

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA
JANUARY 22, 2019**

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 22, 2019, 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
CHRIS HARPER
JOHNNY HART
RENAE WARREN

Also present were Tony Willis (City Clerk), Summer Bixler (Administrative Assistant), Rodney Edmondson (City Attorney), several city department heads, representatives of the media, and the public.

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

The minutes of the January 7, 2019, regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote upon a motion made by Council Member Allen and seconded by Council Member Harper.

Council Member Harper moved to amend the Agenda to include an Executive Session following the public comments. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

Mayor Joslin then moved to staff reports. Senator Clay Scofield and Representative Wes Kitchens were present to present a \$2,500 check to Chief Ralston for equipment upgrades and a

\$5,000 check to the Arab Historical Society. City Clerk Tony Willis then gave the financial report for December and reminded Council members of League Conference in May. Arab Police Chief Ed Ralston explained that donation made by the Legislative Delegation were going to be used to purchase FLIP camera to attach to a drone for Police and Fire use. Chief Ricky Phillips from the Arab Fire Department reported that they are waiting on the last order of new AIR packs. Once they arrive all firefighters will have new gear and then the department will begin swapping out gear on a staggered timeline. Eric Hayes with the Park and Recreation Department added that basketball signups are going on and Christmas lights in the park are coming down. Ms. Melissa Cook spoke about the work on the Highway 231 turn lane and Zaxby's has started and hopefully will be complete by April. Dameon Pittenger stated that he has reviewed and found we had 72 code violations during 2018.

With no more staff reports or old business, Mayor Joslin then moved to the first item of new business, four (4) board appointments on the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). Mayor Joslin opened the floor for nominations. Council Member Hart nominated Mrs. Anna Clark. Council Member Allen moved to close the nominations. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Hart, Gullion, Allen, Warren and Harper voted yes to appoint Mrs. Clark. Council Member Gullion then nominated Mr. Clay Leak for the second HPC board appointment. Council Member Hart moved to close the nominations. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Hart, Gullion, Allen, Warren and Harper voted yes to reappoint Mr. Leak. Council Member Warren then nominated Mrs. Angie Bell for the third HPC board appointment. Council Member Harper moved to close the nominations. Council Member Hart seconded and all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Hart, Gullion, Allen, Warren and Harper voted yes to reappoint Mrs. Bell. Council Member Allen

then nominated Mrs. Hannah Matlock for the fourth HPC board appointment. Council Member Hart moved to close the nominations. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Hart, Gullion, Allen, Warren and Harper voted yes to reappoint Mrs. Matlock. Mayor Joslin then declared Ms. Clark, Mr. Leak, Mrs. Bell, and Mrs. Matlock appointed or reappointed to the Historic Preservation Commission based on the vote of the Council.

Next, the second item of new business, two (2) board appointments on the Beautification Board. Mayor Joslin opened the floor for nominations. Council Member Warren nominated Mrs. Sue Kennedy. Council Member Hart moved to close the nominations. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Hart, Gullion, Allen, Warren and Harper voted yes to reappoint Ms. Kennedy. Council Member Allen then nominated Mr. Ken Durhan for the second Beautification Board appointment. Council Member Harper moved to close the nominations. Council Member Hart seconded and all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Hart, Gullion, Allen, Warren and Harper voted yes to reappoint Mr. Durham. Mayor Joslin then declared Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Durham reappointed to the Beautification Board based on the vote of the Council.

Next, the third item of new business, four (4) board appointments on the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). Mayor Joslin opened the floor for nominations. Council Member Allen nominated Mr. Travis Tidmore. Council Member Gullion moved to close the nominations. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Hart, Gullion, Allen, Warren and Harper voted yes to reappoint Mr. Tidmore. Council Member Gullion then nominated Mr. John Arthur for the second ZBA board appointment. Council Member Hart moved to close the nominations. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Hart, Gullion, Allen, Warren and Harper voted yes to reappoint Mr. Arthur.

Council Member Warren then nominated Mrs. Brenda King for the third ZBA board appointment. Council Member Allen moved to close the nominations. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Hart, Gullion, Allen, Warren and Harper voted yes to reappoint Mrs. King. Council Member Harper then nominated Mr. Jeff Morgan for the fourth board appointment. Council Member Hart moved to close the nominations. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Hart, Gullion, Allen, Warren and Harper voted yes to reappoint Mr. Morgan. Mayor Joslin then declared Mr. Tidmore, Mr. Arthur, Mrs. King, and Mr. Morgan reappointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment based on the vote of the Council.

Lastly, the fourth item of new business, a resolution to amend the FY 2018-2019 Operating Budget. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Warren moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Harper then moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes.

With no more new business to address, Mayor Joslin then opened up the floor for public comment. Mrs. Cynthia Green stated she has become very alarmed by the number of mattresses and other junk being dumped in ditches around the City causing many problems. She recently observed a washing machine and other junk across from her house that stayed for over one month. She questioned what could be done to assist in fixing this problem. Since no one else sought recognition, the Council prepared to move into Executive Session.

Mayor Joslin then called on City Attorney, Rodney Edmondson, who certified to the Council that pursuant to State Law, an Executive Session was appropriate to discuss pending and threatened litigation. Based on the City Attorney's certification, Council Member Allen made a