CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
300 Martin Luther King Blvd.
November 15, 2022
TIME: 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

   President Smith called the council meeting to order at 06:07 pm and asked Mr. Jones to call the roll.

2. ROLL CALL

   The Mayor and all City Council members were present.

   1. George Allen, Erica Norris, Tim Aja, Todd Rauch, Eddie Smith

3. INVOCATION

   Mr. Bass provided the invocation.

   1. Steve Bass from Trinity Methodist Church.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

   Kendall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

   1. Kendall Cornley and Paul Dickerson from Carver Primary School.

5. READING OF MINUTES

   1. Minutes from the 11-01-22 council meeting.

      President Smith stated that a copy of the minutes had been previously received by the council and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Rauch made a motion to approve. Mr. Aja seconded the motion. President Smith then asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes. President Smith stated having no corrections, the minutes stand approved.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

   1. City's Financial Summary Report for October 2022.

Mayor Fuller asked if the council had any questions about the city's financial summary report to ask Cindy Boyd, Mr. Motley or himself about it.

2. October 2022 Monthly Building Report.

Mayor Fuller asked Mr. Motley to give the monthly building report and Mr. Motley did so.

3. Proclamation for Small Business Saturday on 11-26-22.

Mayor Fuller invited Ken Ward, Ali Rauch and Valerie Smith up front. Ken Ward first explained that Ms. Smith's business, Southern Crossing, was impacted by the July downtown fire, and now the Opelika Main Street downtown resource center is able to accommodate their business as their first tenant in the retail business incubator portion of their building. Ms. Smith then stated that they really appreciate everything the city, main street, and the chamber have done to support their business after the fire. Ms. Rauch stated she was able to attend an event there in the new building for Southern Crossing and the space is very special and she was very proud of them. Mayor Fuller then read the proclamation and presented it to them. President Smith also added that it is a great thing to have Southern Crossing back open in downtown and encouraged everyone to visit them at their new location.

8. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS (Limit comments to five minutes or less)

Mike Newman of 608 Terracewood Drive spoke first. Mr. Newman stated that he was a member and former pastor of Pepperell Baptist Church and then explained the origin of a sign that was located on Pepperell Parkway that had been vital to directing people to the location of the church off that main road. Mr. Newman explained that the sign was located on private property for many years, and was also "grandfathered in" after a new sign regulation ordinance was passed by the city, even though the sign was in violation of that ordinance. Mr. Newman then explained the sign had to be maintained in good working order as to not be neglected or deteriorated to be kept there, and that after the mill property it was located on was sold, the new property owners never objected to the sign being located on their property. Mr. Newman stated that when construction began by the new property owners, Hudmon Construction was hired to prep the site, and on several occasions they knocked the sign down during their work on the property and members of the church would go and have them put it back up. Mr. Newman then stated that the sign was finally destroyed by the site prep company and done away with and they tried to get Mr. Hudmon to accept responsibility but he was very oblivious to what had taken place. Mr. Newman also stated that after the construction of the new businesses was complete, he asked the Mayor for help in getting the sign reestablished and Mayor Fuller was very cooperative and interested in helping, but after consulting with the Planning Director, Mr. Mosley, and meeting on the site to see what could be done, Mr. Mosley concluded that since the sign had been taken down, it could not be put back up in violation of the city's sign ordinance. Mr. Newman then asked the council how or why they would have lost their "grandfather" status if the church had nothing to do with the sign coming down, and they were doing everything they were told to do to keep the sign in good working order. Mr. Newman closed by stating the sign has a lot of value to the church as many new visitors to the church would be asked what brought them there and they would reply that they saw the sign, and that he could understand if they didn't take care of the sign or removed it themselves, but would like to ask for the council's help to try and gain some common sense answers as to why they are not allowed to have their sign anymore.

9. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

President Smith asked Mr. Jones to present the general business.

1. Request Temporary Street Closure from Opelika Main Street on 11-27-22.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

2. Request Temporary Street Closure for Younglife 5K Event on 12-04-22.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

3. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 915 York Avenue.

Mr. Jones presented the public hearing. President Smith opened the public hearing and asked if anyone present would like to speak for or against said weed abatement. No one came forward to speak. President Smith closed the public hearing.

12. AWARDING OF BIDS

President Smith asked Ms. Finley to present the bids.

1. Elevator Maintenance Service and Repair - PW.

<u>RESOLUTION NO. 335-22</u>

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen

AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

13. RESOLUTIONS

President Smith asked Mr. Gunter to present the resolutions.

