

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Arab, Alabama, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 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
JOHNNY HART
RENAE WARREN

Also present were Tony Willis (City Clerk), Rodney Edmondson (City Attorney), several city department heads, 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 August 20, 2018, regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote upon a motion made by Council Member Hart and seconded by Council Member Gullion.

Mayor Joslin then moved to staff reports. Arab Fire Chief Ricky Phillips reported that crews worked the recent Warrior Creek Baptist Church fire. Eric Hayes with the Park and Recreation Department reported that soccer opening day and Community Fair will take place this Saturday and a Co-Ed Softball league will be starting back soon. Helen Stone stated the street

department is continuing to scrap and prepare roads for paving. Dameon Pittenger reported that an abatement on one property will be forthcoming in next Council meeting.

With no more staff reports or old business to address, Mayor Joslin then moved to the first item of new business, a resolution to award bid for t-shirts, caps, jerseys, and screen printing for Parks and Recreation Department. After a review of all submitted bids, it was determined that the lowest responsible bidder was Ultrasource with a bid of \$23.00 per unit. Council Member Hart 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 Warren seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen then moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes.

Next, the second item of new business was a resolution to award bid for Asphalt (in place) and Planing/Milling of existing streets. It was determined that the lowest responsible bidder was Whitaker Contracting with a bid of \$71.50 per ton for asphalt and \$1.00 per square yard for Planing/Milling for a total bid amount of \$72.50. Council Member Hart moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Warren seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Gullion then moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Warren seconded and all voted yes.

Next, the third item of new business was a resolution to approve fully-revised and amended City Cemetery Management Policies. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading of the resolution with changes as discussed in the work session to Section I(A) from “her” to “their” and VI(B)(1) changed to include only “Antique Olive Bold Font, Size 1.25”. Council Member Harper seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Warren then moved to

approve the resolution with the verbal amendments. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

The last item of new business was a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign amended Grant Agreement with ALDOT for the completion of the Downtown Streetscapes TAP Project. 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 Harper then moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

With no more new business to address, Mayor Joslin then opened up the floor for public comment. Mr. Reginald Hughes of Albertville, Alabama and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans stated he tried to provide posters to teachers at School Board meeting but only one teacher took them. Mr. Scott Beard of Arab, Alabama stated he and his family are from and have connection with City of Arab and call it home. He doesn't believe anyone can truly say that their whole view of history is connected to one song and he believes those pushing the "Dixie" issue are not doing so in the best interest of the City. He stated that he supports the School Board. Since no one else sought recognition, Council Member Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Hart seconded and all voted yes.

MAYOR BOB JOSLIN

TONY WILLIS, CITY CLERK