

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA
DECEMBER 4, 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, December 4, 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
JOHNNY HART
RENAE WARREN

Also present were 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 Allen.

The minutes of the November 20, 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. The Mayor called on Police Chief Ed Ralston who gave quarterly report of calls answered and specific crimes. Next the Mayor called on Fire Chief Ricky Phillips who reported on the recent Cookies with Santa event at the Arab Fire Station. Next, Mr. Eric Hayes from the Arab Recreation Department reported that Christmas in the Park has been going well. Also, they were able to get Coca-Cola to put up new score boards in the gym at the Recreation Center at no cost to the City. Ms. Melissa Cook then stated that she is working

on using the APD's drone to shoot aerial photos of available industrial locations in Arab. Lastly, Mr. Dameon Pittenger reported that he is still working on several abatements in the City.

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 amend FY 2017-2018 Operating Budget. 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 Allen seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen then moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes.

The second item of new business, to amend the City of Arab Zoning Ordinance, No. 2016-3; to rezone certain property located on US Highway 231 from GB to GB-SD. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Hart moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Warren seconded and all voted yes. The Mayor then opened the floor for a public hearing. The Mayor reported that the Planning Commission approved the proposed amendment but did desire to require any future use designation to come back before the Planning Commission for approval. No citizen present requested to speak regarding this proposed change. Council Member Harper stated that his only concern was whether any special use would come back before the Council. Council Member Hart echoed the same concern and stated he desired to have the Council have rights to approve any proposed use amendment. Council Member Allen said he wanted to make sure that we didn't do anything that would unduly restrict the IDB for marketing property. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Council Member Hart then moved to approve the resolution with it being amended to include the word "Special" before District in Section 1, to make the current Section 3 into Section 4 and to include as Section 3 the following: Further subject to any future use being

recommended by the Planning Commission and approved by majority vote of the Council.” Council Member Warren seconded and all voted yes to approve the resolution, as amended.

The third item of new business was a resolution to declare certain surplus items from City inventory. 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 Allen then moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes.

The last item of new business was to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Adams Building Company, LLC for construction of the soccer restrooms at Thompson Eidson Park. Council Member Allen then moved to approve the authorization. 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 Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Hart seconded and all voted yes.