



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

**Monday March 16, 2020**

**Call to Order: 6:05 pm**

- Roll Call:
  - ☒ Sophie Martin (in at 6:15)
  - ☒ Rick Ellis
  - ☒ Stacy Rakestraw
  - ☒ Greg Farrell
  - ☒ Russell Bedsole
  - ☒ Scott Brakefield
  - ☒ Kerri Pate

Others Present: Lisa Glasgow, Patrick Johnson, Jeff Brumlow, Fred Hawkins, Mayor Handlon, Chief Love, Mark Frey, Brian Binzer, Ben Watson, Chris Grace, John Haggard

**Agenda Items:**


1. **Garbage Recycling Bin Discussion** – Brief update on the City's new recycling bin. This will be discussed during a future meeting.
2. **Authorizing Additional Demolition along Buck Creek Trail** – Discuss needed demolition of structure and removal of debris located behind City Hall, along Buck Creek Trail in the amount of \$14,000 to Gray's Tree Service. Wells located on the site will also be backfilled.
3. **Resolution 031620-A – Declaring a State of Emergency** – Council discussed impacts of the COVID-19 Virus and authorization for the Mayor to exercise all emergency powers granted in Ala. Code § 31-9-10(b) as rapidly changing circumstances arise.
4. **Abbey Wooley Park and Veterans Park Update – Chris Grace / Fred Hawkins** – Chris Grace, with Barge Design, reviewed the latest information relating to the City's Abbey Wooley Park project. The entire project renovation cost will be in the \$300,000 range and Chris should have a design proposal ready for the next Council Work Session. Chris also briefed the Council on the Veterans Park project and stated that the base project is two million dollars, but with the grading, drainage, parking lots, paths and turn lanes the project is approaching five million dollars.

## Pre-Council Minutes

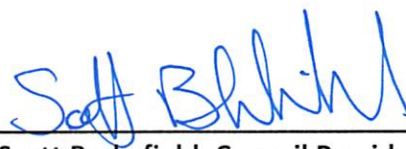
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5. **Rugged Notebook Computer Purchase for Police Cars and Code Enforcement – Patrick Johnson** – Patrick briefed the Council on a request for computers for the Alabaster Police Department and Alabaster Code Enforcement. This purchase was previously included within the FY2020 Budget and these 6 computers are being purchased from the State Bid List at a cost of \$17,016.
  
6. **\*Ordinance 20-96 SUMMARY: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALABASTER, ALABAMA** – Sec. 111-125 will be a new section of the zoning ordinance to be located within Article IV- Supplemental Regulations. The intent of the ordinance is to provide for higher standards for commercial exteriors; thereby, enhancing the appearance of structures located on highly traveled roadways not classified as High Traffic Corridors. *(Public Hearing will be held tonight during the regular Council Meeting)*
  
7. **\*Ordinance 20-95 AN ORDINANCE TO PRE-ZONE PROPERTY OF Western REI LLC To R-3/CO, Single Family District/Conditional Overlay and B-3, Community Business District–** Considering a recommendation for Prezoning of parcel containing 41.90 acres, more or less to R-3/CO and B-3 with conditions. All houses will be at least 2,000 square feet. *(Public Hearing will be held tonight during the regular Council Meeting)*
  
8. **\*\*Ordinance 20-97 AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY from B-3 To Institution –** Setting a public hearing for Rezoning of parcels containing approx. 18 acres, more or less to Institution on the West side of Hwy 119 – old Greg’s Golf site and adjacent properties. *(Setting a Public Hearing for 04-20-20)*
  
9. **February Financials – John Haggard** – Finance Director, John Haggard, reviewed the City financials for the month of February and briefed the Council on possible impacts of the COVID-19 virus.

Council Member **Rakestraw** made a motion to adjourn and move to the regular Council Meeting which was seconded by Council Member **Martin**. All were in favor and the **Pre-Council Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.**



J. Mark Frey, City Clerk



Scott Brakefield, Council President



## Minutes of the Alabaster City Council Meeting

1953 Municipal Way  
Alabaster, AL  
March 16, 2020

A **Regular Council Meeting** of the Alabaster City Council was held in the Council Chamber at 1953 Municipal Way, **Monday March 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM**, with Council President Scott Brakefield presiding.

