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Regular Minutes of the City Council

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex
Monday, March 7, 2022 --- Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER THE PRE-COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Pre-Council Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Councilman Tapley, Eric Brown, Councilman Chris Brown, and Councilman Keel were present.

Absent: Councilman Hardy

Others present included: Mayor Baird, Amanda Thomas, Chris Hardy, Romy Stamps, Tony Goss, April Bueno, Lynn Miller, Doug Jones, Larkin Radney, Cliff Williams, Alabama News Network representative, Jacob Meacham, Al Jones, Gerard Brewer, Kathy Railey, Kenny Dean, Jan Jones, Mike Smith, Tim and Holly McIntire, Reese McAlister, Todd Sassano, Mark Lamberth, Sonny Wilson, Captain Orr, Robert Boleware, Captain Alford, Harold Cochran, and others.

During the Pre-Council Meeting Council President Colvin allowed the following department heads to address the council concerning multiple topics.

Hearing no further discussion or questions, Council President Colvin ended the Pre-Council Meeting.

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Councilman Tapley, Councilman Hardy, Councilman Eric Brown, Councilman Chris Brown, and Councilman Keel were present.

Absent: None

Others present included: Mayor Baird, Amanda Thomas, Chris Hardy, Romy Stamps, Tony Goss, April Bueno, Lynn Miller, Doug Jones, Larkin Radney, Cliff Williams, Alabama News Network representative, Jacob Meacham, Al Jones, Gerard Brewer, Kathy Railey, Kenny Dean, Jan Jones, Mike Smith, Tim and Holly McIntire, Reese McAlister, Todd Sassano, Mark Lamberth, Sonny Wilson, Captain Orr, Robert Boleware, Captain Alford, Harold Cochran, and others.

OPENING PRAYER: Al Jones

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Captain Orr

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 21, 2022, Regular Meeting
February 21, 2022, Work Session
February 25, 2022, Special Called Meeting

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Keel. There being no discussion, the minutes were approved with the following vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: March 7, 2022, Agenda

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chris Brown. There being no discussion, the agenda was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN, AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE

REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance: No report.

Public Safety Committee: No report

Utilities Committee: No report.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Baseball and softball practices have begun.

Public Works Committee: Absent.

Buildings and Properties Committee: No report.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES: None

PROCLAMATION:

1. Mayor Baird read a proclamation declaring March 18, 2022, Natural Gas Workers' Day in Alexander City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance 2022-08: An Amendment to the City's Sales Tax Ordinance Regarding Future Revenue for Education, Recreation, Infrastructure and Other Services:

This was the second reading of Ordinance 2022-08. The first reading was during the February 21, 2022, regular meeting. Councilman Chris Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Eric Brown. There being no further discussion, the ordinance failed because of lack of majority vote of the members elected to the Council, per Section 11-45-2, Code of Alabama 1975.

YEAS: COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN

NAYS: TAPLEY, KEEL

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance 2022-09: An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map to Rezone Multiple Properties Located at HWY 280 and Robinson Road for Arthur Day
2. Ordinance 2022-10: An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map to Rezone Property Located at 3999 HWY 63 S for Stonebridge Development Group
3. Ordinance 2022-11: An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map and to Rezone Property Located at 1201 Maple Street for Habitat for Humanity

Councilman Tapley made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration for items 1, 2, and 3. Councilman Chris Brown seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL
NAYS: NONE

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve items 1, 2, and 3. Councilman Keel seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the ordinances were approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL
NAYS: NONE

4. Resolution 22-46: A Resolution for the Authorization of Hedging Natural Gas Through the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Councilman Chris Brown seconded the motion. Councilman Chris Brown said this was an annual agreement and we can get out of it if needed. Council members Tapley and Keel said thank you. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL
NAYS: NONE

5. Resolution 22-47: A Resolution to Amend the FY 2022 Budget and Approve Payment for Equipment Repair

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Councilman Chris Brown seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL
NAYS: NONE

6. Resolution 22-48: A Resolution to Temporarily Allocate ACRIP Funds Collected from March 2022 through June 2023 for Fiscal Year 2023 for General Fund Capital Expenses

No motion was made. There being no further discussion the resolution failed.

7. Resolution 22-49: A Resolution to Appoint Voting Delegates for the 2022 Annual Business Meeting at the Alabama League of Municipalities Conference

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Councilman Keel seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL
NAYS: NONE

8. Resolution 22-50: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute an Engineering Agreement with Engineering Environmental and Forestry Services Company, PC (EEFS) for Professionals Services to Prepare Contract Plans for the Coven Abbett Highway Bridge Painting Project (BIN 8450)

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Councilman Chris Brown seconded the motion. Councilman Eric Brown thanked Gerard Brewer for his work on this. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL
NAYS: NONE

9. Request: ABC License Request a Restaurant Retail Liquor for GS Kountry Kitchen located at 480 Laurel Street

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the request as written pending zoning approval. Councilman Eric Brown seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the request was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL
NAYS: NONE

10. Request: A Request to Approve Strand Sessions

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the request as written. Councilman Chris Brown seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the request was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. To consider the discipline or dismissal of a public employee.

Councilman Tapley made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:02 p.m. Councilman Chris Brown seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the request was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE

Council President Colvin reconvened the regular meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Councilman Tapley made a motion to uphold the Mayor's decision regarding the discipline or dismissal of a public employee. The motion was seconded by Eric Brown There being no further discussion, the motion was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, AND CHRIS BROWN

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINED: KEEL

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Baird provided a sewer and general utility update and spoke to the citizens about utility rates.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Teresa Moten voiced concerns.

COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR: None

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK:

1. Work session is scheduled before the next Council Meeting on March 21st, at 4:30 p.m. There will be an executive session during the work session.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Tapley: Thank everyone for coming out. Appreciate your concerns. Thank the City employees. The Mayor inherited a mess. We may not always agree, but we want what is best.

Hardy: Absent.

Eric Brown: Thank you all. Please continue to come to the meetings. We make decisions based on information we have. Every person is dedicated to putting out a very good product.

Chris Brown: Thank everyone for coming out.

Keel: Thanks for coming out.

Colvin: Thank you all for coming out. Continue to come. This seat is not something to take lightly. It's important we know how to do some of these things. Continue to pray.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Tapley made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Keel. The meeting adjourned (5-0) at 7:11 p.m.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE



Presiding Officer



City Clerk

METHOD OF DELIVERY: The draft minutes were emailed to the Council for review on Friday, March 18, 2022.

OTHER: The agenda was posted to the City's website and the bulletin board that is located at the Municipal Complex. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agenda

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: