

# Alabaster

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

**Thursday June 27, 2019**

**Call to Order: 6:01 PM**

- Roll Call:
  - Sophie Martin - absent
  - Rick Ellis
  - Stacy Rakestraw
  - Greg Farrell
  - Russell Bedsole
  - Scott Brakefield
  - Kerri Pate- absent

**Others Present:** Jeff Brumlow, Brian Binzer, Mark Frey, Lisa Glasgow, Mayor Handlon, Patrick Johnson, John Haggard, Tim Hamm, Chief Curtis Rigney, Chief Tim Love, Candace Connell – left at 7:20, Gary Sokolowski, Todd Waldrip, Traci Waldrip, Anna Kate Waldrip, Kristy Ellis and various others in support of the creation of a Miracle League of Alabaster

**Agenda Items:**

1. **Executive Session** – Council Member Rakestraw made a motion to go into an executive session at 6:02 PM which was seconded by Council Member Ellis. Council President Brakefield stated that the reason for this executive session was to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated or imminently likely to be litigated if the governmental body pursues a proposed course of action and to discuss the consideration the city is willing to offer or accept with the purchase of real property (Ala. Code § 36-25A-7(a)(3); Ala. Code § 36-25A-7(a)(6)) within the City of Alabaster and he expected the regular meeting to resume in approximately 20-30 minutes. City Attorney Jeff Brumlow certified that this executive session served a legal purpose to discuss pending and anticipated litigation and property acquisition. Following the Executive Session, Council Member Rakestraw motioned to adjourn the executive session and resume the regular meeting. Council Member Farrell seconded, and the regular meeting resumed at 6:26 PM.
2. **Alabaster's YMCA Facility Refinance** – **Jeff Brumlow** Council discussed a request from the Public Park and Recreation Board of Jefferson County proposing to issue a tax-exempt revenue obligation for refinancing for the YMCA Facilities within the City of Alabaster. This obligation will not in any way constitute a debt for the City of Alabaster. Council President stated that this resolution will be placed on the next Council Agenda.

Council decided to move item #5 up on the Agenda to prevent the guest from having to wait.


3. **Field of Miracles – Guest Todd and Tracy Waldrip** – Mrs. Tracy Waldrip addressed the Council and introduced her daughter Anna Kate. She provided the Council with information about the Miracle League and her desire to start an Alabaster Miracle League. The League's mission is to provide opportunities for children with mental and/or physical special needs and disabilities to play Miracle League baseball, promote community support and promote construction of special facilities to meet the needs of players and families. Council discussed potential use of City facilities, current fields that may be converted to a Miracle League Field and what the City could do to help promote this program.


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4. **Elected Officials Participation in the Local Government Health Insurance Program – Candace Connell** Mrs. Connell talked with the Council about the current ordinance that sets the Council's pay and the need to "clean up" the ordinance for future elected officials. The old ordinance offered health insurance only to the Mayor, but this is not allowed unless it is offered to all elected officials through the LGHIB program. Due to the current ordinance being in place, allowing for the Mayor's participation, the Council can amend their ordinance allowing for participation by all elected officials. The individual Council Member would be responsible for 100% of the cost of the premium since their compensation can't change during the current term. The Council will discuss updating the ordinance during an upcoming Council Work Session.
5. **RSA – Employees Conversion from Tier II to Tier I – Discussion – Candace Connell** Mrs. Connell updated the Council regarding legislation that was recently passed allowing Cities to allow conversion of employees designated as Tier II employees to Tier I. The Council talked about possibilities of how this may aid in recruiting and keeping qualified employees. Employees will not be required to "buy back" time spent in Tier II if the City authorizes the conversion. No decision will be made until the actuarial study comes back from Retirement Systems of Alabama.
6. **Abby Wooley Park – Tim Hamm** Mr. Hamm discussed the current condition and possible repairs needed at Abby Wooley Park in the City of Alabaster. Repairs needed include: updating or replacing dated bathroom facilities, enlarging and repaving the basketball court and improving parking for the park. Council President Brakefield stated that he would like to see this park brought up to the standards of Municipal Park and asked Mr. Hamm and Mr. Binzer to explore cost for this project.
7. **MOU with Shelby County's PARA Group for Veteran's Park – Brian Binzer** – Mr. Binzer discussed a needed Memorandum of Understanding for the expansion of Veteran's Park. This MOU would be with Shelby County PARA Group at a cost of \$11,680.00 for clearing approximately 10 acres (Labor), 600 gallons of fuel and temporary seeding and mulching (materials only). This item will be considered during the next Council Meeting.
8. **City of Alabaster's Nominations for County Board of Equalization** – The Mayor and Council discussed the upcoming nomination for three potential members for the County Board of Equalization. Potential members discussed were: Alan Woodruff, Tim Mitchell and Tommy Ryals. Council will decide on potential candidates and consider a resolution at Monday's Council Meeting.
9. **Appointing Persons Designated to Give Oaths and Issue Warrants – Jeff Brumlow** City Attorney Jeff Brumlow discussed the need to update the resolution authorizing those who are eligible to give oaths and issue warrants within the City of Alabaster. He noted that everyone on the current list is still authorized, but Christopher Dwayne Curtis was being added. Council President Brakefield asked the City Clerk to place this on the agenda for Monday's Council Meeting.

Council Member **Farrell** made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Council Member **Ellis**. Council President **Scott Brakefield** called for a voice vote. All present were in favor and **Work Session adjourned at 8:02 pm.**

  
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J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

  
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Scott Brakefield, Council President