**Minutes of the**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Aliceville City Hall**

**JULY 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:**

City Attorney John Russell III offered the invocation.

**MINUTES:**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Employee Temporary Pay Increase from $600 to $1000-** Council member Windham moved for the approval of granting an additional $400 for the “Temporary Pay Increase” for City Employees on the conditions it is an reimbursement expense under the CARES ACT, seconded by Council member Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.
2. **$1 Raise for Aliceville Police Department-** Council member Wilkins moved for the approval of granting the Aliceville Police Department a $1 per hour pay increase effective October 1, 2020, seconded by Council member Windham. Motion carried with Council members Wilder, Wilkins, and Windham voting “yes” and Council members Allen and Lavender voted “no”.
3. **Request from Aliceville High School Athletic Club to use/or donation of the property behind the football stadium**- Council member Wilkins moved for the approval to table the subject until the next council meeting, seconded by Council member Windham. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.
4. **Sanitation Driver 6-month probation pay increase-** Council member Lavender moved for the approval of granting a pay increase from $11.68 to $12.03 to the employee finishing up his probationary period, seconded by Council member Wilder. Motion carried with Council members Allen, Lavender, Wilder, and Wilkins voting “yes” and Council member Windham voting “no”.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**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:**

**Body Cameras**- Council member Wilder moved for approval of the financing body cameras for the City of Aliceville Police Department for $8,000.00 yearly, seconded by Council member Allen. Motion carried unanimously with all present voting “yes”.

**STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Public Works Director Terry Hill brought attention to the difficulties of hiring and keeping qualified employees in his department due to the pay.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT:**

No report.

**UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCE:**

Mayor Gipson:

* Reminded Citizens to complete their Census
* Reported the Library Director Francis Lewis is still working on raising funds to repair the Library Roof
* Observed only 50% of the Citizens in Aliceville are wearing mask to protect themselves from the COVID-19 virus. The Council may want to consider enacting an ordinance requiring mask be worn in public places

Council member Lavender:

* Gave Kudos to most Aliceville businesses for requiring mask to enter into their establishments.

Council member Windham:

* Expressed his thoughts on the governing body closing City Hall to the public again due to the rapidly spreading COVID-19 virus
* Express the need to start on the budget this month. Last year, it was not approved until after the fiscal year started.
* Asked Mr. Hill to purchase the mix to repair 17th Street N.W., emphasizing the horrific condition of the road due to pot holes
* Announce the Citizens could now go to Aliceville Public Library to look for jobs and submit resumes on the new Triage.

**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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Note: Mayor Gipson only vote when noted.