

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA
JUNE 5, 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, June 5, 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
RENAE WARREN

Also present were 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 May 15, 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. The Mayor reported that City Hall will be closed on Thursday, June 8, 2017, due to a required loss of power while a power pole is replaced in front of City Hall.

There being no more staff reports or old business, Mayor Joslin moved to the first item of new business, a resolution to approve declaration of unsafe building located at 508 5th Street Northeast. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council

Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Gullion moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes. The Mayor opened the floor to public comment if anyone present wished to speak on this issue. No one sought recognition. Council Member Allen then moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes.

The second item of new business is a resolution to authorize the Mayor to submit an application for funding from the Alabama CLG Historic Preservation Fund. Council Member Warren moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen then moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes.

The third item is a public hearing regarding consideration of a request for Conditional Use of a parcel of land located at 911 Mount Oak Drive Northeast. The Mayor opens the floor for public hearing: Mr. Clint Maze spoke indicating he had 7.3 acres and had purchased a chicken coop for 6 chickens which he and his family would like to raise. Although they meet all requirements for conditional use, they have submitted a waiver on the 200 foot setback requirement from the next door neighbor affected by the setback requirement who agreed to their request to allow the coop to be less than 200 feet from her property line. Mr. Maze indicates that this will allow the coop to be closer to the house and hidden from view much better than out in the middle of his back yard. No one else sought recognition and so the Mayor closes the public hearing and opens the floor to the Council for discussion. Council Member Warren said she is concerned with approval, especially because of the waiver and setback issue. Council Member Harper asks Mr. Maze how close the coop is to their neighbor's house and he says he believes

about 75 feet. He says that in his particular circumstances the setback would make it more visible, even from highway. He says he also thinks that the setback is really for the neighbor's benefit and she has approved of the placement by the signed waiver. Council Member Gullion says he sits on Planning Committee and says that he can see both sides of the concerns regarding the setback but that he believes if the setback is to protect the adjoining owner and they do not want protection, why would the City use that as a basis of denial. Council Member Allen then moves to close the discussion. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen moves to table the consideration until the full Council is present to vote on the matter. Council Members Warren, Gullion and Allen vote yes. Council Member Harper votes No. Upon a majority of the Council voting yes, further consideration of the approval of the conditional use request was tabled to be brought from the table at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the city council in which all members of the council are present.

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