**Minutes of the**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Aliceville City Hall**

**June 10, 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:**

City Attorney John Russell III offered the invocation.

**MINUTES:**

Council member Windham moved for the approval of the May 27, 2020, seconded by Council member Wilder. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Addition cost to repair 9th Street N.E. Road- Council member Windham moved for the approval to pay the additional cost of $5,000 to repair 75 more feet on 9th Street N.E. Road, seconded by Council member Allen. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.

(Note: Mayor Gipson reported once the work began, American Paving realized they needed to go deeper to repair the road properly.)

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

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

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

No report.

**STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Public Works Director Terry Hill reported the Street Department was keeping up with the grass. He has order asphalt to fill potholes. Also, a culvert 30 inches wide and 30 feet long on the city right-a-way at 603 1st Street N.E. needed to be replace. The existing culvert has rusted.

**Culvert**

Council member Lavender moved for the approval of replacing the culvert on the city right-a-way at 603 1st Street N.E., seconded by Council member Wilder. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Assistant Fire Chief Derrick Jones asked for Hazmat Training to be able to properly deal with hazardous materials specifically the fuel tanks at the airport.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT:**

No report.

**UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCE:**

**Demonstration on Public Right-A-Way**

Council member Windham moved for the approval of granting the permit submitted by Deandra Peoples and Jessica Beckwith for a demonstration on Public Right-A-Way to seek justice for the murder of Brandon Levon “Pooh Baby” Peoples on June 27, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. starting at 525 3rd Avenue N.W. and ending at the Aliceville Police Station, seconded by Council member Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.

Belvinia Collie addressed the governing body about an incident at her home involving her son. Ms. Collie stated “the Officer entered her home without a warrant or knocking on the door. She and her husband were told several times to “shut up” when inquiring why was the officer in her home. Finally, the officer said he was investigating a robbery. Her son continuously told the officer he had been home all day and when asked for his identification, he presented to the officer. The County and another Officer (pointing at an Officer in the Council Chamber) stood back, not engaging with this officer at all. The City needs to invest in body cameras if they have not already done so and this officer needs training. He is like a “live wire” and needs to learn how to respect people. No one would want their children and grandchildren treated the way her son was treated.

**Executive Session:**

Council member Windham moved for the approval of the governing body entering into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss with Chief Tonnie Jones the details of the incident, seconded by Council member Allen. Motion carried with all present voting “yes”.

Executive Session Started at 5:26 p.m.

Executive End at 5:36 p.m.

Mayor Gipson reported:

* 55.6% of the households have participating in the census. Please remind family and friends to be counted.
* Aliceville High School Graduation is scheduled for June 26, 2020
* The Farmers Market will open on June 18, 2020, Thursdays and Saturdays

Council member Wilkins announced:

* City Employee Algene Strickland mother passed on last week.

Council member Windham addressed:

* Items he and another member of the City Council submitted for the agenda and the Mayor refusing to put them on the agenda. He reminded Mayor Gipson “all council members have the right to submit items for the agenda”.
* One of the items submitted was a speed table on 1st Street N.E. He checked state and local laws and found nothing prohibiting speed tables. He has secured funding for the project and wanted the council to consider placing it on 1st Street at the next meeting.
* Who was responsible for sending public nuisance letters out to property owners? The old hospital property on Carrollton Road needs to be addressed. He stated it looks like a jungle. (Mayor Gipson stated she had received calls concerning the property, also.)
* Alabama received $1.9 billion from the CARES Act, Counties and Municipalities received $300 million, and the City of Aliceville portion is $129,000. He asked for everyone to be thinking of creative ways to spend this money designated only for COVID-19 expenses.
* The governing body asking for them to consider increasing the temporary pay for the city’s essential employees from $600 to $1000 at the next council meeting

 **ADJOURN-** With no other business, Council member Wilkins moved for the approval of adjourning the regular council meeting, seconded by Wilder. 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.