



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

300 Martin Luther King Blvd.

September 6, 2022

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

The Mayor and all City Council members were present.

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

3. INVOCATION

Mr. White provided the invocation.

1. Bill White from First Presbyterian Church Opelika.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Anne Daniel and Armani led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Anne Daniel Fulford and Armani Xaysombath from Jeter Primary School.

5. READING OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from the 08-16-22 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. Allen 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. Proclamation for September 2022 as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Mayor Fuller invited Alicia Hegwood, Lane Hegwood, and Bethany Hegwood up front. Mayor Fuller read the proclamation and presented it to them. Alicia Hegwood then spoke about several families, that are from Opelika, that are at Children's Hospital in Birmingham, how difficult that can be for those families, and how they are trying to raise awareness in the community to support these families and what they are going through.

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

Billy Allen of 930 Redan Trace, Stone Mountain, Georgia spoke first. Mr. Allen thanked the Mayor and the Council for all they have done with the redistricting process in Opelika.

Deborah Bedell of 1838 Wildwood Drive spoke next. Ms. Bedell stated that she was there to speak on behalf of John Andrew Harris and read a statement from Mr. Harris. Mr. Harris' statement thanked the council for taking their time with the redistricting process and for listening to the citizens of Opelika. Mr. Harris' statement also requested the council take the amendments to the Mayor's map, presented by the NAACP, into consideration as a sign of good faith and compromise that will best serve the city. Mr. Harris' statement then stated that the amendments presented have been verified as legal by the city attorney and planning department, and again requested the adoption of the amendments presented by the NAACP to the Mayor's map.

Arleen Oost-Zinner of 1703 Jollit Avenue spoke next. Ms. Oost-Zinner stated she was there on behalf of herself and the many residents of the west-side neighborhood currently in Ward 3. Ms. Oost-Zinner then stated that since the last city council meeting on August 16, 2022, she had been to every house in the subdivision and spoken to a large sampling of people who live there about the redistricting options presented by both the Mayor and NAACP. Ms. Oost-Zinner stated that the overwhelming take-away is that the people of the neighborhood do not want to move from Ward 3 into Ward 1 due to concerns about safety, property values, and a change in voting location. Ms. Oost-Zinner also stated that the Mayor's map is very good, but the NAACP amendment makes it even better, and then asked the residents of the neighborhood that were present at the meeting, and in support of the NAACP map, to stand and have a show of hands. Ms. Oost-Zinner then closed by thanking the council for their patience and hard work throughout the process.

Bobby Yeo of 401 N. 3rd Street spoke next. Ms. Yeo stated that she attended the Ward 3 workshop to discuss redistricting, reviewed the NAACP map amendment, and then voiced her support for the amendment. Ms. Yeo closed by asking the council to consider the amendment, and then thanked them for patience and for listening to their requests to consider it.

Robert Mull, Jr. of 1611 Jollit Avenue spoke next. Mr. Mull stated that he was a resident of the west-side neighborhood and there are a lot of younger people that live there and that are moving into the neighborhood. Mr. Mull then stated it would be simpler to keep their voting location the same as it has always been, and also stated concerns about moving the voting location of the neighborhood due to the extra cost of gasoline being used to get to the other proposed voting location in the Mayor's map. Mr. Mull closed by stating the NAACP map is an improvement to the Mayor's map, and then requested the council consider it because it will leave the Westside neighborhood in Ward 3.

Evelyn Mickle of 1003 Glenn Street spoke last. Ms. Mickle stated that she would like to remind everyone that we are a community, but some of that hometown feel has been lost due to the new buildings being built that do not fit in with what Opelika should look like. Ms. Mickle also stated there are many more people, including children, walking around the area of the library but there are no crosswalks across Columbus Parkway or Glenn Street and asked for the city to consider that. Ms. Mickle closed by thanking the city for cutting the grass as she requested at the last meeting.

9. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

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

1. Request from Opelika Chamber of Commerce for 1st Avenue Concert on 09-15-22.

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. Request for Annual Life Chain Event on 10-09-22.

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

3. Request Temporary Street Closure for Heritage House Event on 10-29-22.

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

4. Request from Opelika Chamber of Commerce for the Annual Christmas Parade, Snopelika, and Tree Lighting on 12-02-22.

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. Request for 2022 Collinwood Christmas Luminaries on 12-09-22.

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

6. Request Alcohol License - Allstate Beverage Company LLC dba Allstate Beverage Company, Beer and Wine Wholesale 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

7. Request Alcohol License - Botanic LLC dba Botanic, Restaurant Retail Liquor, Retail Beer On Premise, and Wine Off Premise License.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja

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

8. Request Alcohol License - Gallegos Hernandez LLC dba Viva La Vida Mexican Cuisine, Restaurant Retail Liquor and Retail Beer On Premise 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

9. Request Alcohol License - YKY Southern Restaurant Group Auburn LLC dba The Flying Biscuit Cafe, Restaurant Retail Liquor and Retail Beer On Premise License.

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

10. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 815 1st 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.

11. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 411 S. 4th Street.

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. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 308 Brannon 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.

13. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 302 Hall 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.

14. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 1109 Magnolia Street.

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.

15. Public Hearing - Amend Zoning Ordinance & Map: Robert Trent Jones Trail, 2.6 Acres, from I-1 to PUD.

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.

16. Public Hearing - Amend Zoning Ordinance & Map: Sportsplex Parkway, 154 Acres, from R-3 to PUD.

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. Opelika Fire Station #5 - FD.

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

13. RESOLUTIONS

President Smith asked Mr. Gunter to present the resolutions.

1. Expense Reports from Various Departments.

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

2. Designate City Personal Property Surplus and Authorize Disposal.

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

3. Purchase - Sports Lighting for the Covington Baseball Field - Sourcewell contract #071619-MSL - P&R.

During discussion, Mr. Allen asked if there was a particular reason why they are upgrading the lighting there. Mr. Motley answered that when they looked at repairing what was existing, it was not repairable so they are replacing it to match other lighting the city has in case it does need future repair.

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

4. Purchase - AstroTurf for Floral Park - Sourcewell contract #060518-FTU - P&R.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja

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

5. Approve City Budget for FY 2023.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 4 TO 1

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: Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris

ABSTAIN: None

6. Approve Extension of Tax Abatement of Sales and Use Tax for Golden State Foods - ED.

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

7. Approve Services Agreement with Motorola Solutions Inc. - PD.

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. Authorize Annual Excess Loss Insurance Contract with Granular Insurance Company - HR.

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

9. Authorize Group Health Insurance Contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama - HR.

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

10. Request for Approval of a Special Use Permit with AT&T at 1051 Douglas Street.

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. Request for Approval of a Special Use Permit with T-Mobile at 1981 Airport Road.

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

12. Weed Abatement Assessment - 815 1st 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

13. Weed Abatement Assessment - 411 S. 4th Street.

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

14. Weed Abatement Assessment - 308 Brannon 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

15. Weed Abatement Assessment - 302 Hall Avenue.

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

16. Weed Abatement Assessment - 1109 Magnolia Street.

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

17. Special Appropriation to Circles of Opelika for 2022 Luncheon on 09-16-22.

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

18. Special Appropriation to Opelika Kiwanis Club for "The Shoot" Fundraiser for Local Children on 09-30-22.

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

19. Special Appropriation to P&R Sportsplex for the Annual Health Fair on 10-04-22.

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

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).

Mr. Aja made a motion to remove the item from the table. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded:

MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE: 4 TO 1

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja

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: Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris

ABSTAIN: None

President Smith stated this was up for second reading, and asked for a motion to adopt the plan for redistricting on second reading. Mr. Aja made a motion. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. President Smith then asked if there was any discussion.