1. Expense Reports from Various Departments.

RESOLUTION NO. 336-22

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

2. Designate City Personal Property Surplus & Authorize Disposal.

RESOLUTION NO. 337-22

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

3. Purchase - Two (2) Grasshopper 329B Mowers - PW.

RESOLUTION NO. 338-22

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

4. Purchase - Sports Lighting for Floral Park Soccer Fields - Sourcewell Contract #071619-MSL - P&R.

RESOLUTION NO. 339-22

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**

MOVER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

5. Appoint Harold W. Morris to Serve as Public Defender for Opelika Municipal Court.

RESOLUTION NO. 340-22
MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

6. Approve Agreement with L.P. Campbell Co. for Grant Management Services - ADMIN.

RESOLUTION NO. 341-22
MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

7. Approve Agreement with NextRequest, LLC for Records Request Management Software - IT.

RESOLUTION NO. 342-22
MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

8. Approve License Agreement with Earl Dudley, LLC for GPS Survey Base Station on City Hall - ENG.

RESOLUTION NO. 343-22
MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

9. Approve Contract with Diversity Training Group, LLC for Diversity, Cultural Inclusion and Anti-Harassment Training - HR.

RESOLUTION NO. 344-22
MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

10. Approve Contract with Sain Associates, Inc. for Intersections Analysis and Recommendations - ENG.

RESOLUTION NO. 345-22
MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

11. Approve Proposal by Sain Associates, Inc. for Retiming Traffic Signals (Phase 2) - PW.

RESOLUTION NO. 346-22
MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

12. Approve Quote from CDW Government, LLC to Purchase Cisco Meraki Cameras and Related Hardware - IT.

RESOLUTION NO. 347-22

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

13. Authorize Engagement Letter with Himmelwright, Huguley, & Boles, LLC for Annual Auditing Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 348-22

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

14. Request for Approval of a Special Use Permit with Verizon Wireless at 600 Floral Street - (Tabled).

President Smith asked if there was a motion to remove the item from the table. Mr. Aja made a motion to remove the item from the table. Ms. Norris seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded:

MOTION TO REMOVE ITEM FROM THE TABLE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

President Smith then asked if there was a motion to approve the item. Mr. Aja made a motion to approve. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. President Smith asked if there was any discussion.

During discussion, Mr. Aja first thanked everyone who weighed in on this item over the past few weeks, and stated that he received a lot of good information that made this a decision that came down to a few things in his particular opinion. Mr. Aja stated that, unfortunately, any safety concerns about the tower are outside of the council's purview, and denying the tower for those concerns would ultimately lead to the city being sued and that would not be good stewardship of tax payer dollars. Mr. Aja also stated the other thing was that they could either use the location being presented for one tower, or they would ultimately have to build multiple towers in residential areas and, in his opinion, the presented option would be much more efficient. Mr. Aja closed by stating that the health concerns should be brought up to our local congressmen and senators, and it will have to be at that level because, unfortunately, the council does not have any way to address it.

RESOLUTION NO. 349-22
MOTION TO APPROVE: 4 TO 1

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris
ABSTAIN:	None

15. Request for Approval of a Special Use Permit with AT&T at 1315 Madison Avenue.

During discussion, Mr. Rauch stated that part of the frustration with these permits is that there are a lot of them and they are constantly requesting them, and then asked Mr. Gunter, what is the reason for them all? Mr. Gunter answered that in this case the carrier wishes to modify the equipment on the tower and the city is looking at it from a safety standpoint of whether it would be safe to allow them to modify the equipment? Mr. Rauch then asked if they already had a special use permit. Mr. Gunter answered yes and that this was just to modify the equipment on the existing tower. Mr. Rauch then asked if the tower was too close to residential areas and that is why it needed a special use permit. Mr. Gunter answered no, and that any time that company wants to modify the equipment on the tower it has to be reviewed by the city and the city's consultant looks at them very closely and provides a recommendation to the city council for approval. Mr. Gunter stated that in this case, the city's consultant had recommended approval of the special use permit. Mr. Rauch agreed, and then stated that he doesn't like it when people are talking about the city being unsafe with this in the permitting and the whole process, because it actually is safe and is done routinely. Ms. Norris stated that she was glad that Mr. Gunter clarified this as a safety issue and they definitely want to make sure that they keep the city safe. Ms. Norris then stated that on the previous vote, in regard to the tower, safety and to give a voice to the citizens who overwhelmingly came forward and stated they did not want the tower, was her purpose for voting nay. Mr. Rauch then made a point of order, and stated that this discussion was not germane to the current item. President Smith recognized the point of order, and Ms. Norris stated she would continue her discussion about the current item. Ms. Norris again stated that she was glad Mr. Gunter did verify and confirm that this special use permit is in regards to safety, as she also wanted to make sure the community knows that safety is their top priority for the citizens of Opelika.

