**Minutes of the**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Aliceville City Hall**

**July 24, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Marva Gipson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Council members present: Donald Allen, Warren Lavender, Robert Wilder, Thomas Wilkins and Terrence Windham.

**INVOCATION:**

Council member Windham offered the invocation.

**MINUTES:**

Council member Wilkins moved for the approval of the July 10, 2019 regular council meeting minutes, seconded by Council member Allen. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **AACOP Summer Conference-** Council member Wilkins moved for the approval of paying the expenses for Police Chief Tonnie Jones to attend the AACOP Summer Conference on July 29, 2019-August 1, 2019 in Orange Beach, seconded by Council member Wilder. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.
2. **BANK LOAN-** Council member Allen moved for the approval of the City of Aliceville applying for a loan $125,000 from the bank to deposit into the general fund for general operations, seconded by Council member Lavender. Motion carried with Council members Allen, Lavender, Wilder, and Wilkins voting “yes” and Council member Windham voting “no”.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

Council member Lavender moved for the approval of the accounts payable, seconded by Council Member Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Tonnie Jones thanked everyone for assisting Aliceville Police Department with the incident on Friday, July 19, 2019.

**STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Public Works Director Terry Hill reported the Department is cutting grass at the park. Also, all the tree stumps have been removed from the park, but three. Hopefully, by the end of the week those will be removed. The trees cited on the inspection of the airport last year have been removed. He believes this would make George Downer Airport in compliance with FAA regulations.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Assistant Fire Chief Derrick Jones reported there has been several fires in the area. Also, the old fire truck is down and should be repaired by the end of the week.

**UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCE:**

Mayor Gipson reported the Garden Club has added several flowers to the flower beds on Broad Street.

County Wide Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for September 14, 2019. Mayor Gipson encouraged everyone to attend.

Mayor Gipson reported she attended the Executive Committee Meeting in Montgomery on July 18, 2019. She noted:

* The City can have Sunday sales of alcohol with the approval of the governing body
* The City Clerks should attend the Clerk training in August and December 2019 for information on the 2020 election.
* The recently approve gas tax money has to be deposit into a separate fund.

**Community Action Board of Directors Appointment-** Council member Wilder moved for the approval of Mayor Gipson to continue her appointment on the Community Action Board of Directors, seconded by Council member Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.

Troy Garner addressed the governing body asking for speed breakers to be installed next to his home on Mobile Road. Mayor Gipson stated “Speed breakers are illegal”. Chief Jones stated he would have the officers patrol the area more.

Council member Windham expressed his concerns towards borrowing money from the bank to make it through the fiscal year. “We have done uncontrolled and unchecked spending and now we must go to bank and borrow money. I find it embarrassing. I hope in the future we will listen to other suggestions.”, stated Council member Windham.

Also, Council member Windham announced was the first practice for the 7-8 youth soccer league. Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN-** With no other business, Council member Windham moved for the approval of adjourning the regular council meeting at 5:30 p.m. and the governing body convening in Executive Session to discuss the incident of the Officer-Involved shooting incident on Friday, July 19, 2019 and not to reconvene afterwards, seconded by Council member Wilkins. Motion carried with Council members Allen, Lavender, Wilder, Wilkins, and Windham voting “yes” and Mayor Gipson voting “no”.

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Marva Gipson, Mayor ATTEST:

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Dineki McCaa, City Clerk.

Note: Mayor Gipson only vote when noted.