

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

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, February 5, 2024, in Arab City Hall, the time and place scheduled for such meeting. This meeting also included items originally set for the January 16, 2024 meeting which was cancelled due to closures due to a declare state of emergency caused by winter weather.

Mayor Bob Joslin called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, the following answered present:

JOHNNY HART
MIKE ALLEN
ALAN MILLER
MITCH STONE
MARK GULLION

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 Stone led the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was given by Council Member Gullion.

The minutes of the January 2, 2024, regular meeting was approved by unanimous vote upon a motion made by Council Member Allen and seconded by Council Member Gullion. Mayor Joslin reminded the Counsel of reports made in the work session. With no further staff reports, or old business, the Mayor then moved to the first item of new business, and declared a Public Hearing and opened the floor for any comments related to the proposed updates & revisions to the City of Arab Zoning Ordinance. No one sought recognition therefore the Mayor closed the public hearing.

The Mayor then moved to the second item of new business, an Ordinance – Updating and Revising the City of Arab Zoning Ordinance. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading, Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Stone moved to suspend the Rules, Council Member Miller seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen moved to Adopt the Ordinance, Council Member Miller seconded and all voted yes.

The Mayor then moved to the third and fourth items of new business (2) Historic Preservation Board Appointments. Mayor Joslin opened the floor for nominations for the first

Appointment. Council Member Gullion nominated Christy Holmes for the position. Council Member Allen moved to close the nominations. Council Member Miller seconded, all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Gullion, Hart, Stone, Allen, and Miller voted yes to appoint Christy Holmes to the Historic Preservation Board. Mayor Joslin then opened the floor for nominations for the second Appointment to the Historic Preservation Board. Council Member Hart nominated Kathy Ramsy for the position. Council Member Allen moved to close the nominations. Council Member Miller seconded, all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Gullion, Hart, Stone, Allen, and Miller voted yes to appoint Kathy Ramsy to the Historic Preservation Board. The Mayor declared Christy Holmes, and Kathy Ramsy, appointed to the Historic Preservation Board.

The Mayor then moved to the fifth item of new business, a Personnel Grievance Board Appointment. Mayor Joslin opened the floor for nominations for the Appointment. Council Member Allen nominated Tommy Harris for the position. Council Member Allen moved to close the nominations. Council Member Miller seconded, all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Gullion, Hart, Stone, Allen, and Miller voted yes to appoint Tommy Harris to the Personnel Grievance Board. The Mayor declared Tommy Harris, appointed to the Personnel Grievance Board.

The Mayor then moved to the sixth item of new business a Commercial Development Authority Appointment. Mayor Joslin opened the floor for nomination for the Appointment. Council Member Allen nominated Clint Maze for the position. Council Member Allen moved to close the nominations. Council Member Gullion seconded, all voted yes. Upon roll call, Council Members Gullion, Hart, Stone, Allen, and Miller voted yes to appoint Clint Maze to the Commercial Development Authority. The Mayor declared Clint Maze appointed to the Commercial Development Authority.

The Mayor then moved to the seventh item of new business, a Resolution Declaring Certain Items Surplus. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading, 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 Hart moved to Adopt the Resolution, Council Member Stone seconded and all voted yes.

The Mayor then moved to the eighth item of new business, a Resolution to Approve an APD Budget Adjustment for Dispatch Renovations. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading, Council Member Miller seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the Rules, Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Gullion moved to Adopt the Resolution, Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

The Mayor then moved to the ninth item of new business, a Resolution to Approve a Landfill Budget Adjustment for SCS Studies. Council Member Stone moved to suspend the reading, Council Member Gullion seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen moved to suspend the Rules, Council Member Miller seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Stone moved to Adopt the Resolution, Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes.

The Mayor then moved to the tenth item of new business, a Resolution to Approve a GMC Agreement for Industrial Access Road (related to Frogg Toggs). Council Member Allen moved to suspend the reading, Council Member Miller seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Stone moved to suspend the Rules, Council Member Allen seconded and all voted yes. Council Member Allen moved to Adopt the Resolution, Council Member Miller seconded and all voted yes.

Mayor Joslin then opened up the floor for public comment. Mr. Glen Cruze of Pine Lake Subdivision spoke at length explaining his recent ordinance violation charges/case and recommending changes to Arab City Ordinances related to fences. He gives history of he and his wife in Pine Lake as well as specific issues with his lot and neighbors, especially related to fences and barriers and problem with his neighbor. Also, he has complained about his neighbor's dogs and has had no response. He is also concerned that the domestic power equipment time frame exception to the city's noise ordinance might apply to home generators and needs to be changed. Laura Upton of Autumn Creek says she has been called into court by neighbors over her dogs barking and is concerned for herself and others because of the vague "annoy" language of ordinance. She thinks the dog/cat noise violations should be more objective. With no one else desiring to comment, Council Member Allen moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Miller seconded and all voted yes.



MAYOR BOB JOSLIN



DENISE WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK

