

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA  
AUGUST 7, 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 7, 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 Hart led the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was given by Council Member Harper.

The minutes of the July 24, 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 Police Chief Ed Ralston who reported that new police department vehicles are being fitted with equipment and will be ready soon. Also, most of the new cameras are up and recording. Chief Ralston also reported on the unique car chase that happened over the weekend. Next, Mr. Eric Hayes reported that the Arab City Pool has closed for the season and apparently had a record number of citizens use the pool this season.

There being no more staff reports, Mayor Joslin moved to old business; Consideration of an application submitted by Alex Sierra for Conditional Use of a parcel of land located at PPIN 67643 along Highway 231 North. Council Member Gullion moved to approve the Conditional Use. Council Member Hart seconded and all voted yes.

There being no more old business, the Mayor then moves to the first item of new business, a resolution to approve bid specifications and solicit bids for asphalt in-place and planning/milling of existing streets. Council Member Allen then moved to approve the bid specifications. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes.

The second item of new business was a resolution to approve declaration for abatement of an unsafe building/structure located at 65 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Northeast. Dameon Pittenger reported his investigation and recommendation and notes all proper notices were provided. The Mayor then asked if anyone was present to speak on the matter and no one sought recognition. Council Member Hart moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Harper moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Hart seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen then moved to accept the resolution declaring the property to be an unsafe structure and public nuisance in need of abatement. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes.

The last item of new business was a resolution to amend the FY 2016-2017 Operating Budget. The Mayor reported that based on the earlier Financial Committee meeting, the resolution was amended to include the purchase of a tractor and mow-trim. Council Member Hart moved to suspend the reading of the resolution which included the amendment to indicate an adjustment of \$10,000 for traffic light repairs and \$125,500 for Capital Heavy Equipment. 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 Allen 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. Since no one sought recognition, Mayor Joslin then reported that there was a need for executive session on two separate matters. He reported that Melissa Cook, the City's Economic Development Officer had certified that an Executive Session was necessary to discuss a commerce or trade matter which warranted Executive Session. The Mayor then called on the City Attorney who certified to the Council that pursuant to State Law, an Executive Session was also necessary to discuss pending and/or threatened litigation. Based on Melissa Cook's certification and the City Attorney's certification, Council Member Allen made a motion to enter into Executive Session which would begin with the trade and commerce issue and then move to the pending/threatened litigation issue. Council Member Hart seconded and all voted yes. The Mayor reported that no further business would be taken up by the Council following the return from Executive Session. The Council then moved with the City Attorney to the board room for the Executive Sessions.

Upon return from Executive Sessions, Council Member Allen moved to adjourn. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes.