

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA  
OCTOBER 16, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Arab, Alabama, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. for its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 16, 2017, 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  
RENAE WARREN

Also present were Tony Willis (City Clerk), Summer Bixler (Administrative Assistant), 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 Warren led the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was given by Council Member Gullion.

The minutes of the October 2, 2017, regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote upon a motion made by Council Member Allen and seconded by Council Member Harper.

Mayor Joslin then moved to staff reports. Mr. Russ Williams, Chairperson of the Arab Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), presented the HPC Annual Report. He reported on 4 applications that totaled over \$35,000.00 of investment in the Arab Historic District during the last year. He also detailed some of the projects that had been approved.

There being no more staff reports or old business, the Mayor then moves to the first item of new business, a resolution to establish that certain property is no longer needed for municipal purposes and that leasing that property to Snead State Community College would serve a public

purpose. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Warren seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Harper moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Warren seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen 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. Mr. Thomas Shelton was present and he stated that he has been in many cities and seen plenty of new businesses but he has seen the problems that causes with loss to “mom & pop” stores and other issues. As such he hopes council and public keep that in mind. Ms. Joyce Utterback was also present and she stated that she agreed with Mr. Shelton’s comments and reminded the public that she is part of local “cash mob” that visits only locally-owned small businesses but there has been a reduction in interest recently and so she hoped more people would participate. After the public comments, Council Member Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes.