

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA
JULY 10, 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, July 10, 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 June 19, 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 calls on Tony Willis who gave the Financial Report for the month of June and gave an overview of the current accounts status. Next, the Mayor calls on Police Chief Ralston who reminded the Council that the annual police department gospel singing is this Friday night. He also provided the most recent reports of crime in the City. He reported that more cameras are being installed and have recently been used to solve some matters. He commended the City Prosecutor on his professional and superior representation

of the City in recent difficult matters in City Court. Next the Mayor calls on Fire Chief Ricky Phillips who stated that the AFD has finished hose testing and is now working on vehicle checks and maintenance. Next, Eric Hayes reported that baseball and softball have finished up regular season play and the State finals took place this past week. He also reported on the upcoming Movie in the Park and Arts Camp happening at the Arab City Park. Next, Melissa Cook stated there are lots of activities and new businesses as indicated on tonight's agenda. She also reported that work is continuing with ALDOT on the Highway 69 project. Lastly, Helen Stone reported that there has been a recent problem with vandalism to City traffic signs. Also, the City has worked very hard to keep drains clear from the recent heavy rains. They are continuing to have problems with contractors and dumping of brush.

There being no more staff reports or old business, Mayor Joslin moved to the first item of new business, a resolution to award bid for an Industrial Access (IA) Grant. 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. The Mayor reported this is 100% Grant funded but that the City must pay all of the engineering costs. Council Member Hart then moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

The second item of new business was a resolution to award bid for Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant (Phase I). Council Member Harper moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Gullion moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes. The Mayor reported this project is an 80/20 Grant and called on Keith Strickland from GMC who reported their recommendation was to only award the base bid on Phase I of \$595,876.50 for work

on Highway 69 to Second Avenue. Council Member Harper then moved to approve the resolution as amended based on the recommendation of GMC. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

The third item of new business was a public hearing regarding consideration of the conditional use of a parcel of land located at PPIN 16438 & 16439 along HWY 231 South, and owned by Dr. Ellis F. Porch, Jr., Sandra Porch Nesmith and Christy Porch Daniels. The Mayor opens the floor for a public hearing. Kim Johnson reported that the Planning Board recommended approval of the conditional use. David Rawson, a builder who was present, indicated he would answer any questions from the Council or public. Since no one else sought recognition, the Mayor closed the public hearing. Council Member Gullion stated his only concern was potential traffic problems and congestion in the area but felt the best that could be done regarding that was being done. Council Member Warren then moved to approve the conditional use as recommended by the Planning Board. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes.

The fourth item of new business was a resolution to award a contract for grant-writing and administrative services for CDBG projects through CDBG program year 2019. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Warren then moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

The fifth item of new business was a resolution to award contract for engineering services for CDBG projects through CDBG program year 2019. 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 Harper then moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

The last item of new business was a resolution to award contract for engineering services performed on behalf of Arab Sewer Board for CDBG projects through CDBG program year 2019. Council Member Allen 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 Warren seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Hart asks Mr. John Barnes what this is regarding. Mr. Barnes states this is for actual construction and repairs of system. Council Member Warren then moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes.

With no more new business to address, Mayor Joslin then opened up the floor for public comment. Student Kaylie Williams, Miss Marshall County Pre-Teen, was present and asked the Council to make a personal donation to the Miss Marshall County Pre-Teen Scholarship Fund. Ms. Melissa Cook reported that Mayor Joslin recently was awarded Mayor of the Year from Alabama Community of Excellence. Police Chief Ralston reported that APD will be doing special training for officers in the coming weeks and invited the Mayor and Council to come observe. Since no one else sought recognition, Council Member Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes.