

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA
APRIL 2, 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 2, 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
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 Gullion led the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was given by Council Member Allen.

The minutes of the March 19, 2018, 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. Police Chief Ed Ralston reported that a 5 year old outside of the City limits was bitten by a dog earlier today and was being investigated. Fire Chief Ricky Phillips reported on recent seasonal testing of hoses and hydrants. Eric Hayes stated that a survey regarding the new Splash Pad is underway. He also commented that citywide baseball, softball and tee ball begins this Friday. Also, the Arab High School JROTC 5K is this

weekend. Melissa Cook stated that she and the Mayor hosted an event with the Snead State Community College President and other State Level Post Secondary Educators along with Local Industry to discuss challenges facing the same. She also spoke about the Downtown Redevelopment that is ongoing and that Skipper Consultant will probably be at least one more month on the traffic study and lastly that the Zaxby's property last hurdle has been passed. Helen Stone reported that Whitaker Contracting is set to come in this week to get spring paving underway. She also spoke about recent vandalism issues around the City. Dameon Pittenger reported that one unsafe property abatement is on the agenda tonight. He described the condition of 306 3rd Avenue NW and that in his opinion it is unsafe to be point of being a public nuisance.

With no more staff reports or old business to address, Mayor Joslin then moved to the first item of new business; a Board Appointment on the Board of Education. The Mayor opens the floor for any nominations. Council Member Hart nominated to reappoint Mr. Wayne Trimble. Council Member Allen moved to close the nominations. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Hart, Warren, Gullion, Allen and Harper voted yes to reappoint Mr. Trimble to the position. Mayor Joslin then declared Mr. Trimble reappointed to the Board of Education based on the vote of the Council. Council Member Harper commends those who applied and stated he appreciated the same and hoped the Council might interview for future type positions.

The second item of new business was a resolution to approve declaration and abatement of an unsafe building/structure located at 306 3rd Avenue Northwest. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Warren seconded and all voted yes. Mayor Joslin then opened the floor for public comment and reminded the Council of the Building Inspectors' report and opinion given during the staff reports earlier in the meeting.

Since no one from the public requested to speak, 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.

With no more new business to address, Mayor Joslin then opened up the floor for public comment. Ms. Dawn Lewis just wanted the Council to know she was open to conversations between County and City and wanted to hear of any concerns. Council Member Hart reported for Marshall County 911 that shortly they will be beginning construction of three towers. Mr. Thomas Shelton reminded the Council of Relay for Life coming up on May 5th. Since no one else sought recognition, Council Member Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Warren seconded and all voted yes.

MAYOR BOB JOSLIN

TONY WILLIS, CITY CLERK