

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ARAB, ALABAMA
MAY 20, 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, May 20, 2024 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
ALAN MILLER
MITCH STONE
MARK GULLION
JOHNNY HART

Also present were 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 May 6, 2024, regular meeting was approved by unanimous vote upon a motion made by Council Member Hart and seconded by Council Member Allen.

Mayor Joslin moved on to staff reports. Mayor Joslin reported for Melissa Cook of the Economic Development that both Krystal's and Harbor Freight will be scheduled to open next month. Chief Washburn with the Arab Police Department reported recent public service training at the library. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Hall reported on recent fire at AR Recycling. Mayor Joslin reported on the Landfill that ADEM permitting has been applied for and is underway. Mayor Joslin reported for Department Head Eric Hayes with the Park and Recreation that ballfields were filled this past weekend with tournaments.

With no old or new business to discuss, Mayor Joslin then opened up the floor for public comment. Vincent Kirk Bellman of 107 1st Ave., Arab, AL stated when he used to work in Pennsylvania he worked with appellate court and helped his county recognize changes in law. He wanted to make sure the City was aware of the holding in the case of Edgar v. McKay out of Huntsville that went to 11th Circuit regarding the stop and identify law. John Satterfield, who lives on London Drive off of Brashiers Chapel (just out of the City Limits) reported that he is concerned with the trailer/RV park going in across the road from him (which is also in the County). He says the owners have lied to many people and he thinks it will create issues with drainage, traffic and other issues in the City that the City should be able to take some action against. Additionally, he asked why City is considering EV charging stations that were discussed in the work session as he doesn't see the need for it. Nick Alexander on 644 Cullman Road, says this is his first Council meeting but he believes all citizens should be involved in their local government and attending meetings. He is former Army, medically discharged and he loves the area. He is concerned over where our country is going but does know that the 2nd amendment applies and that the City PD could

train citizens to protect against FEMA and other overreach such as the President calling in UN troops. He is also concerned over Arab water & sewer being offered outside of City (such as to the trailer park Mr. Satterfield was discussing and he doesn't understand why that is happening. Joyce Utterback thanked City employees and Council for supporting the Polk Salat Festival. With no one else desiring to comment, Council Member Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Miller seconded and all voted yes.



MAYOR BOB JOSLIN



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