**Minutes of the**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Aliceville City Hall**

**April 8, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**INVOCATION:**

Council member Lavender offered the invocation.

**MINUTES:**

Council member Wilder moved for the approval of the March 25, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Council member Lavender. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Millage Rate for the City of Aliceville for the 2020 Tax-** Council member Lavender moved for the approval to table the subject, seconded by Council member Allen. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.
2. **Surplus Property**
3. **1979 Chevrolet Dump Bed Truck VIN # 6033**
4. **1993 Ford Pickup VIN # 9260**
5. **1996 Ford F150 Pickup VIN # 4687**
6. **2000 Chevrolet 3500 Truck VIN # 7841**
7. **2005 Freightliner Garbage Truck VIN # 3014**
8. **1997 Ford F150 Pickup VIN # 4896**
9. **1977 Dodge Foam Truck VIN # 8148**

Council member Windham moved to refuse the bid on the F150 from Derrick Lyles due to lack of information on year of truck(2 F150s for bid), seconded by Council member Allen. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.

Council member Windham moved to re-advertise the surplus property to take open bids on April 22, 2020, seconded by Council member Lavender. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution 2020-11- Amendment to Resolution 2020-9-** Council member Windham moved to suspend the rules and vote on COVID-19 ordinance at the meeting, seconded by Council member Allen. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.

Council member Allen moved to change the resolution to ordinance limiting the number of customers to 20 in grocery stores and 10 in all other essential businesses until the end of the COVID-19 Pandemic with a $500 fine for any business violating the ordinance, seconded by Council member Windham. Motion carried with Council members Allen, Lavender, Wilder, and Windham voting “yes” and Council member Wilkins voting “no”.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

Council member Windham moved for the approval of the accounts payable, seconded by Council Member Allen. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”. (Note: Mayor Gipson stated the bill from Aliceville Water and Sewer Board was not put on the accounts payable. The bill from the Park was high and she wanted to ask them to take the sewer charges off the bill.)

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Tonnie Jones addressed the governing body about the food give-a-way held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays sponsored by Rev. Hugh Spencer. He continued stating “He knows it is set up for the best interest of the kids, but we have gotten complaints about the quality of the food. Also, due to the COVID-19, maybe it should cease at this time. Council member Windham stated a lot of cities were having food give-a-ways and if the distributers were washing their hands and wearing face masks, he did not see a problem with it. Council member Wilkins stated it was a waste of time, due to parents getting food stamps any way.

Chief Jones stated there was a stabbing at a gathering this past Sunday. He stated he disbursed the crowd, but let it be known that Aliceville Police will be enforcing the COVID-19 “Stay at Home” order signed by Governor Kaye Ivey.

Chief Jones announced the COVID-19 protocol for Aliceville Police Officers to wear face mask and gloves when on a scene. Majority of the calls received by Aliceville Police Department are medical calls.

**STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Council member Wilder asked Public Work Director Terry Hill was the Street and Sanitation employees wearing mask and gloves. Mr. Hill responded with the City Clerk has order us supplies a couple of weeks ago, the items are on back order.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

No report.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT:**

No report.

**UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCE:**

Mayor Gipson reported:

* Businesses can get information at local banks concerning grants related to the COVID-19.
* She thanked the Aliceville Gardeners Club for the flowers planted downtown, sending a special thanks to Jack Little and Jamie Rice of the Street Department for assisting the ladies.
* She will check the budget for available money to give employees bonus pay working in direct contact with people who may have the COVID-19.
* Public Works Director Terry Hill’s mother passed away yesterday.
* This will be the last face-to-face meeting until the COVID-19 Pandemic is over.
* She doesn’t have a problem with people taping the council meeting, but they need permission. Council member Windham replied “This is a public meeting and I do not need your permission to tape it.”
* Pickens County Board of Education gave out meals for the week for kids 18 and under.
* Last week she met with Jason Green who wanted to start a marijuana processing plant “Hemp”. She tried to get in contact with Director of Aliceville Chamber of Commerce Edgar Pruitt to meet with him, but was unable to do so. She ended up contacting Industrial Board Chairman Everett Owens. They exchanged numbers and have not heard back from them as of yet. The plant will employ 40 people. Council member Windham stated we needed to offer incentives to secure the plant.
* The City Hall is on rotating shifts, with 1 person upstairs and 1 person downstairs to help protect the employees at the location.

Council member Wilder announced:

* He was having a drive-thru hot meal give-a-way Sunday at the Aliceville Activity Center.
* He appreciated the guidelines set in place for social distancing. He stated he witnessed someone getting cursed out, when they asked someone to step back.
* On last Friday, a culvert was washed away on the Baptist Line near McGee Lumber. Pickens County Commissioner Bobby Ingram asked one of the employees who was off to come and assist Mr. Hill and the two repaired the problem.
* He wanted to advertise for to people to shop at home

Council member Windham addressed the governing body on his concerns about the poor condition of the road on Hood Hill. He has talked to a company who is willing to do the work. The Water Board and Gas Board has agreed to share with the cost. Mayor Gipson stated the Water Department busted pipe was the reason the road is in the condition it is; so, it’s their problem, not ours. Council member Windham responded with the City is responsible for the roads. People are tearing up their cars on the road.

**ADJOURN-** With no other business, Council member Lavender moved for the approval of adjourning the regular council meeting, seconded by Wilkins. Motion carried with all present voting “yes”.

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Marva Gipson, Mayor ATTEST:

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Dineki McCaa, City Clerk.

Note: Mayor Gipson only vote when noted.