



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

300 Martin Luther King Blvd.

March 7, 2023

TIME: 12:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Smith called the council meeting to order at 12:00 pm and asked Mr. Jones to call the roll.

2. ROLL CALL

The Mayor, President Smith, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Rauch were present. Ms. Norris and Mr. Aja were absent.

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

Mr. Jones stated that Mr. Aja had petitioned the council to allow him to participate by electronic means per City Code of Ordinances Section 2-161.1, due to an illness, with approval.

**MOTION TO APPROVE MR. AJA'S PARTICIPATION BY
ELECTRONIC MEANS: UNANIMOUS**

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

SECONDER: Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen

AYES: Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. RESOLUTIONS

President Smith asked Mr. Gunter to present the resolutions.

1. Canvassing 02-28-23 Special Election Results for the Renewal and Continuation of an 11 Mill Ad Valorem Tax for the Support and Futherance of Education in the City of Opelika.

Mr. Gunter stated the only item on the agenda was a resolution to approve the canvassing of the votes. President Smith then read each decision by the registrar and why the votes were to be or not be counted. President Smith then stated that the two votes allowed to be counted by the registrar were both in favor (for) of the renewal. Mr. Gunter then verified the total number of "for" and "against" votes, as well as the total number of votes cast to complete the resolution. President Smith then asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Allen made a motion to approve. Mr. Rauch seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded:

RESOLUTION NO. 041-23

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
AYES: Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

4. ADJOURN

The City Council called meeting minutes of March 7, 2023 are hereby adopted and approved this the 21st day of March, 2023.

/s/ Eddie Smith

President of City Council
City of Opelika, Alabama

ATTEST:

/s/ Russell A. Jones, CMC

City Clerk

1. Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: **Passed**
MOVER: Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
AYES: Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

The council meeting ended at 12:09 pm.