

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA  
APRIL 4, 2022**

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, April 4, 2022, 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  
JOHNNY HART  
ALAN MILLER  
MITCH STONE

Also present were Tony Willis (City Clerk), Katie Jones (Administrative Assistant), Rodney Edmondson (City Attorney), 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 Allen led the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was given by Council Member Miller.

The minutes of the March 21, 2022, regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote upon a motion made by Council Member Allen and seconded by Council Member Gullion.

The Mayor then moved on to staff reports. The Mayor reported that a rate increase by Republic Services on garbage pickup would take effect on May 1, 2022. The new rate will be \$11.36, a 31 cent increase. Ms. Kelly Auman, Department Head for the Court Department reported on an increase of traffic cases and taking applications for new magistrate. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Hall from the Arab Fire Department reported on status of new and incoming vehicles. Mr. Jeremy Yates with the Arab Street Department reported that paving has finished. Mr. Dameon Pittenger with the Arab Landfill reported that the track hoe is now functioning. CAT dozer has been taken to CAT for price estimate. Mr. Eric Hayes from the Arab Park and Recreation Department reported 40 baseball/softball teams this year starting up. He also reported on the upcoming Easter egg hunt.

With no more staff reports to address, the Mayor then moved to the first item of old business, a resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute the GMC 21 Acre Master Plan Rec Complex Contract. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the second reading of the resolution. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Miller requested discussion and asked the Mayor to explain again the purpose of this contract due to misunderstanding of some in public. The Mayor explained this contract is to approve a feasibility study for the possibility of a new multi-purpose facility providing a detailed estimate of costs, preliminary drawings and allow ideas of what might be included in it. Council Member Hart said he was concerned over spending \$100,000 to determine if we could actually afford this concept. Council Member Allen reported this information could be used in the future

even if not built now. Council Member Hart said he was concerned over spending possibly ten million on a building especially with sewer and other problems the city is facing. Council Member Allen said the City is not talking about spending new money, this is part of bond money already reserved for just such a capital project and may be a once in a lifetime opportunity for the City based on the low bond rates and other alignment of stars. Council Member Hart again expressed his concern that sewer system is ultimately the City's responsibility and is in bad shape. With no further discussion, Council Member Allen moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Gullion seconded and upon rollcall vote as follows: Hart – No, Stone – No, Gullion – Yes, Allen – Yes, and Miller – Yes. As such, the Mayor reported the resolution had passed by a majority vote.

Next the Mayor moved to the first item of new business, a public hearing regarding rezoning 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW parcel from R-3 to UM. The Mayor opens the floor for a public hearing. Council Member Gullion reported that this property used to be UM and that as such this is just reverting back to original zoning and as such was recommended by the Planning Commission. No one else sought recognition.

Next, the Mayor then moved to the second item of new business, an ordinance to rezone 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW – Liberty Communications LLC. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading of the ordinance. Council Member Miller seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Gullion moved to suspend the rules of the Council. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Stone seconded and all voted yes.

With no more new business to address, Mayor Joslin then opened up the floor for public comment. Mr. Ed Reed from Arab expressed his concerns regarding the new proposed multi-purpose facility and the fact that the City cannot afford it and provided the council with a letter expressing his specific concerns. Next, Mr. Aaron said he was very proud of the Council and the actions they were taking for the City. Since no one sought recognition, Council Member Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Miller seconded and all voted yes.

  
MAYOR BOB JOSLIN

  
TONY WILLIS, CITY CLERK