



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

300 Martin Luther King Blvd.

April 19, 2022

TIME: 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Smith called the council meeting to order at 07:07 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. Rector provided the invocation.

1. John Dale Rector from the Lee County Ministers Alliance.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Randolph led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Will Randolph, National Merit Scholarship Finalist, from Opelika High School.

5. READING OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from the 04-05-22 called 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. Aja made a motion to approve. Mr. Rauch 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.

2. Minutes from the 04-05-22 regular 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

1. City's Financial Summary Report for March 2022.
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. March 2022 Monthly Building Report.
Mayor Fuller asked Mr. Motley to give the monthly building report and Mr. Motley did so.
3. Proclamation on the Month of the Military Child 2022.
Mayor Fuller invited John Sweatman, Project Manager for Economic Development, Crystal Brown, Army Reserve Family Readiness Support Assistant, and Amber Beals, Army Reserve Family Programs Director, up front. Mayor Fuller read the proclamation and presented it to them.
4. Recognize Sgt. James Daniel as the Opelika Exchange Club Officer of the Year from OPD.
Mayor Fuller invited Police Chief Shane Healey, Captain Cook, Captain Amerson, Captain Miller, Captain Clifton, and Sergeant James Daniel up front. Mayor Fuller first read about Sergeant Daniels' nomination. Chief Healey then spoke about what an outstanding officer Sergeant Daniel is, how he is very deserving of this award, and then presented it to him. Sergeant Daniel then thanked his fellow officers and stated without them this would not have been accomplished. Mayor Fuller closed by also giving Sergeant Daniel a small token of appreciation.
5. Attaboy Awards - John Sweatman, Matt Mosley, and Scott Parker.
Mayor Fuller invited Lori Huguley, Director of Economic Development, and John Sweatman up front. Mayor Fuller first read the award nomination letter submitted by Ms. Huguley. Ms. Huguley then stated that is just one example and there are also many other examples of how Mr. Sweatman helps economic development as well. Mayor Fuller then presented Mr. Sweatman with the award, and asked that Mr. Sweatman's wife join in the photo. Mayor Fuller then invited Joey Motley, City Administrator, and Matt Mosley, Planning Director, up front. Mr. Motley read his nomination letter and Mayor Fuller presented Mr. Mosley with the award. Mayor Fuller then asked for Scott Parker, City Engineer, to join him and Mr. Motley up front. Mr. Motley read his nomination letter and Mayor Fuller presented him with the award.
6. Employee Service Awards.
Mayor Fuller invited each department head and their respective employees, that were present, up front and recognized each with their employee service award based on the number of years served.

8. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS (Limit comments to five minutes or less)
- Cassandra Allen of 1600 Toomer Street spoke first. Ms. Allen stated that she was there representing Southside Church of Christ and Bright Start Daycare. Ms. Allen stated that a branch of the creek that runs beside the daycare is causing the

land to erode, and it is getting closer and closer to the foundation where the children are and it is a safety hazard. Ms. Allen then stated that if the state comes to her daycare and the erosion is up to the foundation, they will close her business because of it. President Smith asked Mr. Motley if that was on his list to look at. Mr. Motley answered yes. President Smith thanked him.

Joyce Newland of 1708 Oak Bowery Road spoke next. Ms. Newland spoke about the Taylor Project, and asked if the article in the O-A News was correct in showing pictures of construction already on-going after the vote was tabled at the April 5 meeting to consider changes. Ms. Newland then asked if the citizen comments would be considered in the proposed changes, who is looking at the changes, and will a notice of discussion of the changes be made to the public in a timely manner. Ms. Newland closed by stating that in her previous remarks to the council, she stated that transparency is a key word in all of these discussions, and then reminded everyone of the character word of the month being truthfulness.

Oscar Penn of 18 Jeter Ave spoke next. Mr. Penn first applauded everyone that had a hand in the court forgiveness program put on by the city and all it has done for the community. Mr. Penn then thanked Chief Healey for his 25 years of service and leadership, Captain Amerson for giving them community liaisons through the Ambassadors for Change program, and also applauded Sergeant Daniel for his service and achievement.

