**Minutes of the**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Aliceville City Hall**

**May 27, 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:**

Chief of Police Tonnie Jones offered the invocation.

**MINUTES:**

Council member Lavender moved for the approval of the May 13, 2020, seconded by Council member Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Millage Rate for the City of Aliceville for the 2020 Tax-** Council member Windham moved for the approval of the millage rate to remain the same, seconded by Council member Allen. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.
2. **Local State of Emergency-** Mayor Gipson moved for the approval to reopen city buildings and grounds with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines tomorrow and the City Hall building on Monday due to supplies, seconded by Council member Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nezelda Roland-Williams (Aliceville Fire & Rescue)- Nezelda Roland-Williams expressed her disappointment with the Aliceville First Responders. Mrs. Roland-Williams explained on May 13, 2020, she called 911 two different times for medical assistance at her residents for her brother, Mr. Stanley Roland. Officer Whitehead did respond within minutes of the call and started CPR on her brother. Pickensville First Responders responded a short time later, but Aliceville First Responders never responded. She understands this is a volunteer service, but they have obligated themselves to render a job and should take it serious. In recent weeks, Aliceville First Responders has responded to a wreak and even was at a recent parade at the nursing home, but did not respond to the medical to save her brother. She noted her brother laid in the yard for 2 hours. (Assistant Chief Derrick Jones reported at the time of the 911 call, the ambulances were not available. The county is suffering a lot with the recent loss of the hospital, one ambulance was headed back from Northport when the call was dispatched.)

Aliceville Fire Chief Willie Dixon offered his condolences for the loss of her brother and apologize about not being able to respond on this night. Chief Dixon stated he made a public announcement in March that Aliceville First Responders would not be responding to any medical calls due to not having the equipment to protect themselves from the COVID-19. At the present, little is known about this virus and we all have families that must be considered.

Chief Dixon continued with “The volunteers do their best and take their obligation serious. We get out of our beds at 2 and 3 in the morning and none of the volunteers live inside the city limits. These volunteers do these services out the goodness of their hearts. We have been trying to solicit members, but it seems like no one wants to do it. We will try to do better and again apologize for the First Responders not being available on the night of May 13”.

**ACCOUNT PAYABLE:**

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

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief of Police Tonnie Jones reported Aliceville Police Department had 18 cases for the month of May. He added, the county is handling a shooting into a dwelling outside the city limits of Aliceville. Last, he reported the Police Department has received a lot of complaints on ATV’s on the road. He reminded the community this is for off-road recreation. The Police Officers will be taking this matter seriously.

**STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

No Report.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Assistant Fire Chief Jones reported 2 house fires this month and noted the fire hydrant on 17th Street was inside a locked fence which delayed them from getting the necessary water to fight the fire. Also, asked residents not to park in front of fire hydrants. The fire fighters will move the car when it comes to saving lives and the Fire Department will not be liable.

Talya Ball, an Aliceville citizen, stated she witness a young mother with several children lose everything she owned in the fire last week. The Fire Fighters did a great job, but the locked fence was a major issue that needed to be corrected. Also, she thought the fire hydrants needed to be repainted so they could be easily identified when Fire Fighters responded to calls.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT:**

No report.

**UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCE:**

Mayor Gipson announced:

* the recent approval of Aliceville FCI Complex being annexed into the city limits
* The recent COVID-19 testing in Aliceville on May 21, 2020 was a success and thanked Maude Whatley and Tina Oliver for coming to the city
* Someone requested a street light be place on Olney Road

Council member Wilkins expressed:

* Ideas of the hospital becoming an Urgent Care

Council member Windham announced:

* The COVID-19 testing in Carrollton on May 22, 2020 tested 100 people
* A fruit giveaway will be on tomorrow at Aliceville Elementary/Middle School
* The hospital is working on projects to get the hospital back operating
* Hopefully, the Hood Hill Road project will be complete by next week

A parade permits for the 2020 Aliceville High School Graduates to ride through the communities due to COVID-19 was submitted by Myeah Taylor for June 5, 2020. Council member Windham and Chief Jones will get in contact with Ms. Taylor concerning the route and report back to the governing body.

**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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Note: Mayor Gipson only vote when noted.