



OPELIKA CITY COUNCIL
“ REGULAR MEETING MINUTES “
204 South 7th Street
December 19, 2017
TIME: 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

President pro-tem Jones called the council meeting to order and asked Mr. Shuman to call the roll.

2. Roll Call

All city council members were present except President Smith.

1. Patricia Jones, Tiffany Gibson-Pitts, Dozier Smith T, David Canon, Eddie Smith

3. Invocation

Pastor Larry Torbert provided the invocation.

1. Larry Torbert, Pastor of Power of Praise Ministries.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Braedyn and Blakely lead the Plead of Allegiance.

1. Braedyn Williams and Blakely Parrish from Morris Avenue Intermediate School.

5. Reading of Minutes

1. Minutes from the December 5, 2017 City Council meeting. **Approved**

6. Unfinished Business

7. Remarks By the Mayor

1. November 2017 Building Report

Mayor Fuller called on Joey Motley, City Administrator, to provide a summary of the November 2017 Building Permit report.

2. Recognize the recent Huntingdon College graduates.

Mayor Fuller asked Tiffany Chandler to come forward to assist in recognizing the recent Huntingdon College graduates.

3. Recognize Daryl Mitchell - 2017 Ward 2 Community Service Award.

Mayor Fuller asked Council member Tiffany Pitts to assist in recognizing Daryl Mitchell in receiving the 2017 Ward 2 Community Service Award.

4. Recognize Juanita Slaughter, Johnnie Mae Gibson, Shirley Farley, Peggy Baskin - Completed 1st Senior Tech Computer Session.

Mayor Fuller and Council member Tiffany Pitts recognized several Ward 2 citizens that had recently completed the first Senior Tech Computer session.

8. Citizen Communications

(Limit comments to five minutes or less)

Keith Gibson stated he and his family had recently moved to Opelika and the tap water is not drinkable. I called Opelika Utilities and was told it was a seasonal issue and they are working on it. I called the Mayor's office and was told water issues was handled by Opelika Utilities but, he could speak to the Mayor and City Council at the next council meeting. What is the problem? How long will it last? I have not be given an explanation. President pro-tem Jones advised Mr.

Gibson that she serves on the Utilities Board and would discuss his concerns with the Opelika Utilities General Manager and will get back with him. Mr. Gibson said thank you.

Tiffany Tyson, 1409 Sandray Drive, distributed pictures of her neighbors property to the Council. I am extremely disturbed about my neighbor's above ground pool and other structures in his backyard. I am against the proposed Utility Encroachment agreement with Joe Simpkins. His above ground pool is in the utility right of way. It is effecting the value of my property.

Joe Simpkins, 1501 Sandray Drive, stated that permits were not needed to construct the above ground pool and other structures in his back yard. He said that he had worked with Matt Mosley in the City's Planning department and all are in compliance with city code. My above ground pool is about 2 1/2 feet in the city easement and is not causing a problem. Thanks.

9. Report of Disbursements

10. Committee Reports

11. General Business

1. Public Hearing - Weed Abatement Assessment - 1211 Old Columbus Rd.

President pro-tem Jones called on Mr. Shuman to handle the public hearings. Mr. Shuman stated the public hearing was for a weed abatement assessment at 1211 Old Columbus Road. Ms. Jones asked if there was anyone present that would like to speak for or against said assessment. No one came forward. Ms. Jones closed the public hearing.

2. Public Hearing for Demolition - 111 S. Railroad Avenue.

Mr. Shuman stated the public hearing was for a proposed demolition at 111 South Railroad Avenue. Ms. Jones asked if there was anyone present that would like to speak for or against said demolition. Antione Harvis stated he and some investors intend to purchase said property and repair it. He wanted the City to know of their intent. Mayor Fuller asked the council to approve the resolution and that he and his staff would work with the group. Guy Gunter, City Attorney, stated the Mayor has 180 days to delay demolition and work with the group after the resolution is approved. Ms. Jones closed the public hearing.

12. Awarding of Bids

1. Bids 317-17 Design & Construction of Three-Sided Metal Building-OPS**Approved**

2. Bids 318-17 Sportsplex Road Extension - ENG**Approved**

13. Resolutions

1. Resolution 319-17 Expense Reports from Various Departments.**Approved**

2. Resolution 320-17 Designate City Personal Property Surplus & Authorize Disposal**Approved**

3. Resolution 321-17 Purchase-Furniture for New Fire Dept-State Contract #T390-FD**Approved**

4. Resolution 322-17 Weed Abatement Assessment - 1211 Old Columbus Rd.**Approved**

5. Resolution 323-17 Resolution for Demolition - 111 S. Railroad Avenue**Approved**

Mr. Canon's motion to approve was subject to the Mayor and his staff having six months to work with the group purchasing said property.

6. Resolution 324-17 FY2018 Appropriation Contract, Opelika Chamber of Commerce.**Approved**

7. Resolution Utility Easement Encroachment, Agreement with Joe E. Simpkins - **TABLED.Tabled**

8. Resolution 325-17 Geneva Street Sidewalk Improvements TAP Engineering Services**Approved**

9. Resolution 326-17 Geneva St Sidewalk Engineering Services General Fund**Approved**

10. Resolution 327-17 Mutual Aid Agreement with Electric Cities of Georgia (OPS)**Approved**
11. Resolution 328-17 Support Legislation for Licensing & Registration of All Child-Care Facilities and Child-Daycare Facilities.**Approved**
12. Resolution 329-17 Sportsplex Rd ROW Development Inducement Agreement, Morgan & Boothe.**Approved**
13. Resolution 330-17 FY2018 Appropriation Contract, Employers Child Care Alliance.**Approved**

14. Ordinances

1. Ordinance 133-17-ORD Electric System Revenue Refunding Warrant, Series 2017 - 1St Reading.**First Reading and Approved**

This ordinance was introduced by Mr. Canon. Then Mr. Canon made the motion to suspend the rules and was seconded by Mr. Smith T. The following vote was recorded:

Ayes Pitts, Smith T, Canon, Jones.

Nays None.

15. Appointments

There were no appointments.

16. Adjourn

The City Council meeting minutes of December 19, 2017 are hereby adopted and approved this the 2nd day of January, 2018.

/s/ Eddie Smith

President of City Council

City of Opelika, Alabama

ATTEST:

/s/ R. G. Shuman

R. G. "Bob" Shuman, CMC

City Clerk - Treasurer

1. Motion to adjourn.**Approved**
The council meeting ended at 7:56 PM.