John Andrew Harris of 311 East Avenue spoke next. Mr. Harris spoke about the ARPA / Cares money and asked for more clarity on how that money would be used by the city. Mr. Harris asked for an opportunity to dialogue, work together, and set aside time to talk about what to do with the money with the city. Mr. Harris stated that when Joe Biden set aside the money, it was supposed to go to the underserved community, and this community needs to understand how this money will be used by the city.

Janataka Holmes of 1012 Covenant Drive spoke next. Ms. Holmes stated she would like to thank the city in advance for their involvement with the Juneteenth Celebration and then extended an invitation to the city as a whole to celebrate the holiday together.

Johnny Ivey of 313 S. 2nd Street spoke next. Mr. Ivey spoke about the weed abatement process and the neglect of Darden/Jeter areas. Mr. Ivey stated that when it comes to keeping the area clean of weeds and vermin, the city chooses to only come by his neighborhood once a year to cut back. Mr. Ivey then stated there are other areas that the city keeps cut back, but in his area the city is not doing what it should be doing to keep this area cut back like the rest of the city. Mr. Ivey also stated the city has the money and equipment to keep this area cleaned up but will not do it. Mr. Ivey stated he would appreciate it if the city would be more conscious of how the city treats these areas going forward, and for them to try and keep all of Opelika beautiful and not just certain sections.

Billy Allen of 930 Redan Trace, Stone Mountain, Georgia spoke next. Mr. Allen spoke of his mother's house at 1110 West Street and property he owns in Opelika at 706 Grove Avenue. Mr. Allen stated he came in support of Mr. Ivey and other individuals that are having problems with what some might call an "urban forest" or "urban jungle" that has trash, rodents, and wild animals, and they are "eyesores" for the city because of not being maintained properly. Mr. Allen questioned whether or not the city has an ordinance to force these property owners to maintain their property like it should be, so they are presentable and safe for the neighborhoods in certain areas. Mr. Allen then stated that abandoned houses right next to these properties are maintained by a weed ordinance the city

has, but these other properties have nothing and he doesn't understand that. Mr. Allen stated that he is just a property owner trying to do the right thing but also wants everyone else to clean their properties, particularly in Wards 1 and 2. Tim Lowery of 3900 Cahaba Street spoke next. Mr. Lowery spoke about the intersection of Hwy 169 and Hwy 51, Marvyn Parkway, being horrible with bad wrecks there often. Mr. Lowery asked that the city look into what could be done about the intersection with a traffic signal or something.

9. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

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

1. Request for Downtown Juneteenth Celebration and March for Social Justice on 06-19-22.

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

2. Request from Opelika Main Street for "Grillin on the Tracks" Event on 08-20-22.

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. Request Alcohol License - Botanic LLC dba Botanic, Special Retail more than 30 Days 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

4. Public Hearing - Demolition - 3807 Heritage Place.

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 demolition. 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. Resolution Proclaiming April 17 - 23, 2022 as National Volunteer Week.

President Smith asked for a motion to move the agenda item up from number 13 in resolutions to number 1, in recognition of the time of the people there to receive the resolution. Ms. Norris made a motion to move the agenda item. Mr. Aja seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded:

MOTION TO MOVE AGENDA ITEM: 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

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

After the resolution was approved, Mr. Jones had all the council members sign the resolution and he attested. Ms. Norris then read the resolution and afterwards invited the group it was being presented to up front for a photo and presented the document to them.

2. Expense Reports from Various Departments.

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

3. Designate City Personal Property Surplus and Authorize Disposal.

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

4. Purchase - Turn Out Gear - HGACBuy Contract #EE08-19 - FD.

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

5. Approve the Use of ARPA SLFRF Funds Using the Standard Allowance - ADMIN.

President Smith asked if there was a motion to approve. Mr. Rauch made a motion to approve. Mr. Aja seconded the motion. President Smith asked if there was any discussion. Mr. Allen asked a question about the wording in the resolution tying the standard allowance with governmental services, and if that meant the money would only be able to be used for those specific items under the final rule, or can it be diversified for other uses as well. Mr. Gunter answered that it can be used for any of the four eligible categories, including providing government services to the extent of revenue lost, but it would be up to the council to determine how those funds are used. Mr. Allen asked Mr. Gunter to read the four eligible categories again. Mr. Gunter stated the four eligible categories are as follows: 1. Responding to the public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic. 2. Providing premium pay to essential workers. 3. Providing government services to the extent of revenue lost due to the pandemic. 4. Making necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. Mr. Rauch then asked if under the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) there were compliance standards and reporting guidance. Mr. Gunter answered yes. Mr. Rauch then stated that in the compliance standards and reporting guidance there is the final rule, which allows them to take a standard allowance or go through and basically audit what was lost. Mr. Gunter answered yes. Mr. Rauch then stated that under the final rule

