



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

300 Martin Luther King Blvd.

October 17, 2023

TIME: 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Smith called the council meeting to order at 06:05 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. Barnes provided the invocation.

1. Hamlet Barnes from Mustard Seed Faith Center.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Russell A. Jones, CMC - City Clerk.

5. READING OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from the 10-03-23 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. Allen 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. Reappoint John T. Pruitt to the Opelika Housing Authority. New Term expires 10-18-28.

Mayor Fuller announced the reappointment of John T. Pruitt to the Opelika Housing Authority.

2. September 2023 Monthly Building Report.
Mayor Fuller asked Mr. Motley to give the monthly building report and Mr. Motley did so.
3. Attaboy Award for Warren Warr.
Mayor Fuller invited William Stabler, Director of Environmental Services, and Warren Warr up front. Mayor Fuller recognized Mr. Warr for his work with Opelika Environmental Services and presented him with a token of appreciation. Mr. Stabler stated that they had been working hard on their customer service and Mr. Warr is a great example of that hard work.
4. Recognize Character Council Citizen of Excellent Character.
Mayor Fuller then invited Mr. Aja, members of the Character Council, and Dozier Smith T up front to be recognized as the October 2023 Citizen of Excellent Character. Mr. Aja spoke about why he chose Mr. Smith T for the award and how he exemplified the character trait of the month: integrity. Mayor Fuller then read the certificate and presented it to Mr. Smith T. Mr. Smith T stated that the best decision he ever made was to move back to Opelika, and there are so many others deserving of the award, but he was honored to be recognized.
5. Proclamation for Eradicating Period Poverty Day.
Mayor Fuller then invited President Pro-Tem Norris and members of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Mu Sigma Omega chapter, up front. Mayor Fuller then read the proclamation and presented it to them. The President of Mu Sigma Omega chapter spoke about the project they were given and their work in the community supporting the cause. President Pro-Tem Norris then presented them the check from the council's discretionary funds, that was approved at the previous meeting, supporting their cause.

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

Linburgh B. Jackson of 814 N. College Street, Auburn, Alabama spoke first. Mr. Jackson first gave some handouts to the Mayor and council and then stated that he was there representing Barbara Jones of 'Styles R Us Salon' for the same reason he spoke at the previous council meeting. Mr. Jackson thanked Mr. Allen and Ms. Norris for their interest in the situation. Mr. Jackson then stated that the first problem with the addition to the building was not the only problem on the property. Mr. Jackson detailed several problems that he believed were caused by the city and should be corrected by the city, including issues with storm water causing erosion and flooding on the property. Mr. Jackson closed by stating they have a problem, no one from the city had given them an answer, and that Mrs. Jones deserved to be treated fairly.

Bryan Newell, a candidate for the 3rd Congressional District of Alabama, spoke next. Mr. Newell gave some handouts to the Mayor and council and then spoke about why the citizens of the 3rd Congressional District of Alabama should choose him to represent them in Congress.

Marty Moore of Opelika Theatre Company spoke next. Ms. Moore first thanked everyone for their support of Opelika Theatre Company. Ms. Moore then spoke about the Penguin Project for children with special needs and explained how this project is a way for these children to participate in theatre. Ms. Moore asked if

everyone would please help spread the word about the Penguin Project as it is an outreach program that would benefit not only special-needs children in Opelika but in surrounding communities as well. Ms. Moore also stated these children would be putting on a production of "Annie" in March 2024 at Opelika Middle School. Ms. Moore then spoke about the importance of the C.A.S.T. (Creative Aging Senior Theatre) program for senior citizens in the community, and then closed by again thanking everyone for their support.

9. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

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

1. Request Alcohol License - Auburn Opelika Lodge 1834 BPO Elks of USA dba Auburn Opelika Elks Lodge 1834, Private Club Liquor License.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

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

2. Request Alcohol License - Sandalika 1971, Inc. dba MLK Food Market, Retail Wine and Retail Beer Off Premise License.

President Smith asked if there was a motion to remove the item from the agenda. Mr. Rauch made a motion to remove the item from the agenda. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the following vote was recorded:

MOTION TO REMOVE ITEM FROM AGENDA: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

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. Request Downtown Street Closure from Red Clay Brewing for Bike Night Event on 10-19-23.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 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

4. Request Downtown Street Closure for 3rd Annual Glow for Epilepsy Event on 11-05-23.

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

5. Request Downtown Street Closure from OPD/Kiwanis Club for a Chili and Grilled Cheese Cook-Off Event on 11-18-23.

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

6. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 1733 1st 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.
7. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 504 S. 4th Street.
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.
8. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 814 Donald 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.
9. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 601 Morris 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.

10. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 220 Vero Court.
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

13. RESOLUTIONS

President Smith asked Mr. Gunter to present the resolutions.

1. Expense Reports from Various Departments.

RESOLUTION NO. 289-23

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja

SECONDER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

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. Purchase - Approve 3-Year Agreement for GIS Mapping Software - IT.

RESOLUTION NO. 290-23

MOTION TO APPROVE: 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

3. Purchase - Approve Order Form from Placer Labs for Subscription for Services - IT.

RESOLUTION NO. 291-23

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

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 - Approve Order Form from Vantiq, Inc. for Real-Time Reporting Service Subscription - IT.

RESOLUTION NO. 292-23

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

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

5. Purchase - One (1) 2024 Ford F150 Responder Supercrew 4x4 Pickup - State of AL Contract #T191L - OPD.

RESOLUTION NO. 293-23

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

6. Purchase - Ammunition - State of AL Contract #MA230000004087 - OPD.

RESOLUTION NO. 294-23

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

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. Purchase - Twenty (20) Survival Paths, One (1) LIFEPAK 15 V4 Monitor/Defib Quick-Combo Kit and Annual Monitoring - Sole Source - OFD.

