

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA  
MAY 1, 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, May 1, 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 Warren led the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was given by Council Member Gullion.

The minutes of the April 17, 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. There was no report from Police Chief Ralston. First the Mayor calls on Fire Chief Phillips who reported on several recent fires and welcomed Destin Pace as a new fireman. The Mayor then reported for the Street Department in Helen Stone's absence. He stated that the City has three brush trucks trying to get caught up. He also reported that there have been some recent problems with yard sale signs and the like in the City's right of way. Next the Mayor called on Eric Hayes. He reported that 95 children have

signed up for swim team and the new outdoor basketball goals are now up. Also, June 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the first “Movie in the Park.” Several of the Council Members present commended the Park and Recreation Department on how nice the City Park grounds look. Lastly Lori Criswell from Lori Criswell & Associates, P.C. offered an unqualified “clean” audit of the City. She went on and gave the Council highlights from the audit.

There being no more staff reports or old business, Mayor Joslin moved to the first item of new business, a resolution to declare as surplus, various equipment items from the City inventory. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Gullion 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 Hart seconded and all voted yes.

The second item of new business is a resolution to award bid for purchase and installation of security cameras. The Mayor reported that two bids have been received but one had several exceptions which Chief Ralston had indicated he had not been able to evaluate and digest yet. Based on the same, Council Member Allen moved to table the awarding of the proposed bid to the next meeting. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes.

The third item is a resolution to establish a time and date of public hearing for consideration of adoption of updates on various building codes. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Warren moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Hart seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Gullion then moved to approve the resolution and Council Member Harper seconded. Before voting, Council Member Hart asked the Building and Code Enforcement Officer why these updates were needed. Mr. Pittenger announced that it is to

update the codes to the more current codes that he has been trained on. Based on the same, all present then voted yes.

The fourth item of new business, a resolution to approve financing terms between the City of Arab and Regions Equipment Finance Corporation for two (2) Chevy Tahoes (included in FY 2016-2017 Operating Budget). Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Hart 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 Hart seconded and all voted yes.

The fifth item of new business is a resolution to amend FY 2016-2017 Operating Budget. City Clerk, Tony Willis, explained this is an amount of \$57,798.77 detailed as follows: \$13,400 for Turn-Out Gear (from Tobacco Tax fund), \$32,535.00 for a APD Chevy Tahoe and \$11,863.77 for Equipment for APD Chevy Tahoe (from prior year revenues). Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Warren seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Gullion moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen then moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes.

The last item of new business is an ordinance to amend Ordinance 2015-8 which relates to the State Sales Tax holiday. In response to a question from Council Member Hart, City Attorney Edmondson explained that the State Legislature had changed the date of the State Sales Tax Holiday which caused us to have to update our ordinance. However, Edmondson reported that with the new amendment, even if the State changed the holiday again, the City should be covered and will not have to take further action unless or until it decides to cease granting of the

Sales Tax Holiday. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Hart seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Harper moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Gullion then moved to approve 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. Since no one sought recognition, Council Member Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes.

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MAYOR BOB JOSLIN

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TONY WILLIS, CITY CLERK