

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA
AUGUST 21, 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, August 21, 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 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 Allen.

The minutes of the August 7, 2017, regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote upon a motion made by Council Member Warren and seconded by Council Member Allen.

Council Member Allen moved to amend the agenda to include nominations for a vacancy on the Beautification Board. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes.

Mayor Joslin then moved to staff reports. The Mayor reported to the Council that he has appointed Ms. Jackie Hines to the Planning Commission to replace Mr. Sammy Waldrop who resigned. The Mayor noted he had also appointed Mr. Sammy Waldrop to the Housing Authority. The Mayor reminded everyone that the first September Council Meeting will be on September 5th,

2017 due to the Labor Day holiday. Other staff reports were noted as having been covered during the work session. The Mayor then recognized the Arab 8U World Series All-Star Baseball Team and Coaches and presented each of them with Certificates of Achievement.

There being no more staff reports or old business, the Mayor then moves to the first item of new business, a resolution to award bid for Asphalt In-Place and Planning/Milling of existing streets. The Mayor reported that bid packets were opened and that Whitaker Construction appeared to be the lowest responsible bidder with \$61.70/per ton which included milling. Council Member Warren 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 accept the resolution awarding the bid to Whitaker Construction. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

The second item of new business was a resolution to approve bid specifications and solicit bids for t-shirts, caps, jerseys and screen printing. Council Member Allen then moved to approve the bid specifications. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes.

The third item of new business was a resolution to authorize the City to provide a one-time lump sum payment of \$2.00 per month of service, or \$300.00, whichever is greater, to retired members, and beneficiaries of deceased retirees, who retired prior to May 1, 2017, and who are entitled to receive a monthly retirement benefit from the Employees' Retirement System (ERS). The Mayor reported he would confirm that the payment was the "greater" of the two and not the "lesser", which was noted as normally being the case. 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.

Council Member Allen then moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes.

The fourth item of new business was a resolution a declaration of certain surplus items from City inventory. Council Member Harper 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 Gullion seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen then moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Warren seconded and all voted yes.

The fifth item of new business was a resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute and submit an application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), requesting funds from the 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to implement a sewer improvement project, with matching funds provided by the Arab Sewer Board. 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 Harper 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 resolution to approve the appropriation of funds remaining from a previously approved budget adjustment, Resolution No. 2017-24R, to be used to purchase a dump truck. Council Member Harper 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 Warren seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Gullion then moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

With no more new business to address, Mayor Joslin stated that there is one vacancy on the Beautification Board. Mayor Joslin opened the floor for nominations. Council Member

Warren nominated Mr. Greg Gibbs. Council Member Allen moved to close the nominations. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Warren, Gullion, Allen and Harper voted yes to appoint Mr. Gibbs to the position. Mayor Joslin then declared Mr. Gibbs appointed to the Beautification Board based on the vote of the Council. 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 Warren seconded and all voted yes.

MAYOR BOB JOSLIN

TONY WILLIS, CITY CLERK