning, and responsive local government support.
- ✓ Stronger Property Value – Properties within town limits often see increased value due to zoning consistency and access to services.
- ✓ Local Representation – Have a voice in town decisions that directly impact your property and community.
- ✓ Zoning & Development Opportunities – Clearer zoning regulations and potential for expanded development options.
- ✓ Community Investment – Be part of a growing, thriving town focused on smart growth and quality of life.
- ✓ Public Safety Coordination – Coordinated services that support a safe and well-managed environment.

📍 How to Get Started

Confirm your property is contiguous to current town limits.

Submit a simple annexation request (we'll help you through it!).

The Town Council will review and approve annexations—often a smooth and straightforward process.

📞 Who to Contact

To learn more or start the process, reach out to:

Town of South Vinemont Town Hall

☎ Phone: (256) 737-5411

Kayecea Sasser, Town Clerk

Our team is happy to walk you through every step and answer any questions you may have.

... Let's grow together—responsibly, strategically, and with YOU in mind.

If you've been considering annexation, now is a great time to explore your options.

Special Project List for Future

Project Name		Projected Project Cost
Expansion Town Hall-Add on a Council Chamber Room		\$240,000.00
Comprehensive Plan-We can get a grant with NARCOG to help pay for something like this.		\$50,000.00
Rec -Event Center		
Town Limit Signs Upgrade		\$16,000.00
History of Vinemont -Displaying		
Walking Trail/ Art Park-Adding additional play equipment and pickle ball courts		\$30,000.00

Add any additional projects