

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA
JANUARY 16, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Arab, Alabama, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, in Arab City Hall, the time and place scheduled for such meeting.

Mayor Bob Joslin called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, the following answered present:

MIKE ALLEN
MARK GULLION
JOHNNY HART
RENAE WARREN

Also present were Tony Willis (City Clerk), Rodney Edmondson (City Attorney), representatives of the media, and the public.

Mayor Joslin declared a quorum present and opened the meeting for the transaction of business. Council Member Gullion led the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was given by Council Member Allen.

The minutes of the January 9, 2018, regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote upon a motion made by Council Member Allen and seconded by Council Member Gullion.

Mayor Joslin then moved to staff reports. The Mayor reminded Council of all the matters covered in the pre-meeting. The Mayor reported that he will close City Hall tomorrow due to the threat of inclement weather. He also reported that Dameon Pittenger has continued to work on abating nuisances on problem properties in the City. No other staff reports were given.

With no more staff reports, board appointments or old business to address, Mayor Joslin then moved to the first item of new business, a resolution to Authorize the Mayor to enter into a Preliminary Engineering Agreement with the State of Alabama Department of Transportation

(ALDOT) to implement a traffic study to improve access from the new Arab High School property to SR-53 (US-231). Council Member Hart moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Warren seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen then moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Hart seconded and all voted yes.

The second item of new business was a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign Professional Services Agreement with Skipper Consulting, Inc. for Traffic Engineering Services to improve access to and from new Arab Athletic Complex and the future Arab High School (which was in coordination with the Preliminary Engineering Agreement with ALDOT). Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Hart moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Gullion then moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

The last item of new business was a resolution to consider the aware of a bid for a Fire Truck as previously specified. City Clerk, Tony Willis, then reported that when the bids were opened, there was only one bid, which was from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, for \$399,000.00 or \$11,736.06 per month for 36 months with no exceptions. The Mayor reported that was slightly higher than expected and requested that the Council reject the sole bid so that he might attempt to negotiate for a lower price. Council Member Allen then moved to reject the sole bid and authorize the Mayor to negotiate further with sole bidder. Council Member Hart seconded and all voted yes.

With no more new business to address, Mayor Joslin then opened up the floor for public comment. Since no one sought recognition, Council Member Hart moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

MAYOR BOB JOSLIN

TONY WILLIS, CITY CLERK