

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA
NOVEMBER 5, 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 Monday, November 5, 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
CHRIS HARPER
JOHNNY HART

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 Hart led the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was given by Council Member Allen.

The minutes of the October 15, 2018, regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote upon a motion made by Council Member Allen and seconded by Council Member Harper.

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

Mayor Joslin then moved to staff reports. City Clerk Tony Willis reported the Alcohol License Commission met tonight to approve a change of ownership of Mt. Fuji restaurant and reports that the request was approved. Arab Police Chief Ed Ralston reported that the police

department is having some issues with filling positions of persons leaving. Ricky Phillips from the Arab Fire Department reported that October was Fire Prevention month. He also reported when and how the Senior Center is opened for inclement weather. Mayor Joslin reported for Eric Hayes with the Park and Recreation Department. He provided new winter hours for the Recreation Center and how they are busy getting over 2 million lights ready for Christmas in the Park. Ms. Melissa Cook stated the Industrial Appreciation Lunch was a great success and the downtown project is close to being finished. Also, they have received a waiver from ALDOT for Zaxby's turn lane. Ms. Helen Stone reported paving has started and is this round is expected to finish paving projects for entire city. She also reported that they are still having problems with contractors putting refuse on streets for pickup and that Murphy Putnam has been named as Assistant Director.

With no more staff reports or old business to address, Mayor Joslin then moved to the first item of new business, a resolution to approve abatement costs of property located at 208 Fry Gap Road NE. Council Member Allen moved to table consideration until the next meeting when the Code Enforcement Officer could be present. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes.

Mayor Joslin then moved to the second item of new business, a resolution to approve abatement costs of property located at 17 1st Street NE. Council Member Hart moved to likewise table this resolution until the next meeting. Council Member Harper 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, 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

motion to enter into Executive Session for the annual litigation update. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes. The Council then moved with the Mayor and City Attorney Rodney Edmondson to the board room for the Executive Session.

Upon return from Executive Session, Council Member Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Hart seconded and all voted yes.

MAYOR BOB JOSLIN

TONY WILLIS, CITY CLERK