



## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**300 Martin Luther King Blvd.**

**December 17, 2024**

**TIME: 6:00 PM**

**1. A CALL TO ORDER**

President Smith called the council meeting to order at 06:01 pm and asked Mr. Jones to call the roll.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

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

**3. INVOCATION**

Mr. Fryer provided the invocation.

1. Jarel Fryer from Greater Peace Baptist Church.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Elisa and Charles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Elisa Gulsby and Charles Hall from Northside Intermediate School.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

1. Minutes from the 12-03-24 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. MAYOR COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Fuller first thanked Ali Rauch and the Opelika Chamber for hosting Snopelika, and then thanked Leigh Krehling, Matt Battles, Rosanna McGinnis,

John Gwin, and the City Council for their help in lighting the Christmas Tree. Mayor Fuller then reminded everyone about the Victorian Front Porch tour, as well as the upcoming garbage schedule during Christmas week.

1. City's Financial Summary Reports for November 2024.  
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. November 2024 Monthly Building Report.  
Mayor Fuller asked Mr. Motley to give the monthly building report and Mr. Motley did so.
3. Recognize Character Council Citizen of Excellent Character.  
Mayor Fuller then asked Ward 1 Councilman George Allen, members of the Character Council, and Alexis Meniefield up front to be recognized as the December 2024 Citizen of Excellent Character. Mr. Allen spoke about why he chose Ms. Meniefield for the award and how she exemplified the character trait of the month: Generosity. Mayor Fuller then read the certificate and presented it to her.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Limit comments to 3 minutes or less)

9. AGENDA-RELATED PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit comments to 3 minutes or less)  
None.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

11. AWARDING OF BIDS

President Smith asked Ms. Finley to present the bids.

1. Five (5) 2025 Chevy Police Tahoes and Seven (7) 2025 Chevy LS Tahoes - OPD.  
**RESOLUTION NO. 356-24**

**MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS**

**RESULT: Passed**

**MOVER:** Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen

**SECONDER:** Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja

**AYES:** Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

12. RESOLUTIONS

President Smith asked Mr. Gunter to present the resolutions.

1. Expense Reports from Various Departments.

**RESOLUTION NO. 357-24**

**MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS**

**RESULT: Passed**

**MOVER:** Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen

**SECONDER:** Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja  
**AYES:** Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

2. Purchase - Police Equipment for (7) 2025 Chevy LS Tahoes - State of AL #MA230000004212 - OPD.

**RESOLUTION NO. 358-24**

**MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS**

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

3. Purchase - Cisco Routers and Hardware - Omnia Contr #2018011-01 - IT.

**RESOLUTION NO. 359-24**

**MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS**

**RESULT:** Passed  
**MOVER:** Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch  
**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:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

4. Purchase - Google Workspace Enterprise Plus - Omnia Contract #2018011-01 - IT.

**RESOLUTION NO. 360-24**

**MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS**

**RESULT:** Passed  
**MOVER:** Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch  
**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:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

5. Approve Agreement with Mark Foster Company for Promotional Testing & Assessment Services for OPD and OFD - HR.

**RESOLUTION NO. 361-24**

**MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS**

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

**ABSTAIN:** None

6. Approve ROW Encroachment License Agreement with Laurel Lakes HOA for Laurel Lakes Entrance Sign - PLAN.

**RESOLUTION NO. 362-24**

**MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS**

**RESULT:** Passed

**MOVER:** Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

**SECONDER:** Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja

**AYES:** Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

7. Annual Appropriation Contract FY2025 with Lee County Literacy Coalition.

**RESOLUTION NO. 363-24**

**MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS**

**RESULT:** Passed

**MOVER:** Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

**SECONDER:** Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja

**AYES:** Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

8. Special Appropriation to Envision Opelika / Worthy Squared.

**RESOLUTION NO. 364-24**

**MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS**

**RESULT:** Passed

**MOVER:** Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

**SECONDER:** Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja

**AYES:** Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

13. **ORDINANCES**

President Smith asked Mr. Gunter to present the ordinances.

1. Amend Zoning Ordinance & Map: 1001 1st Avenue, 10,890 square foot lot, from C-3, GC-S to C-1, GC-S - 2nd Reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 032-24**

**SECOND READING AND APPROVED: UNANIMOUS**

**RESULT:** Passed

**MOVER:** Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

**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:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

2. Approve Annexation Petition by Moore's Construction LLC, 6 Acres, 448 Lee Road 174 (Albright Road) - 2nd Reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 033-24**

**SECOND READING AND APPROVED: UNANIMOUS**

**RESULT:** Passed

**MOVER:** Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

**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:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

14. APPOINTMENTS

15. SECOND ROSTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit comments to 3 minutes or less)  
None.

16. ADJOURN

The City Council meeting minutes of December 17, 2024 are hereby adopted and approved this the 7th day of January, 2025.

/s/ Eddie Smith

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President of City Council  
City of Opelika, Alabama

ATTEST:

/s/ Russell A. Jones, MMC

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City Clerk

1. Character Trait of the Month - Generosity, the quality of being kind, understanding, and not selfish; the quality of being generous.  
President Smith read the character trait of the month and asked if there was any other business to come before the council. Mr. Aja asked to speak and thanked Kat James and the Victorian Front Porch Committee, and all the many other volunteers, for their hard work with the event and its success. President Smith then asked if there was a motion to adjourn.
2. Motion to Adjourn.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: UNANIMOUS**

**RESULT:** Passed

**MOVER:** Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

**SECONDER:** Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja

**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 06:20 pm.