

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA
DECEMBER 18, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Arab, Alabama, met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. for its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 18, 2023, 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
JOHNNY HART
ALAN MILLER
MITCH STONE
MARK GULLION

Also present were Tony Willis (City Clerk), 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 Stone led the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was given by Council Member Gullion.

The minutes of the December 4, 2023, regular meeting was approved by unanimous vote upon a motion made by Council Member Gullion and seconded by Council Member Miller. Council Member Allen moved to Amend the Agenda to include consideration of the Alcohol License Application for Sofia's Mexican Restaurant, LLC. Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes.

Mayor Joslin reminded the Counsel of the staff reports made in the work session. With no other staff reports, the Mayor then moved to the first item of old business, a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign agreements with Avenu Insights for collection, remittance, processing and compliance services related to City business licenses and taxes for a three year term. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading, Council Member Miller seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Hart moved to suspend the rules, Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen moved to Adopt the Resolution, Council Member Stone seconded and all voted yes. The Mayor then moved to the first item of new business, and declared a Public Hearing regarding the Alcohol License Application for Sofia's Mexican Restaurant, LLC. The Jennifer Palacios and her husband of Sofia's were present and expressed their appreciation to the City for the ease and assistance in getting them opened and thanked the Council for the consideration of approval of their License. Mayor Joslin reported that the Alcohol License Review Committee had unanimously recommended approval of the license. With no one else seeking to speak, Mayor Joslin closed the Public Hearing.

The Mayor then moved to the second item of new business, consideration of the application for a Restaurant Retail Liquor Class I Alcohol License by Sofia's Mexican Restaurant, LLC. Council Member Hart moved to approve the application and authorize the license, Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes.

The Mayor then moved to the third item of new business an Ordinance authorizing a non-exclusive Franchise Agreement with Crown Castle Fiber LLC and authorize the Mayor to sign the same. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading, Council Member Stone seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Hart moved to suspend the rules, Council Member Stone seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen moved to Adopt the Ordinance, Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes.

Mayor Joslin then opened up the floor for public comment. With no one desiring to comment, Council Member Allen moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Hart seconded and all voted yes.



MAYOR BOB JOSLIN



TONY WILLIS, CITY CLERK