

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA
JUNE 18, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Arab, Alabama, met in regular session at approximately 7:30 p.m. (after a lengthy work session which began at 6:00 p.m.) for its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 18, 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
RENAE WARREN

Also present were Tony Willis (City Clerk), Summer Bixler (Administrative Assistant), Jeffrey McLaughlin (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 June 4, 2018, regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote upon a motion made by Council Member Allen and seconded by Council Member Harper.

Council Member Allen moved to amend the agenda to omit item 8. (b) under New Business from the agenda to allow the City Attorney to study. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes.

Mayor Joslin then moved to staff reports. City Clerk Tony Willis gave the financial report for the month of May, noting that it is generally right on budget. Police Chief Ed Ralston

reported that one inmate walked off during Court recently, but was found within 15 minutes. The Department continues to work the cases involving Los Arcos and KFC. Fire Chief Ricky Phillips had nothing to report. Mayor Joslin reported for Mr. Eric Hayes from the Park and Recreation Department. He stated that the Horse Show was a success, having 168 entries. The Dizzy Dean baseball tournament just concluded. There will be a "Dive-In" Movie this weekend at City Park. On July 13-14, there will be a swim meet for District 2 - 1000 swimmers coming to Arab. Ms. Melissa Cook with Economic Development stated that stamped drawings are coming in 4-5 days on the Zaxby's project. Council Member Allen asked about the splash pad at City Park. The Mayor replied that it is on track to bid out and it will be a \$300,000 improvement. Mayor Joslin reported for Ms. Helen Stone from the Street Department that they are working on 8 new acres in an addition to the City Cemetery. Mayor Joslin explained for City Building Inspector Dameon Pittenger that action on two nuisance properties are on hold. Council Member Allen asked about the old Community Center. The Mayor said it is ready to tear down, but they are waiting until end of summer when the City pool is closed. Mayor Joslin then spoke regarding Recycling in the City to clarify his recent comments in the paper. Republic sent a letter also to clarify its recycling program. Recycling is not going to a landfill. It goes to a recycling center in Huntsville. Due to Chinese retaliation, they are not buying US recyclables; so it is harder to sell them. Also, out of 3000 customers in Arab, only 30% of folks participate. There would be cost increases for the recycling program, and it may be discontinued, but no decision has been made and won't be until August. Guntersville and Albertville have different situations than Arab. The Mayor simply stated that we need to be sure recycling works in Arab. Several Council Members offered their comments, noting that more education is needed.

Council Member Allen suggested that the Council needed to sit down with Republic Services to discuss this matter further. Mayor Joslin agreed.

With no more staff reports or old business to address, Mayor Joslin then moved to the first item of new business, a Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract agreement with Stafford Development & Construction, Inc. for the purpose of widening Gilliam Springs Road for a 1600 foot stretch near the new stadium. The school board has agreed to pay 100% of the cost, \$43,500.00. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Harper moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Allen 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.

MAYOR BOB JOSLIN

TONY WILLIS, CITY CLERK