



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chamber | 1953 Municipal Way

Alabaster, AL

August 26, 2024

PRE-COUNCIL MEETING / WORK SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM with Council President Sophie Martin presiding.

CALL TO ORDER (5:30 PM)

ROLL CALL

Sophie Martin, Rick Ellis, Stacy Rakestraw, Greg Farrell, Jamie Cole, Zach Zahariadis, Kerri Pate

All Council Members present.

PRE-COUNCIL AGENDA

1. FY 2025 Budget Presentation

Finance Director John Haggard will present the Mayor's first proposed FY 2025 budget to the City Council for consideration.

2. Discussion - Appointment of Conflict/Absent Municipal Judge

City Attorney Jeff Brumlow will discuss the need to make an appointment of a back-up judge in case Judge Walden has a conflict or in his absence.

3. Review Regular City Council Meeting Agenda

ADJOURN PRE-COUNCIL

Work Session / Pre-Council meeting adjourned at 5:27 PM

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:30 PM)

The Regular City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM with Council President Sophie Martin presiding.

PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

Council Member - Ward 1 Sophie Martin
Council Member - Ward 2 Rick Ellis
Council Member - Ward 3 Stacy Rakestraw
Council Member - Ward 4 Greg Farrell
Council Member - Ward 5 Jamie Cole
Council Member - Ward 6 Zach Zahariadis
Council Member - Ward 7 Kerri Pate

MINUTES APPROVAL

A. 08-12-2024 Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 5 Cole. Minutes approved.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 7 Pate, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 6 Zahariadis. Agenda approved.

MAYOR BRAKEFIELD COMMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS

- B. **Suicide Prevention Month 2024 Proclamation** – Mayor Brakefield presented the proclamation to Mrs. Henderson and recognized September as Suicide Prevention Month.
- C. **Prostate Cancer Awareness 2024 Proclamation**

COUNCIL REPORTS

- D. **Library Report - July 2024** - Council Member Rick Ellis
- E. **Public Works Monthly Report - July 2024** - Council Member Stacy Rakestraw
- F. **AFD Monthly Council Report - July 2024** - Council Member Greg Farrell
- G. **APD Monthly Activity Report - July 2024** - Council Member Zach Zahariadis
- H. **Engineering and Building Monthly Report - July 2024** - Council Member Kerri Pate

AGENDA ITEMS

- * **Public Hearing on these Items** ** **Set Public Hearing on these Items**

1. ***Resolution 072224-A Affirming Recommendation to Demolish a Structure at 1305 Navajo Trail**

Consideration of abatement recommendation continued from the July 22, 2024 public hearing for the demolition of a structure located at 1305 Navajo Trail Alabaster, Alabama.

Public Hearing to consider a recommendation from the City of Alabaster Building Official for the demolition of a structure located at 1305 Navajo Trail Alabaster, Alabama. This hearing was continued from the July 22, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting.

Council President Sophie Martin called the public hearing to order and asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of or against said abatement.

SPEAKING FOR:

Mrs. Nova Lacross

1305 Navajo Trl

Mrs. Lacross owns home and spoke in favor of the abatement.

Larry Crawly

1212 Arrowhead Trl

In favor of abatement

Brent Johns, CBO

Spoke in favor of abatement as Building Official

SPEAKING AGAINST:

None

Council President Sophie Martin closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell. Motion carried.

2. ***Resolution 072224-B Affirming Recommendation to Demolish a Structure at 1557 Napoleon Drive**

Consideration of abatement recommendation continued from the July 22, 2024 public hearing for the demolition of a structure located at 1557 Napoleon Drive Alabaster, Alabama.

Public Hearing to consider a recommendation from the City of Alabaster Building Official for the demolition of a structure located at 1557 Napoleon Drive Alabaster, Alabama. This hearing was continued from the July 22, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting.

Council President Sophie Martin called the public hearing to order and asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of or against said abatement.

SPEAKING FOR:

Brent Johns, CBO

Spoke in favor of abatement as Building Official. There has been no communication from the owner and no plans submitted to the City.

SPEAKING AGAINST:

None

Council President Sophie Martin closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 5 Cole. Motion carried.

3. *Resolution 072224-D Affirming Recommendation to Demolish Structure Located at 612 9th Ave SW

Consideration of abatement recommendation continued from the August 12, 2024 public hearing for the demolition of a structure located at 612 9th Ave SW Alabaster, Alabama.

Public Hearing to consider a recommendation from the City of Alabaster Building Official for the demolition of a structure located at 1305 Navajo Trail Alabaster, Alabama. This hearing was continued from the July 22, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting.

Council President Sophie Martin called the public hearing to order and asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of or against said abatement.

SPEAKING FOR:

Brent Johns, CBO

Spoke in favor of abatement as Building Official

SPEAKING AGAINST:

Mrs. Dorothy Wilson

As the property owner, she stated that she thought the City was going to have someone come out to do an estimate or help her.

Council President Martin stated that due to this misunderstanding, she recommends continuing this abatement consideration over to September 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

Council President Sophie Martin closed the public hearing.

Motion made to continue hearing over to September 9th to allow Mrs. Wilson to come up with a formal plan for the property, by Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 7 Pate. Motion carried.

4. Resolution 082624 Authorizing Agreement with Sain and Associates for Kent Dairy Rd Signal Design

Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Sain and Associates to provide survey and design work for the Kent Dairy Rd Signal in the amount not to exceed \$135,545.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 5 Cole, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 6 Zahariadis. Voting Yea: Council Member - Ward 1 Martin, Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis, Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw, Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell, Council Member - Ward 5 Cole, Council Member - Ward 6 Zahariadis, Council Member - Ward 7 Pate. Motion carried.

5. Resolution 082624-A Amending Master Services Agreement with HPM - Amendment No. 01

Amending the original agreement approved through Resolution 012224-D to include additional Program Management Services (27 months) for the construction management relating to the Alabaster Recreation Center and Library project in the amount of \$1,822,000.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 6 Zahariadis, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis. Voting Yea: Council Member - Ward 1 Martin, Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis, Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw, Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell, Council Member - Ward 5 Cole, Council Member - Ward 6 Zahariadis, Council Member - Ward 7 Pate. Motion carried.

6. Resolution 082624-B Appointing Jeffrey G Hester as Back-Up Judge for Alabaster

Appointing Jeffrey B. Hester as Backup Judge and setting the pay rate within the Alabaster Municipal Court Department.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw. Voting Yea: Council Member - Ward 1 Martin, Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis, Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw, Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell, Council Member - Ward 5 Cole, Council Member - Ward 6 Zahariadis, Council Member - Ward 7 Pate. Motion carried.

7. **Resolution 101424 Affirming Recommendation of Fire Marshal to Abate Weeds at One Property

At the request of the Alabaster Fire Marshal, setting a public hearing for Monday, October 14, 2024, at 6:30 PM to declare the weeds located at 204 Hillwood Lane a public nuisance and order them to be abated.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 7 Pate, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 6 Zahariadis. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Jamie Cole - Thank you Fred and team for looking at the intersection improvement for the SR 119 and Kent Dairy Rd intersection project.

Council President Sophie Martin - Expressed appreciation for all of the hard work by Council Member Stacy Rakestraw for the 2024 Health Fair.

WORK SESSION SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 6:00 PM

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 5 Cole. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

Sophie Martin, Council President