**Minutes of the**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Aliceville City Hall**

**June 24, 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 Wilkins moved for the approval of the June 10, 2020, seconded by Council member Lavender. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Employee Temporary Pay Increase from $600 to $1000-** Council member Lavender moved for the approval of the subject to remain under “Unfinished Business”, seconded by Council member Windham. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.
2. **Speed Table on 1st Street N.E. -** Council member Windham moved for the approval of accepting the donation from the residents on 1st Street N.E. for a speed table on the street, seconded by Council member Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Election Officials for the August 25, 2020 Election-** Council member Lavender moved for the approval of the Election Officials for the August 25, 2020, seconded by Council member Wilkins. Motion carried with all present voting “yes”. (List of election officials attached)
2. **$1 Raise for Aliceville Police Department-** Council member Windham moved for the approval of the subject to remain under “Unfinished Business” until the review of the financial report, seconded by Council member Allen. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.
3. **2020 Fall Municipal Law Conference-** Council member Wilder moved for the approval of paying the expenses for Judge Thomas Jones and City Attorney John Russell to attend the 2020 Fall Municipal Law Conference on September 24-26, 2020 in Gulf Shores, Alabama, seconded by Council member Allen. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.

**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:**

Chief Jones reported Aliceville Police Department cases for the month of June 2020. (Report attached). Also, the Officers is still having problems with people riding their ATV on the streets.

**STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Public Works Director Terry Hill asked the governing body to consider adjusting the pay scale for the Street & Sanitation Department. Mr. Hill continued by stating “he is losing workers leaving for higher wages. Currently, there is an employee with a CDL and its just a matter of time before he leaves.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Fire Chief Willie Dixon reported a train derailment north of Aliceville on Bradford Road. There were no injuries, but the train hit the bridge and is leaking diesel into the river. The Environmental Protection Agency is on the scene due to the leakage.

Assistant Chief Derrick Jones added the Hazmat trainer he has been speaking with is on the scene and he is in the process of setting up the training for all First Responders.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT:**

No report.

**UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCE:**

Mayor Gipson announced :

* The Rebuild Alabama Act has 2 funds that can help with repaving our streets. The City of Aliceville can complete a phase of the project in 2020 and be eligible for more money in 2021.
* Everyone needed to complete their census form.
* The City of Aliceville CARES ACT allocation has been increased to $131,402.82.
* The Republican Run-off Election is scheduled for July 14, 2020.
* The Pickens County Hospital is making progress in reopening.
* An employee coming off probation and needed to be consider for a raise.
* City Attorney John Russell III recently lost his father and to keep him in our prayers.

Council member Lavender:

* Expressed his desired to use some of the CARES ACT money for some testing. The numbers of people with COVID-19 are increasing because people are not taking the it seriously. People who do not wear a mask are being selfish. The community leaders must lead by example by wearing mask.

Council member Windham:

* Presented a request from the Aliceville Athletic Booster Club President Donnell Colvin for the City of Aliceville to donate or allow them to utilize 1.9 acres behind the football stadium for a road and additional parking during football games. Upon approval, The Athletic Club will have the timber removed from the property. Mr. Colvin is available for any questions. (Council member Windham presented the governing body with a map identifying the property and asked the governing body to considered it at the next regular council meeting on July 8, 2020.

Council member Wilder:

* Expressed his desires to give a temporary pay increase to the Aliceville Volunteer Fire Department.

**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.