



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

300 Martin Luther King Blvd.

August 16, 2022

TIME: 6:00 PM

1. 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

The Mayor and all City Council members were present.

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

3. INVOCATION

Mr. Tippet provided the invocation.

1. Tom Tippet from Christian Care Ministries.

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 08-02-22 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. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

1. Mayor's Nominations for Historic Preservation Commission Appointments.

Mayor Fuller nominated Mark Gatlin to be appointed and Mark Grantham to be reappointed to the Historic Preservation Commission.

2. City's Financial Summary Report for July 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.

3. July 2022 Monthly Building Report.

Mayor Fuller asked Mr. Motley to give the monthly building report and Mr. Motley did so.

4. Recognize the new 20 Under Forty Class for 2022 - 2023.

Mayor Fuller asked Rosanna McGinnis, Chair of the 20 Under Forty board, and Ali Rauch, President and CEO of the Opelika Chamber of Commerce, to come up front. Mayor Fuller then called each member of the 2022-2023 20 Under Forty class up front to be recognized. After all members of the class were recognized, Ms. Rauch and Ms. McGinnis explained the purpose of the program and how excited they were to see what the class achieves this year and in the future for the city.

5. Recognize Officer Grant Gow (Life-Saving Award) and Officer Christopher Fisher (Meritorious Service Award).

Mayor Fuller then invited Opelika Police Chief Shane Healey, Captain Rob Cook, Lieutenant Ben Blackburn, and Sergeant Whaley up front. Mayor Fuller then read the life-saving award to Officer Gow and Chief Healey and Lieutenant Blackburn presented the award to him, mentioning this is not the first time Officer Gow has received this award, and how he is one of their best officers. Mayor Fuller then read the meritorious service award to Officer Fisher and Chief Healey and Sergeant Whaley presented the award to him, mentioning how Officer Fisher quickly identified the situation and recalled his training to assess the situation correctly and help a citizen in need. Chief Healey then closed by asking everyone to come out and support the Police Department on Saturday at the Summer in the Park event at Municipal Park and buy hamburgers from them, not the Fire Department, to support United Way of Lee County.

6. Proclamation for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Day on 08-18-22.

Mayor Fuller then invited Pam Norris, President of the Mu Sigma Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, up front. Ms. Norris stated this was the 43rd anniversary of their local chapter in Opelika, they would be celebrating throughout the weekend, and then Mayor Fuller invited the rest of the sorority sisters and charter members up front to be recognized as well. Mayor Fuller then read the proclamation and presented it to them.

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

Terry Fulks of 756 E. Towne Lake Parkway spoke first. Mr. Fulks stated concerns about the completion of the N. Uniroyal Road Bridge that has been under construction for at least nine months. Mr. Fulks also stated that he is concerned for people's safety due to exposed steel beams and citizens walking across them, and beer cans and trash around the construction area where it could be people hanging out there or it's the people working there leaving the trash. Mr. Fulks then stated that citizens often go by there and it seems like there is no work being done there more often than not, and asked for a realistic

update on the project. President Smith asked Scott Parker, City Engineer, to speak with Mr. Fulks and bring him up to date on the project. Mr. Parker answered "sure".

Arleen Oost-Zinner of 1703 Jollit Avenue spoke next. Ms. Oost-Zinner spoke about the west-side neighborhood she lives in, stating there is only one way in and one way out and the neighbors all look out for each other. Ms. Oost-Zinner then stated she was there to speak about the redistricting plan, and her preference was for the NAACP version of the map as it relates to crime prevention and safety, because she believes her neighborhood has a lot more in common with Ward 3 than Ward 1 in that regard. Ms. Oost-Zinner also stated that the NAACP map sticks more closely to the one person one vote guideline because of the lower standard deviation number it presents. Ms. Oost-Zinner then mentioned the preservation of core districts as it relates to maintaining districts as previously drawn as another reason she prefers the NAACP map, as it would leave her neighborhood in Ward 3. Ms. Oost-Zinner closed by stating she doesn't believe there should be a change because it's worked well this way in the past, why change what's not broken, and the NAACP map keeps them where they are.