Mr. Aja stated yes, read a prepared statement (see attached), submitted an amendment to the Mayor's map that was distributed to the Mayor and Council by City Clerk Jones, and then made a motion to amend the plan for redistricting on second reading. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. President Smith stated there was a motion to amend the plan for redistricting and asked if there was any discussion.

Ms. Norris first thanked the Ward 3 citizens that reached out to her for being in favor of, or not, the NAACP map amendment, as she did take that into consideration, and then also thanked Councilman Aja for reaching out and offering additional information she believed was very valuable. Ms. Norris then stated that this has been a long process but a good one in that they were able to learn a lot about not just their respective wards but the City of Opelika as a whole, and then also thanked all of the citizens that participated in the ward meetings as well. Ms. Norris then expressed her disappointment in how the NAACP handled Ward 2 in that they previously presented a map based upon what the citizens of Ward 2 wanted to express to them, and then they went back and changed the map to the way it currently exists as the Mayor had presented it. Ms. Norris also stated the NAACP never came back to the council and presented the change of Ward 2 back to the way the Mayor's map had it and she was very disappointed in the way that was handled regarding Ward 2. Ms. Norris also stated her concern for the citizens that have to move into different wards, but like Mr. Gunter had stated before "someone has to move" and she understands this will affect citizens that may not think it is fair, but there is a large group of Ward 2 citizens that will have to move as well. Ms. Norris then stated the item she wanted to specifically address is that several citizens stated they do not want

to move into Ward 1 because of housing values going down, policing issues, and crime issues, and she thought the NAACP would be more focused on those issues for helping Ward 1 and Ward 2 as the minority majority wards in Opelika. Ms. Norris closed by stating in her opinion the NAACP had done an injustice to Ward 2 through this process.

Mr. Allen then stated that he is in constant contact with the citizens of Ward 1, and they are interested in remaining in Ward 1 as well. Mr. Allen stated all of the wards have their own issues, but this is just one they are undertaking at this time, and the one on the table is the one they should direct all of their attention to.

President Smith then confirmed with Mr. Gunter that they would be calling the roll to vote on the motion to amend the plan for redistricting. Mr. Gunter confirmed that was correct. The following vote was recorded on the amendment to the plan for redistricting:

MOTION TO AMEND THE PLAN FOR REDISTRICTING: 3 TO 2

RESULT: Failed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja

SECONDER: Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen

AYES: Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilman Ward 3 Aja,

NAYS: Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Gunter then stated the amendment failed and the main motion is still on the table to approve the original plan for redistricting ordinance. President Smith asked if there was any other discussion about the original ordinance. Ms. Norris asked if the original ordinance was the map the Mayor presented. Mr. Gunter and Mr. Jones answered yes, the Mayor's map. President Smith then asked Mr. Jones to call roll and the following vote was recorded:

SECOND READING AND APPROVED: 4 TO 1

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja

SECONDER: Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen

AYES: Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch

NAYS: Councilman Ward 1 Allen

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Gunter stated the Mayor's map and plan for redistricting had passed.

2. Amend the City Code of Ordinances: Sections 10-35 and 10-58, Solid Waste Disposal - 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 the City of Opelika Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual - 2nd Reading.

SECOND READING AND APPROVED: 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

4. Lease Agreement with Envision Opelika Foundation, Inc. - 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

5. Amend the City Code of Ordinances: Section 14-302(3) Business License Issuance Fee - 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 Zoning Ordinance & Map: Robert Trent Jones Trail, 2.6 Acres, from I-1 to PUD - 1st Reading.

FIRST READING: INTRODUCED

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

7. Amend Zoning Ordinance & Map: Sportsplex Parkway, 154 Acres, from R-3 to PUD - 1st Reading.

FIRST READING: INTRODUCED

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

15. APPOINTMENTS

16. ADJOURN

The City Council meeting minutes of September 6, 2022 are hereby adopted and approved this the 20th 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 - Dedication, the quality of being dedicated or committed to a task or purpose.

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 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

The council meeting ended at 06:57 pm.