



OPELIKA CITY COUNCIL
“ ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES “
300 Martin Luther King Blvd.
November 2, 2020
TIME: 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Russell Jones, City Clerk, called the City Council Organizational meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

The Mayor and all City Council members were present.

1. George Allen, Erica Norris, Robert Lofton, Eddie Smith, Todd Rauch

3. Invocation

Mr. Smith provided the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. General Business

1. Administer Oath of Office - Mayor Gary Fuller.

The Honorable Hal Smith, retired Probate Judge, administered the oath of office to Mayor Gary Fuller. Laura Fuller held the bible.

2. Administer Oath of Office - City Council Place Two - Erica Norris.

The Honorable Tenée Frazier, Assistant General Counsel of the Alabama League of Municipalities, administered the oath of office to Ms. Erica Baker Norris. Ms. Norris was joined by her family and her mother held the bible.

3. Administer Oath of Office - City Council Place Five - Todd Rauch.

The Honorable Brandon Hughes, Lee County District Attorney, administered the oath of office to Mr. Todd Rauch. Ali Rauch held the bible.

4. Administer Oath of Office - City Council Place One - George Allen.

The Honorable Guy Gunter, City Attorney, administered the oath of office to the remaining three City Council members, Mr. Allen, Dr. Lofton and Mr. Smith, at the same time.

5. Administer Oath of Office - City Council Place Three - Robert Lofton.

6. Administer Oath of Office - City Council Place Four - Eddie Smith.

7. Election of the City Council President.

Mr. Jones opened the nominations for City Council President. Mr. Rauch made the nomination of Eddie Smith. Dr. Lofton seconded the nomination. Mr. Jones, hearing no further nominations, closed the nominations for City Council President. Mr. Smith is hereby elected City Council President for the next four years. Mr. Jones then turned the meeting over to Mr. Smith.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Lofton, Council Member

SECONDER: Willie Allen, Council Member

AYES: Allen, Norris, Lofton, Smith, Rauch

8. Election of the City Council President pro-tempore.

President Smith opened the nominations for City Council President pro-tempore. Mr. Allen made the nomination of Erica Norris. Mr. Rauch seconded the nomination. Dr. Lofton made the motion to close the nominations and was seconded by Mr. Rauch.

The following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Mr. Allen, Ms. Norris, Dr. Lofton, Mr. Smith, Mr. Rauch

Nays: None.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Todd Rauch, Council Member
SECONDER: Willie Allen, Council Member
AYES: Allen, Norris, Lofton, Smith, Rauch

6. Remarks by the Mayor

Mayor Fuller thanked everyone for coming and congratulated the new council members and stated the city has a very bright future with this leadership in place.

7. Adjourn

The City Council meeting minutes of November 2, 2020 are hereby adopted and approved this the 17th day of November, 2020.

/s/ Eddie Smith

President of City Council
City of Opelika, Alabama

ATTEST:

/s/ Russell A. Jones

Russell A. Jones

City Clerk

1. Motion to Adjourn.

The organizational meeting ended at 6:17 pm.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Todd Rauch, Council Member
SECONDER: Willie Allen, Council Member
AYES: Allen, Norris, Lofton, Smith, Rauch