compliance and reporting standards there are four limited categories, and then asked if they were to select this final rule, would that limit their options on what they could spend the money on. Mr. Gunter answered that the council would not be limiting its options whatsoever, and it's just stating that for reporting purposes the city is going to take the standard allowance. Mr. Gunter then compared it to filing your personal income tax returns and taking the standard deduction versus itemizing your deductions, and this would be like the council taking the standard allowance rather than itemizing all of its losses during the pandemic, and the council has to elect one or the other by the end of this month. President Smith stated that the administration would make a recommendation to the council about how to spend the funds and they would have a conversation in a work session. Mr. Allen then stated that his question was about why it is in the resolution about taking the standard allowance for government services, and why they could not omit government services. Mr. Gunter reminded the council that one of the eligible categories is for providing government services to the extent of revenue lost. Mr. Allen answered that is just one of the reasons, and why do they have to be tied to just that one? Mr. Rauch asked if money could be given to non-profits with this if they take the final rule. Mr. Gunter answered that the Attorney General has issued guidance that states sections 94 and 68 of the state constitution apply and the city has to comply with them. Mr. Gunter stated section 94 deals with providing funds to non-profits, individuals, households, businesses, and things of that nature in that there has to be some statutory authority for the city to spend the money in that way and it also must serve a "public purpose" and those criteria will apply to the spending of these funds. Mr. Rauch asked if they could give to any non-profit that was negatively impacted economically by COVID. Mr. Gunter answered that it would depend because they would be a subrecipient and the city would have to monitor and report on how they spent the funds. Mr. Rauch asked if they could give to non-profits that were negatively impacted economically by COVID with normal compliance standards, without the final rule. Mr. Gunter answered that the problem is not with the federal government, they are much broader on what you can spend the money on, like giving to individuals, non-profits, and households, but the problem is with state law because the Attorney General says you can only spend these funds if you are consistent with sections 94 and 68 of the state constitution. Mr. Gunter explained further that when the time comes to allocate the funds, the council must make sure on a case by case basis that both the federal and state compliance is met before allocating the funds. Mr. Rauch stated that his worry is that if this standard allowance is taken, the money may just go back into the general fund, be lost, and not spent on the community. Mr. Gunter answered that they cannot do that because they will have to segregate these funds, and they have to designate how the funds will be spent, and under what category that falls under. Mr. Rauch stated there are a lot of categories in the normal compliance standards and there are only four if they take the final rule. Mr. Gunter answered they could always take the money and apply it to general government services, or take it and mix and match all the different categories. Mr. Allen then stated that Mr. Rauch is asking if non-profits will fall under one of the four categories. Mr. Gunter answered that it would if it serves a public purpose and there is some statutory authority for giving to the non-profit. President Smith then stated that the original question Mr. Allen was asking, is under the third "Whereas" of the resolution, in the very last sentence, and that the term "governmental services" needs to be a little broader so that it can encompass all four opportunities to spend the money, and asked Mr. Allen if that was right. Mr. Allen answered

