

Alabaster

Minutes of the Alabaster City Council Meeting

1953 Municipal Way
Alabaster, AL
April 1, 2019

The City Council assembled for the **Pre-Council meeting** and was called to order at 5:30 PM. The Council organized with Council President Scott Brakefield presiding and reviewed the upcoming agenda and general city concerns.

A **Regular Council Meeting** of the Alabaster City Council was held in the Council Chamber at 1953 Municipal Way, **Monday April 1, 2019 at 7:02 PM**, with Council President Scott Brakefield presiding.

Present: Sophie Martin (1) 5:38 PM, Rick Ellis (2) 6:26 PM, Stacy Rakestraw (3), Greg Farrell (4), Russell Bedsole (5), Scott Brakefield (6), Kerri Pate (7)

Absent: None
A quorum was present.

Meeting Opening

The meeting was opened with prayer by Council Member **Rakestraw** and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Council Member **Martin** made a motion to accept the minutes from the **March 18, 2019** regularly scheduled Council meeting. Council Member **Ellis** seconded followed by Council President **Scott Brakefield's** call for a voice vote.

Voting: **Ayes** – Sophie Martin (1), Rick Ellis (2), Stacy Rakestraw (3), Greg Farrell (4), Russell Bedsole (5), Scott Brakefield (6) **Nays** – None **Abstain**– Kerri Pate (7) **Motion Passed**

Approval of Agenda:

Council Member **Farrell** made a motion to **accept the agenda as presented** which was seconded by Council Member **Rakestraw**. Council President **Scott Brakefield** called for a vote (voice).

Ayes – All **Nays** – None **Abstain** – None **Motion Passed**

Mayor Comments / Proclamations:

- Mayor Handlon declared April as **National Child Abuse Awareness Month**.
- The Mayor also declared April as **Autism Awareness Month** and directed facilities to be illuminated at night with blue lights to help raise awareness of both Child Abuse and Autism during the month of April.

Agenda Items:

1. Resolution 040119 Accepting the FY 2018 Audit from BMSS, LLC.

Council Member **Martin** introduced in the form of a motion, **Resolution 040119**, acknowledging receipt and acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and accompanying independent auditor's report as presented. Council Member **Rakestraw** seconded. Council President **Brakefield** called for a vote.

Voting: **Ayes** – All **Nays** – None **Abstain** – None **Motion Passed**

2. Resolution 040119-A Authorizing Fiscal Year 2019 Mid-Year Budget Amendments

Council Member **Bedsole** introduced in the form of a motion, **Resolution 040119-A**, authorizing budget adjustments as presented on the attached Exhibit A and orders the Finance Director to update the accounting software to reflect said changes. Council Member **Pate** seconded. Council President **Brakefield** called for a roll call vote.

Voting: **Ayes** – Sophie Martin (1), Rick Ellis (2), Stacy Rakestraw (3), Greg Farrell (4), Russell Bedsole (5), Scott Brakefield (6), Kerri Pate (7) **Nays** – None **Abstain**– None **Motion Passed**

3. Resolution 040119-B Authorizing Public Works Department to Purchase a Grasshopper Mower

Council Member **Farrell** introduced in the form of a motion, **Resolution 040119-B**, authorizing purchase of 1 **Grasshopper Mower** for the Public Works Department from US Communities (Contract # 17-6221) at a cost of **\$9,043.75**. Said purchase was included in the FY2019 Capital Purchase Budget for PW. Council Member **Martin** seconded. Council President **Brakefield** called for a roll call vote.

Voting: **Ayes** – Sophie Martin (1), Rick Ellis (2), Stacy Rakestraw (3), Greg Farrell (4), Russell Bedsole (5), Scott Brakefield (6), Kerri Pate (7) **Nays** – None **Abstain**– None **Motion Passed**

4. Resolution 040119-D Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Charles H. Pritchett, Jr for Appraisal Work

Council Member **Pate** introduced in the form of a motion, **Resolution 040119-D**, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Charles H. Pritchett, Jr. MAI in the amount of \$21,250.00 for appraisal of certain property. Council Member **Ellis** seconded. Council President **Brakefield** called for a roll call vote.

Voting: **Ayes** – Sophie Martin (1), Rick Ellis (2), Stacy Rakestraw (3), Greg Farrell (4), Russell Bedsole (5), Scott Brakefield (6), Kerri Pate (7) **Nays** – None **Abstain**– None **Motion Passed**

5. Ordinance 190506-082 An Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alabaster, Alabama

Council Member **Ellis** introduced in the form of a motion, **Ordinance 190506-082**, setting a public hearing for an Ordinance that will amend various sections of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alabaster. Council Member **Bedsole** seconded. Council President **Brakefield** called for a vote.

Voting: **Ayes** – All **Nays** – None **Abstain** – None **Motion Passed**

Audience Comments:

- Mrs. Rebecca Bird of 135 Chestnut Drive addressed the Council. Mrs. Bird stated that as a City retiree, she was concerned about the increase in Medical Insurance premiums and asked the Council to consider changing the amount that the City contributes. Council President Brakefield told Mrs. Bird that he would contact HR for details and investigate her request.

Council Member Comments:

- Council members Martin, Ellis and Rakestraw thanked John Haggard for all his diligent work on the City’s finances.
- Council member Rakestraw also expressed her appreciation to all the Alabaster First Responders who welcomed cancer free 6-year-old, Brayden Wallander home following eight months of cancer treatments at St. Jude’s hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Council Member **Rakestraw** made a motion to adjourn followed by a second from Council Member **Farrell**. Council President **Scott Brakefield** called for a voice vote.

Voting: **Ayes – All Nays – None Abstain – None Motion Passed**

All were in favor and said meeting **adjourned** at **7:23 PM**.



J. Mark Frey, City Clerk



Scott Brakefield, Council President

