

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA
MAY 7, 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, May 7, 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
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 16, 2018, regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote upon a motion made by Council Member Allen and seconded by Council Member Gullion.

The minutes of the April 24, 2018, special meeting were approved by unanimous vote upon a motion made by Council Member Allen and seconded by Council Member Warren.

Mayor Joslin then moved to staff reports. Police Chief Ed Ralston reported that Cody Light, criminal-at-large, had been captured in Louisiana and is now out of the hospital. Fire Chief Ricky Phillips reported there have been several wrecks over the last few weeks. Also they have partnered with Red Cross who has given the City several smoke detectors that are available

at no cost. Mr. Eric Hayes from the Park and Recreation Department stated that Ms. Marshall County 5K Run and Fire on the Mountain is this weekend and the Polk Salat Festival will be in a couple of weeks. Ms. Melissa Cook stated that Strategic Plan Sub-Committees are meeting now and will be presenting a 5 year plan to bring to City. Downtown improvements are nearing completion of the Phase I project. Ms. Kim Johnson expanded on the sub-committee meetings for the Strategic Plan. Mr. Dameon Pittenger reported that demolition on abatement has been postponed for one week. He is continuing to press several other abatements. He also reported on several business expansions that are ongoing.

With no more staff reports or old business to address, Mayor Joslin then moved to the first item of new business, three board appointments on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mayor Joslin opened the floor for nominations. Council Member Hart nominated Ms. Brenda King. Council Member Allen moved to close the nominations. Council Member Warren seconded and all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Hart, Warren, Gullion and Allen voted yes to appoint Ms. King to one position on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Council Member Gullion then nominated Ms. Leslie Allen for the next position on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Council Member Hart moved to close the nominations. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Hart, Warren, Gullion and Allen voted yes to appoint Ms. Allen. Council Member Allen then nominated Ms. Dawn Sparks to the last open position on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Council Member Hart moved to close the nominations. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Hart, Warren, Gullion and Allen voted yes to appoint Ms. Sparks. Mayor Joslin then declared Ms. King, Ms. Allen and Ms. Sparks all appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment based on the vote of the Council.

The second item of new business was a board appointment on the Beautification Board. Mayor Joslin opened the floor for nominations. Council Member Warren nominated Ms. Rhonda Johnson. Council Member Hart moved to close the nominations. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Hart, Warren, Gullion and Allen voted yes to appoint Ms. Johnson. Mayor Joslin then declared Ms. Johnson appointed to the Beautification Board based on the vote of the Council.

The third item of new business was a resolution to Amend FY 2017-2018 Operating Budget. Tony Willis reported that this is a supplement of other repairs needed to the Senior Center. Council Member Gullion moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Warren 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.

The last item of new business was a Motion to Approve a new date for the City Council Meeting that is currently scheduled for May 21st, due to the out-of-town Conference attended by several of the Council. Council Member Allen moved to approve the new date of May 29. 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 Hart seconded and all voted yes.

MAYOR BOB JOSLIN

TONY WILLIS, CITY CLERK