

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA
APRIL 17, 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, April 17, 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 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 Hart led the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was given by Council Member Allen.

The minutes of the April 3, 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 reported that he had heard from the Governor's office that the City has made it to the 2nd level of grant request regarding the Splash Pad. Next, the Mayor called on Council Member Warren who addressed the City wide cleanup is this weekend so hoping for great community involvement. Then Mayor Joslin called on Police Chief Ralston who presented the Council with quarterly statistics including offenses and estimates of those which occurred inside the City limits as well as in the police jurisdiction. He

also confirmed that he estimated the expenses related to responding to offenses in the jurisdiction to be more than responding to the same number in the City limits.

Next the Mayor calls on Fire Chief Phillips who reported that the City has an ordinance regarding burning of leaves, etc. and he had recently put an educational article in the newspaper regarding the same to try and cut down on some of the problems.

The Mayor then reported for the Park and Recreation Department. He stated that outdoor basketball goals have been constructed and will go up in the coming weeks as will the Disc Golf course. Also, "Back When Days" and Relay for Life are upcoming events in the City.

Next the Mayor called on Helen Stone. She reported that City Park Drive is being paved and the Haynes Road area will be next. She also has a crew working on sidewalks and two brush trucks working as well.

Lastly, the Mayor called on Dameon Pittenger who reported that the land fill is working hard and running smoothly with a new track loader. Also, he is working on a couple of new unsafe structure abatements.

There being no more staff reports, Mayor Joslin moved to board appointments. He stated that there is one board appointment on the Board of Education. The Mayor stated that Dr. B.C. Maze has indicated a willingness to be re-appointed for a 2nd term. Mayor Joslin opened the floor for nominations. Council Member Gullion nominated Dr. B.C. Maze for re-appointment. Council Member Hart moved to close the nominations. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Hart, Warren, Gullion, Allen and Harper voted yes to re-appoint Dr. B.C. Maze. Mayor Joslin then declared Dr. Maze re-appointed to the Board of Education based on the vote of the Council.

There being no more staff reports or board appointments, Mayor Joslin moved to the first item of old business, a motion to Amend the Arab Alcohol Beverage Ordinance. Council Member Allen moved to table until the Council meets with the Alcohol Licence Review Committee. Council Member Hart seconded and all voted yes.

The next item of old business is to approve Bid Specs for Security Cameras as revised by Chief Ralston. Council Member Allen moved to approve the proposed bid specifications. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes.

With no more old business or new business to address, Mayor Joslin then opened up the floor for public comment. Mr. Ronnie Shumate asked the City to check into the possibility of allowing citizens to get ash from the incinerator at the landfill. Since no one else sought recognition, Mayor Joslin then called on City Attorney, Rodney Edmondson, who certified to the Council that pursuant to State Law, an Executive Session was necessary to discuss pending and/or threatened litigation related to the Annual Litigation Report. Based on the City Attorney's certification, Council Member Allen made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes. The Council then moved with the City Attorney to the board room for the Executive Session regarding pending and threatened litigation.

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

MAYOR BOB JOSLIN

TONY WILLIS, CITY CLERK