"right". Mr. Rauch asked what their options going forward would be if they did not vote for this. Mr. Gunter stated they could not claim the standard deduction, which would be a really bad decision. Mr. Rauch asked if that would mean they would be going to itemized. Mr. Motley and Mr. Gunter stated they could give the money back. Mr. Rauch answered that was not what he was saying. Mr. Rauch then asked if Mr. Gunter understood what they were asking by trying to make sure they were not segregating themselves into just the set of four rules they have to follow, rather than the standard compliance, which seems like a lot more. President Smith answered that Mr. Rauch was talking about two different things in that the standard allowance says that they are not going to itemize, and the expenditure side says you can spend it in one of the four places, and what they are doing tonight is saying they are going to take the standard allowance rather than itemize. President Smith then stated the two words that need to be addressed are "governmental services" and it should probably say "for allowed expenditures". Mr. Allen added "under government services". Mr. Gunter stated if they wanted to strike the whole sentence out, it wouldn't affect them actually taking the standard allowance. After some discussion about how the sentence should be amended, Mr. Jones reminded the council that Mr. Gunter stated they could strike the sentence as a whole and approve it as amended. President Smith asked if they needed a motion to amend the resolution. Mr. Jones stated they would need a motion to approve the resolution as amended. Before a motion was made, Ms. Norris asked for further discussion. Ms. Norris stated there were citizens that asked to sit down and have some input from the community, and asked President Smith if they would allow that. President Smith answered that they would have discussions about it based on what the city administration recommends, and how they will handle it from there, they would have to wait and see because they only have half the money so far. Ms. Norris again asked if they would allow community input. President Smith stated they would have discussions. Ms. Norris asked "With the community?". President Smith again answered that they would have discussions. Ms. Norris stated "You hear that community?". President Smith then stated to Ms. Norris "If that was intended to be some sort of slight on my response to you, Ms. Norris, I said we would have discussions. Discussions is a wide-open category and I did not say we would not have discussions with anyone, so let's get that perfectly clear?". Ms. Norris stated "I just wanted to, because it's a fairly simple question", when President Smith asked for an amendment to the resolution. Ms. Norris stated "Excuse me President Smith, we're having discussion?". President Smith answered "No. We're fixing to stop discussion.". Ms. Norris asked President Smith if he was not allowing her and giving her the right to have a response to the subject at hand, which she was allowed to have, she was on topic, and she was discussing what had been presented. President Smith answered "Finish Please.". Ms. Norris then stated the community has spoken tonight about wanting to have input on this particular item, so her question is, "Are you going to allow the community to have input in regards to how these funds are going be expensed?". President Smith answered "We are going to have discussions. We are representatives of the wards that are elected. We can either have a discussion amongst us. We can have individual discussions in our wards. Or we can have a public debate. We will decide that as we get closer to having the money to spend. We don't have the money.". Ms. Norris stated they have 3.2 million dollars and asked Mr. Gunter if that was correct. Mr. Gunter answered yes they have received one half of the funds. President Smith asked Mr. Gunter if there is a second tranche that is coming. Mr. Gunter answered yes, it would be coming this summer. Ms. Norris

closed by stating "Again, you hear that community. Thank you President Smith.". President Smith then asked if there was a motion to approve the resolution as amended. Mr. Allen made a motion to approve as amended. Mr. Rauch seconded the motion. President Smith asked if there was further discussion. Having none, President Smith asked Mr. Jones to call the roll and the following vote was recorded:

MOTION TO APPROVE AS AMENDED: 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

6. Approve Letter of Intent for Auburn University Regional Airport - ADMIN.

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

7. Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Opelika Chamber of Commerce - ADMIN.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 4 TO 0

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: Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

8. Approve Amending Job Classifications, the City Pay Plan, and Approving New Positions - HR.

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

9. Approve Contract with Chubb Insurance Co. for Career Firefighter Cancer Insurance - HR.

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

10. Approve Professional Service Agreement for an Industrial Access Roadway design for Project Core (Niagara) - ENG.

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

11. Approve the Vacation and Abandonment of a Sanitary Sewer Easement.

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

12. Demolition - 3807 Heritage Place.

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

13. Proposal from Hosey-Lancour Construction, LLC for Renovations to Southside Center for the Arts.

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

14. ORDINANCES

President Smith asked Mr. Gunter to present the ordinances.

1. Amend the Code of Ordinances by Changing the Time of the Regular Meetings and Work Sessions of the City Council - 1st Reading.

FIRST READING: INTRODUCED

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

2. Approve Annexation Petition by William B. Lowe, Jr. and Mary Susan Haines - 31 Acres, Lafayette Pkwy - 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

President Smith presented the appointments.

1. Reappoint Mac Morris to the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority Election Committee.

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

16. ADJOURN

The City Council meeting minutes of April 19, 2022 are hereby adopted and approved this the 3rd day of May, 2022.

/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 - Truthfulness, the fact of being true; truth.
President Smith read the character trait of the month and Mr. Jones played a short video about the character trait of the month. After the video finished, President Smith asked if there was any other business to come before the council.

2. Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 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

The council meeting ended at 08:37 pm.