

Alabaster

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

Thursday October 3, 2019

Call to Order: 6:01 pm

- Roll Call:
 - Sophie Martin (6:03 pm)
 - Rick Ellis
 - Stacy Rakestraw
 - Greg Farrell
 - Russell Bedsole
 - Scott Brakefield
 - Kerri Pate

Others Present: Brian Binzer, Lisa Glasgow, Patrick Johnson, Jeff Brumlow, Fred Hawkins, Mayor Handlon, Chief Love, John Haggard, Chief Rigney, Mark Frey, Keith Strickland, Tim Hamm

Agenda Items:

1. **Authorizing the Purchase of Vehicles, Upfitting and Associated Equipment for the Alabaster Police Department from the State Bid List** – Chief Rigney discussed with the Council his request to purchase vehicles for APD. He requested authorization to purchase seven (7) 2020 Chevrolet Tahoes from the State Bid List. All units will receive upfitting and computer equipment as specified by APD purchased through approved sources and is approved within the FY2020 budget. City Council added to Monday night's Council Meeting Agenda.
2. **Authorizing the Purchase of Vehicle, Upfitting and Associated Equipment for the Alabaster Fire Department from the State Bid List** – Chief Love discussed his request for authorization to purchase a 2020 Ford F150 Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup from the T191A State Bid List. New unit will receive upfitting as specified by AFD and be purchased through State Contract MA and is approved within the FY2020 budget. City Council added to Monday night's Council Meeting Agenda.
3. **Retired Employees' Health Insurance Benefit Coverage – John Haggard** – John discussed changes made on July 31, 2019 at the board meeting for the Local Government Health

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Insurance Board (LGHIB). Of note, the Medical, Dental and Pharmacy Benefits remain mostly unchanged. Medicare Advantage will change from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama (Blue Advantage) to United Healthcare Medicare Advantage. Participants will benefit from lower out-of-pocket cost, as well as enhanced benefits. Council will vote to adopt during the next Council Meeting. These changes will take effect on January 1, 2020.

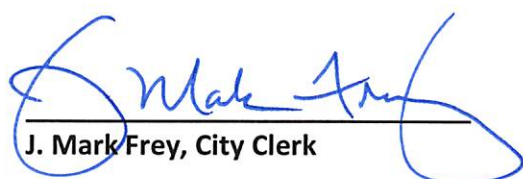
4. **Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a MOA with Alabaster City School Board and Shelby County for Construction of New Athletic Fields** – Authorization for Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with ACS and Shelby County for the construction of a large athletic field at Thompson High School to accommodate soccer, lacrosse, football or other athletic uses and is approved within the FY2020 budget. City Council added to Monday night's Council Meeting Agenda.
5. **Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a MOA with Shelby County for New Athletic Fields, Parking, Entrance and Site Improvements at Veteran's Park** – Authorization for the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with Shelby County for the construction of additional fields and park infrastructure improvements. Said project was approved within the FY2020 budget and will be added to the City Council's Monday night meeting.
6. **Library Board Appointment** – Council added the Re-Appointment of Mark Harwood to the Library Board – Place 2 with a new term expiring 10/31/23 to Monday's meeting agenda.
7. ***Authorizing the Placement of Lien on Property Located at 160 12th Ave SE** – Council will set a public hearing to consider placing a lien on property located at 160 12th Ave SE for demolition and abatement expenses. *(Public hearing is set for October 7, 2019)*
8. ***Authorizing the Placement of Lien on Property Located at 572 Old Hwy 31** – Council will set a public hearing to consider placing a lien on property located at 572 Old Hwy 31 for demolition and abatement expenses. *(Public hearing is set for October 7, 2019)*
9. **Discussion of the FY2019 Paving Project** – Brian Binzer and Keith Strickland with GMC spoke with the Council about the progress of the FY2019 Paving Project. Due to poor road conditions and extensive repairs, an additional \$40,000 in cost overruns have been required totaling \$511,000 spent to date (approximately 9% over anticipated cost). Limestone Park Drive and Sugar Hill Lane still need to be paved. Keith additional funding will need to be allocated to complete the last two streets on this project. John Haggard stated this additional funding could come from the \$245,000 2020 paving budget, and no budget

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adjustments would be required to proceed if that was the wish of the Council. City Council will consider during Monday night's meeting.

10. **Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Gonzalez Strength** – Council discussed a proposal from Gonzalez Strength related to Design for Veterans Park Entrance Realignment / SR119. The purpose of the project is to prepare concept drawings and cost estimates for preliminary approval by ALDOT for new location of Veterans Park Entrance and Green Hill intersection with SR119, modify SR119 to add left turn lanes northbound and southbound, as well as a southbound right turn lane into the new Veterans Park Entrance.
11. **Economic Development Discussion** – Council briefly discussed potential businesses that may be interested in locating within the City of Alabaster. This was general discussion, and nothing was added to Monday's agenda as a result of this item.

Council Member **Rakestraw** made a motion to adjourn. Council Member **Farrell** seconded. Council President **Scott Brakefield** called for a voice vote. All were in favor and **Work Session adjourned at 7:48 pm.**



J. Mark Frey, City Clerk



Scott Brakefield, Council President