Evelyn Mickle of 1003 Glenn Street spoke next. Ms. Mickle first passed out some photos to the council of the intersection at 10th Street and Columbus Parkway, and then asked why the city was not mowing the grass there because the library is mowing up to the tree line but not all the way to the road. Ms. Mickle then stated that a property across the street from where the new apartments are going has grass grown up as high as your hip as well as broken limbs hanging over the sidewalk, which is a danger and should be taken care of by the city. Ms. Mickle closed by stating she feels like the north side gets all the good stuff and the south side doesn't, why the proposed new apartments are going to be only two blocks from downtown but not look anything like the buildings that are already downtown, and the sidewalks down her street were supposed to be fixed but have not yet.

9. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

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

1. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 3307 Arnold 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.

12. AWARDING OF BIDS

President Smith asked Mr. Lanorris Jones to present the bids.

1. Diesel Tractor - P&R.

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

2. LED Streetlights - OPS.

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. Custodial Services at Power Services - OPS.

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. Temporary Personnel - HR.

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. City-Wide ADA Roadway Improvements Project - ENG.

President Smith asked Mr. Motley to present the bid as Mr. Parker had left to speak to a citizen and had not returned yet. Mr. Motley then presented the bid.

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. RESOLUTIONS

President Smith asked Mr. Gunter to present the resolutions.

1. Expense Reports for Various Departments.

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

2. Designate City Personal Property Surplus and Authorize Disposal.

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

3. Approve Amending the Organizational Charts and Pay Grades for Multiple Departments - HR.

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. Approve Employment Contract with Terry White.

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

5. Approve Quote from CDW Government, LLC for Samsara IoT Data Services - IT.

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

6. Request for Approval of a Special Use Permit with Dish Wireless at 1981 Airport Road.

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

7. Request for Approval of a Special Use Permit with Dish Wireless at 2002 Steel Street.

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

8. Weed Abatement Assessment - 3307 Arnold Avenue.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 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

9. Approve Financing Agreement for New 6th Grade School - OCS.
Mr. Jones presented a resolution to the council. President Smith then asked for a motion to add the item presented as a resolution to the agenda. Mr. Aja made a motion to add the item. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded:

MOTION TO ADD ITEM TO THE AGENDA: 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

President Smith then asked for a motion to approve the agenda item as presented. Mr. Rauch made a motion to approve. Mr. Aja seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded:

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

14. ORDINANCES

President Smith asked Mr. Gunter to present the ordinances.

1. Approve and Adopt a Plan for Redistricting the Council Districts of the City of Opelika - 2nd Reading - (Tabled).

President Smith asked if there was a motion to remove the item from the table. Mr. Rauch made a motion to remove the item from the table. There was no second. President Smith then stated, hearing no second, the item would remain on the table.

2. Amend Zoning Ordinance & Map: 3373 Society Hill Road, 3.14 Acres, from R-1 to C-2, GC-P - 2nd Reading.

SECOND READING AND APPROVED: 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. Amend Zoning Ordinance & Map: 2900 block Society Hill Road, 40 Acres, from R-1 & C-2 to C-2 - 2nd Reading.

SECOND READING AND APPROVED: 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. Amend the City Code of Ordinances: Section 14-318, Revoking Business License - 2nd Reading.

SECOND READING AND APPROVED: 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. Amend the City Code of Ordinances: Sections 10-35 and 10-58, Solid Waste Disposal - 1st Reading.

FIRST READING: INTRODUCED

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

6. Amend the City of Opelika Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual - 1st Reading.

FIRST READING: INTRODUCED

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

7. Lease Agreement with Envision Opelika Foundation, Inc. - 1st Reading.

FIRST READING: INTRODUCED

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

15. **APPOINTMENTS**

President Smith presented the appointments.

1. Appoint Mark Gatlin to the Historic Preservation Commission. New Term expires 08-19-2025.

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

2. Reappoint Mark Grantham to the Historic Preservation Commission. New Term expires 08-19-2025.

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

16. ADJOURN

The City Council meeting minutes of August 16, 2022 are hereby adopted and approved this the 6th day of September, 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 - Commitment, the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc.
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, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

The council meeting ended at 06:55 pm.