

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA
APRIL 3, 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 3, 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 Gullion led the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was given by Council Member Harper.

The minutes of the March 20, 2017, regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote upon a motion made by Council Member Warren and seconded by Council Member Hart.

Mayor Joslin then moved to staff reports. The Mayor recognized Arab High School Juniors, Riley Edmondson and Will Odell who were present at the meeting to observe for the AHS Student Council Association. First, the Mayor called on Police Chief Ralston who reported that he had placed the City's portable speed sign on 2nd Avenue to register data concerning traffic. The average speed was 23 miles per hour on both days. He also reported that Arab Police Department believes the incident at Jack's Restaurant was a hoax and they are

investigating. Also, APD is in process of installing Watchguard cameras which should alleviate some of the police department's camera issues.

Next the Mayor calls on Fire Chief Phillips who reported that the City has started working on Spring fire hydrant checks. He also corrected some erroneous information that has been on social media reporting that the basement of the Arab Fire Department is not a tornado shelter. He will get with the Arab Tribune and try to ensure that correct information is made available to the public.

The Mayor then called on Eric Hayes who reported changes of the Recreation Center hours and also the start of baseball and softball season. They are still working on getting the City Pool started up and new outdoor basketball goals installed.

Next the Mayor called on Helen Stone. She reported that paving is underway but is being done by sections in the City to ensure the best cost and job on paving. They are currently working on the Northwest section of the City.

Lastly, the Mayor called on Dameon Pittenger who reported that he is working on several unsafe structure abatements. Also, the City has made a huge dent in the brush pick-up backup due to the air curtain incinerator.

There being no more staff reports or old business, Mayor Joslin moved to the first item of new business, to approve Bid Specs for Security Cameras and solicit bids. Council Member Allen motioned to accept the proposed bid specifications. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes.

The second item of new business was consideration of amending the Arab Alcohol Beverage Ordinance. Council Member Hart made a motion to table this item to the next Council meeting. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

The third item of new business was consideration of a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign a \$12,000.00 contract and all necessary documents to purchase the property known as Lola Boyd Park. Council Member Gullion moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Hart seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Harper then moved to accept the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

The fourth item of new business was consideration of a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign a \$10,000.00 grant agreement with AMRV CDC. Council Member Hart moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Warren then moved to accept the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

The fifth item of new business was consideration of a resolution to amend the FY 2016-2017 Operating Budget to indicate expenditure adjustments of \$25,900.00 and revenue adjustments of \$25,900.00. Council Member Hart moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Harper moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Warren seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Hart then moved to accept the resolution. Council Member Warren seconded and all voted yes.

The next item of new business was consideration of a resolution to approve the costs incurred for abatement of property located at 605 Bright Street. Mayor Joslin opened up the floor for public comment. No one present requested to speak on the matter. Council Member Hart moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all

voted yes. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Gullion then moved to accept the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

The final item of new business was consideration of a resolution ensuring equal opportunity in housing as set forth in Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law), and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 for the City of Arab. Council Member Harper moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Hart seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen then moved to accept the resolution. Council Member Warren seconded and all voted yes.

With no more new business to address, Mayor Joslin then opened up the floor for public comment. Mr. Jim Coleman stated that he has read in the newspaper about the current status of the Arab Water Works case regarding fluoride. He urged the Council to not let this triumph of ignorance over fact discourage it. He also stated that he is very concerned at the lack of thinking by AWW Board members. He believes they should be fired and asks the Council to please do something if at all possible to ensure they are taken off and never reappointed. Since no one else sought recognition, Council Member Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes.