

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA
JULY 18, 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, July 18, 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 Miller led the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was given by Council Member Stone.

The minutes of the July 5, 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. Mr. Tony Willis, City Clerk, gave the June Financial Report. Eric Hayes for the Arab Park and Recreation Department reported that they are beginning the second week of creativity week and that they had 46 swimmers advancing to state.

With no more staff reports or old business to address, the Mayor then moved to the first item of new business, to approve a special event alcohol license for SugarFest. Council Member Hart moved to approve the special event license for Namely Claudia, LLC. Council Member Miller seconded and all voted yes.

Next, the Mayor then moved to the second item of new business, a resolution to approve the costs of abatement for 2559 Little Creek Road. Dameon Pittenger, Building Official, indicated that the costs listed in both this and the following abatement were the final costs of such abatements and that there was no credit provided as there was no salvageable materials. Council Member Allen then moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Miller seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Stone seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Stone moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

The Mayor then moved to the third item of new business, a resolution to approve the costs of abatement for 908 Cullman Road. Council Member Allen then moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Miller seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Gullion moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Miller

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

The Mayor then moved to the fourth item of new business, a resolution to adopt and amend the City's Title VI Plan. Council Member Allen then moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Stone moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Miller moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

The Mayor next moved to the fifth item of new business, a resolution to adopt a city employee one time pay increase. Council Member Allen then moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Miller seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Gullion moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Miller seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Hart then requested discussion on the resolution. Once he was acknowledged by the Mayor, he indicated that as discussed in the work session, he supported the resolution but he did want to note his concern regarding this resolution and that he was voting on the same based on the information provided by the Clerk, Mayor and City Attorney as well as the recommendation of the Personnel Committee. Council Member Gullion moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

The Mayor then moved to the last item of new business, a resolution to authorize the Mayor or Clerk to accept the settlement proposed in the ongoing opioid litigation. Council Member Hart then moved to suspend the reading of the resolution. Council Member Miller seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Gullion moved to suspend the rules. Council Member Miller seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Hart then requested discussion on the resolution. Once he was acknowledged by the Mayor, he questioned the City Attorney regarding whether this resolution authorized the Clerk to spend or earmark any monies from the settlement. City Attorney Edmondson responded that this resolution did not so authorize the clerk and was not related to the expenditure of the funds. However, it would be expected that any funds received once the division was determined by the Special Master, would include certain restrictions or specific use related to the treatment, education or intervention of Opioid abuse. With no other questions, Council Member Stone 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. 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