RESOLUTION NO. 295-23

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

8. Purchase - One (1) 2025 International HV607 SBA 4x2 Crew Cab Chassis - State of AL Contract #MA230000004247 - PW.

RESOLUTION NO. 296-23

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen

SECONDER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

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. Purchase - One (1) PB Loader Model BC-4 Asphalt Patcher - Sourewell Contract #080521-PBL - PW.

RESOLUTION NO. 297-23

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

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

10. Purchase - GameTime Playground Equipment for Shady Park - Omnia Contract #2017001134 - P&R.

RESOLUTION NO. 298-23

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

11. Purchase - GameTime Playground Equipment for Floral Park - Omnia Partners Contract #2017001134 - P&R.

RESOLUTION NO. 299-23

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

12. Approve Change Order #1 for Columbus Pkwy North Access Road - ENG.
RESOLUTION NO. 300-23
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
13. Approve Lease and Service Agreement with Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc - OFD.
RESOLUTION NO. 301-23
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
14. Denial of Application for Package Store at 1405-A Geneva Street - REV.
RESOLUTION NO. 302-23
MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS
RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
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
15. Denial of Application for Package Store at 1460 #2 Gateway Drive - REV.
RESOLUTION NO. 303-23
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
16. Weed Abatement Assessment - 1733 1st Avenue.
RESOLUTION NO. 304-23
MOTION TO APPROVE: 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

17. Weed Abatement Assessment - 504 S. 4th Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 305-23

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

18. Weed Abatement Assessment - 814 Donald Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 306-23

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

19. Weed Abatement Assessment - 601 Morris Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 307-23

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: **Passed**
MOVER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
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

20. Weed Abatement Assessment - 220 Vero Court.

RESOLUTION NO. 308-23

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: **Passed**
MOVER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
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 FY2024 with Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

RESOLUTION NO. 309-23

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
SECONDER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
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. Annual Appropriation Contract FY2024 with ARC of the Chattahoochee Valley, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 310-23

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
SECONDER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
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

23. Annual Appropriation Contract FY2024 with Arts Association of East Alabama. President Smith asked if there was a motion to table the agenda item. Mr. Aja made a motion to table the agenda item. Ms. Norris seconded the motion. There was no discussion and 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

24. Annual Appropriation Contract FY2024 with Christian Care Ministries.

RESOLUTION NO. 311-23

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

25. Annual Appropriation Contract FY2024 with East Alabama Services for the Elderly.

RESOLUTION NO. 312-23

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
SECONDER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
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

26. Annual Appropriation Contract FY2024 with Food Bank of East Alabama.

RESOLUTION NO. 313-23

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

27. Annual Appropriation Contract FY2024 with Museum of East Alabama.

RESOLUTION NO. 314-23

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

28. Annual Appropriation Contract FY2024 with One Voice Shelter Coalition.

RESOLUTION NO. 315-23

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
SECONDER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

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

29. Annual Appropriation Contract FY2024 with Opelika Chamber of Commerce.

RESOLUTION NO. 316-23

MOTION TO APPROVE: 4 TO 0

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
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

30. Annual Appropriation Contract FY2024 with Opelika Downtown Redevelopment Authority.

RESOLUTION NO. 317-23

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

31. Annual Appropriation Contract FY2024 with Opelika Theatre Company.
During discussion, Mr. Allen stated there were members of the theatre company present, he was also a member so he would not be voting, but wanted them to know that was why he wouldn't be voting.

RESOLUTION NO. 318-23

MOTION TO APPROVE: 4 TO 0

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

32. Annual Appropriation Contract FY2024 with Storybook Farm.

RESOLUTION NO. 319-23

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

33. Denial of Application for Alcohol License at 503 MLK Blvd.

RESOLUTION NO. 320-23

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: 3400 block Anderson Road, 197 Acres, from R-3 to PUD - 2nd Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 028-23

SECOND READING AND APPROVED: 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

2. Approve Leasing a Portion of 1103 Glenn St. to Lee-Russell Council of Governments for Senior Center - 2nd Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 029-23

SECOND READING AND APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: **Passed**
MOVER: Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
SECONDER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
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. Eliminate the Railroad Grade Crossing at Edwards Road - 2nd Reading.
During discussion, Mr. Aja thanked the citizens that spoke out about the impact of the potential closure. Mr. Aja stated that he looked at it from a cost/benefit

perspective and he heard a lot of cost and not a single benefit for the potential closure. Mr. Aja closed by stating that he was fascinated by the history of the area from the citizens who live there and he appreciated that as it was very educational.

**SECOND READING AND MOTION TO APPROVE: DENIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

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

4. Reschedule the 2nd Regular Meeting of the City Council for November 2023 - 1st Reading.

FIRST READING: INTRODUCED

President Smith asked for a member of the council to introduce the ordinance. Mr. Allen introduced the ordinance.

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

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES: 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 ordinance at second reading. Mr. Rauch made a motion to approve. Ms. Norris seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the following vote was recorded:

ORDINANCE NO. 030-23

SECOND READING AND APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
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

16. ADJOURN

The City Council meeting minutes of October 17, 2023 are hereby adopted and approved this the 7th day of November, 2023.

/s/ Eddie Smith

President of City Council
City of Opelika, Alabama

ATTEST:

/s/ Russell A. Jones, CMC

City Clerk

1. Character Trait of the Month - Integrity, the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness.
President Smith asked if there was any other business to come before the council, 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: 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

The council meeting ended at 07:01 pm.