



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

300 Martin Luther King Blvd.

December 5, 2023

TIME: 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Smith called the council meeting to order at 06:00 pm and asked Mr. Jones to call the roll.

2. ROLL CALL

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

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

3. INVOCATION

Mr. Shelton provided the invocation.

1. J. Logan Shelton from Providence Presbyterian Church.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kennedy and Asher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Kennedy Edwards and Asher Franklin from Morris Avenue Intermediate School.

5. READING OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from the 11-14-23 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. Allen 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

8. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS (Limit comments to five minutes or less)
None.

9. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

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

1. Public Hearing - Project Development Agreement with Miele Manufacturing, Inc.

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 development agreement. No one came forward to speak. President Smith closed the public hearing.

2. Public Hearing - Amend Zoning Ordinance & Map: 3500 block Waverly Parkway, 14.22 Acres, from R-5 to C2, GC-P.

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 rezoning. 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. One (1) 2023 Chevy Silverado 1500 Truck - FD.

RESOLUTION NO. 353-23

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Traffic Signal Installation at SR51 at Gateway Drive - ENG.

RESOLUTION NO. 354-23

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

13. RESOLUTIONS

President Smith asked Mr. Gunter to present the resolutions.

1. Expense Reports from Various Departments.

RESOLUTION NO. 355-23

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Designate City Personal Property Surplus and Authorize Disposal.

RESOLUTION NO. 356-23

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Purchase - Approve Agreements with AVENU Insights & Analytics, LLC - REV.

RESOLUTION NO. 357-23

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Purchase - Approve Google Workspace Enterprise Agreement with CDW-Government - IT.

RESOLUTION NO. 358-23

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
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

5. Purchase - One (1) Altec AT40-G with Chassis and Unit Body - Sourcewell Contract #062320-ALT - OPS.

RESOLUTION NO. 359-23

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
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

6. Accept Grant from the Daniel Foundation of Alabama.

RESOLUTION NO. 360-23

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
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

7. Amend CDBG PY2022 Action Plan - CD.

RESOLUTION NO. 361-23

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
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

8. Approve Certain Tax Abatements and Exemptions for Golden State Foods Corp. - ED.

RESOLUTION NO. 362-23

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
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

9. Approve Project Development Agreement with Miele Manufacturing, Inc. - ED.

RESOLUTION NO. 363-23

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
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

10. Approve Employment Contract with John Sweatman - ED.

RESOLUTION NO. 364-23

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
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

11. Approve Agreement with NRC, Inc. for Aborist Services - PLAN.

RESOLUTION NO. 365-23

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
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

12. Approve MOU with Gulf Coast Gunbusters - OPD.

RESOLUTION NO. 366-23

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

13. Establish Compensation of Presiding Municipal Judge, Municipal Judge, Assistant City Prosecutors, and Public Defender.

RESOLUTION NO. 367-23

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

14. Annual Appropriation Contract FY2024 with Arts Association of East Alabama - (Tabled).

Mr. Gunter explained that the item was on the table, and without a motion to remove it from the table, it would remain there. President Smith stated that hopefully this would be resolved by the next council meeting. No motion was given.

14. **ORDINANCES**

President Smith asked Mr. Gunter to present the ordinances.

1. Amend Section 2-162 of the City Code of Ordinances: Relating to Order of Business and Citizen Communications - 1st Reading.

FIRST READING: INTRODUCED

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

2. Amend Zoning Ordinance & Map: 3500 block Waverly Parkway, 14.22 Acres, from R-5 to C-2, GC-P - 1st Reading.

FIRST READING: INTRODUCED

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

15. **APPOINTMENTS**

16. **ADJOURN**

The City Council meeting minutes of December 5, 2023 are hereby adopted and approved this the 19th day of December, 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 - Compassion, sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others.

President Smith asked if there was any other business to come before the council, read the character trait of the month, and then 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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The council meeting ended at 06:17 pm.