RESOLUTION NO. 350-22
MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja

SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

16. Request for Approval of a Special Use Permit with Verizon Wireless at 10 Veterans Parkway.

<u>RESOLUTION NO. 351-22</u>
MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

17. Weed Abatement Assessment - 915 York Avenue.

<u>RESOLUTION NO. 352-22</u>
MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

18. Annual Appropriation Contract FY2023 with Arts Association of East Alabama - (Tabled).

President Smith asked if there was a motion to remove the item from the table. Mr. Allen made a motion to remove the item from the table. Mr. Aja seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded:

MOTION TO REMOVE ITEM FROM THE TABLE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

President Smith then asked if there was a motion to approve the item. Mr. Rauch made a motion to approve. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. President Smith asked if there was any discussion.

During discussion, Ms. Norris asked if there were issues with this particular contract. Mr. Aja answered that there was a meeting with the leadership of the Arts Association, President Smith, and himself scheduled for next Tuesday to get some background information on operations, governance, and to just have a discussion with them about this. Mr. Aja then stated he would like to make a motion to table the agenda item again until that discussion had taken place. Ms. Norris then asked if they were voting to approve the contract prior to the discussion. Mr. Aja answered no, he would like to move to table this item again. President Smith then asked if there was any further discussion before they entertained a motion to table the item again. Ms. Norris then asked if they would be providing the rest of the council with an update on the outcome of the meeting. Mr. Aja answered yes. Mr. Aja then made a motion to table the agenda item. Ms. Norris seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded:

MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

19. Annual Appropriation Contract FY2023 with Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Lee County.

RESOLUTION NO. 353-22

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

20. Annual Appropriation Contract FY2023 with East Alabama Healthcare Authority - EMS.

RESOLUTION NO. 354-22

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

21. Annual Appropriation Contract FY2023 with Opelika Theater Company.

During discussion, Mr. Rauch thanked Libby and Marty of the Opelika Theater Company for what they do in the community, and stated he has personally seen the growth that has happened and he appreciates it.

RESOLUTION NO. 355-22

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

22. Special Appropriation to Envision Opelika / Worthy Squared.

RESOLUTION NO. 356-22

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

14. ORDINANCES

President Smith asked Mr. Gunter to present the ordinances.

1. Amend Zoning Ordinance & Map: 1531 and 1617 1st Avenue, 8.928 Acres, from M-1 to PUD - 2nd Reading.

MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

2. Setting Date of Special School Tax Election on 02-28-23 - 1st Reading.

FIRST READING: INTRODUCED

President Smith asked for a member of the council to introduce the ordinance. Ms. Norris introduced the ordinance.

President Smith then asked if there was a motion to suspend the rules to have a second reading. Mr. Allen made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Aja seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded:

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

President Smith then asked if there was a motion to approve the ordinance at second reading. Mr. Allen made a motion to approve. Mr. Aja seconded the motion. President Smith asked if there was any discussion.
During discussion, Mr. Aja asked if this would be the first time that the new voting locations since redistricting would be used. Mr. Jones answered yes. President Smith then stated the redistricting for the municipal election does not affect the state and national elections, and there were several people that were confused during the national election two weeks prior and that was a good point, and then thanked Mr. Aja for bringing that up.
The following vote was recorded:
ORDINANCE NO. 031-22
SECOND READING AND APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

15. APPOINTMENTS

16. ADJOURN

The City Council meeting minutes of November 15, 2022 are hereby adopted and approved this the 6th day of December, 2022.

/s/ Eddie Smith

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President of City Council
City of Opelika, Alabama

ATTEST:
/s/ Russell A. Jones, CMC

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City Clerk

1. Character Trait of the Month - Gratitude, the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

President Smith asked if there was any further business to be brought before the council. Ms. Norris asked if President Smith would consider adding a section to the agenda for council communication to allow for council members to respond to citizens' communication and to also provide ward updates and information to citizens during the meetings. President Smith then read the character trait of the month and asked for a motion to adjourn.

2. Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

The council meeting ended at 06:54 pm.