



Alabaster

**Alabaster City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting at 6:00 pm**  
**1953 Municipal Way – Conference Room**

**Thursday, May 14, 2020**

**Call to Order: 6:03 pm**

• Roll Call:

Sophie Martin

Rick Ellis

Stacy Rakestraw

Greg Farrell

Russell Bedsole

Scott Brakefield

Kerri Pate

**Others Present:** Brian Binzer, Mark Frey, Fred Hawkins, Jeff Brumlow, Patrick Johnson, Chief Rigney, Tim Hamm, Chief Love, John Haggard, Rick Benson, Mark Harris, Jonathan Bozeman

**Agenda Items:**

- 1. Cameras for Alabaster Police Department – Chief Rigney and Jonathan Bozeman – Police**  
Chief Curtis Rigney introduced Jonathan Bozeman from Alabama Power. Mr. Bozeman demonstrated a camera system for the City of Alabaster. The Flock Camera system is a web based; motion activated camera that aids in public safety. Photographs are stored in the cloud for a period of 30 days. Other Shelby County Cities have invested in the cameras and seen success in solving crimes and identifying vehicles. The cost of the cameras is \$2,000 per camera per year and 25 locations have been identified around the City as possible locations. Chief Rigney noted that he currently has two vacant positions and the addition of this system will be less expensive than one of these positions and provide a tremendous amount of information for the APD. Council will consider an agreement during Monday night's Council Meeting.
- 2. City of Alabaster Weed Ordinance and Health Nuisance Ordinance – Chief Love – Chief Love and Captain Rick Benson – Fire Chief Tim Love** reviewed the State of Alabama's Code relating to Grass and Weed Abatement as well as the Health and Nuisance Ordinance. Following discussion, the Council asked City Attorney Jeff Brumlow to review the ordinances and prepare changes that can be considered at the next Regular City Council Meeting.
- 3. Annexation Request by Western REI – Fred Hawkins – Council** discussed an annexation request and recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission relating to property owned by Western REI. Said property was previously pre-zoned by the City

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Council in March of 2020. Council will set a public hearing during the next Regular City Council Meeting.

4. **Recycle Drop-Off Bin Update – Mark Harris** – Mr. Harris discussed the City’s updated recycling plan and reviewed photographs of the recycle bin located at Limestone Park.
  
5. **Back to School Sales Tax Holiday Discussion – John Haggard** – Mr. Haggard discussed the upcoming annual Sales Tax Holiday. Council has an ordinance in place that allows for participation without requiring any new action of the Council.
  
6. **Awarding Bid to for Road Relocation for Veterans Park – Fred Hawkins** – Council discussed bids received from CB&A Construction, Chilton Contractors Inc., Cornerstone Civil Contractors, Selective Inc. Tortorigi Construction and Winston Contracting LLC. for the relocation of the road at Veterans Park. Following a review by James Brown, P.E. of Gonzalez-Strength & Associates, Inc., Mr. Hawkins reported that Winston Contracting, LLC. is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder at a cost of \$846,566.20. Council will consider awarding the bid during Monday’s Regular City Council Meeting.
  
7. **MOU for Shelby County for Abby Wooley Park – Fred Hawkins** – Council reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Alabaster and Shelby County relating to the construction of bathrooms at Abby Wooley Park. Item will appear on Monday’s Council Agenda for consideration.
  
8. **Farmers Market 2020 Expenditures – Brian Binzer** Mr. Binzer discussed the upcoming Alabaster Farmers Market and appropriation needed to proceed with this annual project. The costs are expected to be \$2,000 or less and Council will consider a resolution on Monday night.
  
9. **Industrial Development Board Appointments – Brian Binzer** – Council discussed the need to appoint two members to the IDB. Tommy Ryals will need to be re-appointed and a new member will be selected to serve. The vacated space is due to a member moving outside the city limits.


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10. **M4A Nutrition Agreement for the City of Alabaster 2020** – Council discussed the annual nutrition agreement with the Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging for meals.

11. **Surplus Property from Various Departments – Mark Frey** Review surplus equipment request from various departments within the City of Alabaster. Council will consider during the next Council Meeting.

Council Member **Rakestraw** made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Council Member **Ellis**. Council President **Pate** called for a voice vote. All were in favor and Work Session adjourned at 8:00 PM.

  
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J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

  
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By: Scott Brakefield, Council President

