

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA
APRIL 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 Monday, April 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
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 April 2, 2018, regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote upon a motion made by Council Member Gullion and seconded by Council Member Warren.

Council Member Allen moved to amend the Agenda to add Item 8. (b), a Resolution Authorizing Demolition of Community Center. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes.

Mayor Joslin then moved to staff reports. Mr. Tony Willis, City Clerk, gave the Financial Report for the month of March. He then reported that the Alcohol License Review Committee had met and approved a transfer of alcohol license from Don's Convenience Store to

K & J Market, Inc. Police Chief Ed Ralston reported that APD has investigated recent vandalism and have three individuals who will be charged, one of which is an adult. Fire Chief Ricky Phillips stated that he had nothing new to report. The Mayor then reported for Mr. Eric Hayes from the Parks and Recreation Department that April 28th has been scheduled as Back When Day at the City Park, May 5th is Relay for Life and May 28th the Arab City Pool opens. Ms. Melissa Cook stated that improvements downtown are continuing and several potential grants are being looked at for City. Also, next Tuesday will be a joint meeting with the School Board to review the traffic study done by Skipper Consulting. Ms. Helen Stone reported that paving is to begin shortly to finish up a little over six miles of paving for this session. Mr. Dameon Pittenger reported that building permits are on the rise as are excessive weed violations.

With no more staff reports or old business to address, Mayor Joslin then moved to the first item of new business. The Mayor opens floor for public hearing to discuss the CDBG Program and the proposed applications the City plans to submit to the Alabama Department of Economic & Community Affairs (ADECA) for funding consideration. Mr. Kevin Kessler with Community Consultants, Inc. was present and reported on the 2018 CDBG grants that the City may apply for. Since no one from the public sought recognition, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

The second item of new business was a Resolution Authorizing Demolition of the Arab Community Center which had been previously reported to be severely damaged with costs of repair in excess of its worth and its current condition being unusable. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Gullion moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Warren seconded

and all voted yes. Council Member Allen then moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes.

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 Warren 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, 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 Gullion seconded and all voted yes.

MAYOR BOB JOSLIN

TONY WILLIS, CITY CLERK