**Present:** Sophie Martin (1) 6:15 pm, Rick Ellis (2), 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 **Farrell** made a motion to accept the minutes from the **March 2, 2020** regularly scheduled Council Meeting which was seconded by Council Member **Pate** followed by Council President **Brakefield's** call for a voice vote.

Ayes – 7

Nays – None

Abstain – None

Motion Passed

### Approval of Agenda:

Council member **Rakestraw** made a motion to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting with a Motion for Acceptance seconded by Council Member **Bedsole**.

Ayes – 7

Nays – None

Abstain – None

Motion Passed

### Mayor Handlon Comments/Proclamations:

### Council Reports:

- ALS Library – Council Member Martin
- Public Works and Garbage – Council Member Rakestraw
- Police Department – Council Member Bedsole
- Fire Department – Council Member Farrell
- Engineering & Building Services – Council Member Pate

### Agenda Items:

\* Public Hearing on these Items

\*\* Set Public Hearing on these Items

#### 1. Resolution 031620

#### **Authorizing Agreement with Grays Tree Service for Demolition of Building**

Council Member **Farrell** introduced in the form of a motion, **Resolution 031620**, authorizing the Mayor to sign a Contract with Grays Tree Service to demolish a building behind City Hall just off Buck Creek Trail in the

amount of \$14,000. Council Member Ellis seconded. Council President Brakefield called for a roll call vote.

**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**

**2. Resolution 031620-A                      Declaring a State of Emergency**

Council Member Martin introduced in the form of a motion, **Resolution 031620-A**, authorizing the Mayor to exercise all emergency powers granted in Ala. Code § 31-9-10(b) as rapidly changing circumstances arise related to the COVID-19 virus. Council Member Farrell seconded. Council President Brakefield called for a vote.

**Ayes** – 7                      **Nays** – None                      **Abstain** – None                      **Motion Passed**

**3. Resolution 031620-B                      A Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Rugged Notebook Computers for Police Cars and Code Enforcement**

Council Member Bedsole introduced in the form of a motion, **Resolution 031620-B**, authorizing the IT Department to purchase 6 Rugged Dell replacement computers for Police Department Vehicles and Code Enforcement from the State Bid List at a cost of \$17,016. Purchase was approved within the FY20 Budget. Council Member Rakestraw seconded. Council President Brakefield called for a vote.

**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**

**\*Ordinance 20-95** Council Member Ellis introduced **Ordinance 20-95 - AN ORDINANCE TO PRE-ZONE PROPERTY OF Western REI LLC To R-3/CO, Single Family District/Conditional Overlay and B-3, Community Business District** which was seconded by Council Member Martin. Council President Brakefield opened the public hearing and called for anyone who would speak in favor of the ordinance amendment. Ben Watson, from Insite, spoke in favor of the ordinance. He stated that he was a representative of Jason Spinks. Council President Brakefield called for anyone who would speak against the ordinance amendment. Hearing and seeing none, he adjourned the hearing.

**\*Ordinance 20-95                      AN ORDINANCE TO PRE-ZONE PROPERTY OF Western REI LLC To R-3/CO**

Council Member Ellis introduced in the form of a motion, **Ordinance 20-95**, Pre-Zoning property of Western REI LLC to R-3/CO, Single Family District/Conditional Overlay and B-3, Community Business District which was seconded by Council Member Rakestraw. Council President Brakefield called for a roll call vote.

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

Council President Brakefield stated that he had some concerns around the commercial piece of property associated with the rezoning associated with Ordinance 20-95 and potential negative impact of traffic in that area.



**\*Ordinance 20-96** Council Member **Pate** introduced **Ordinance 20-96 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALABASTER, ALABAMA** which was seconded by Council Member **Farrell**. Council President **Brakefield** opened the public hearing and called for anyone who would speak in favor of the ordinance amendment. Hearing and seeing none, Council President **Brakefield** called for anyone who would speak against the ordinance amendment. Hearing and seeing none, he adjourned the hearing.

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**Ayes – 7                      Nays – None                      Abstain – None                      Motion Passed**

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**Ayes – 7                      Nays – None                      Abstain – None                      Motion Passed**

**Council Member Comments:**

- A Work Session was scheduled for Thursday, **April 2, 2020 at 6:00 PM** at Alabaster City Hall.
- School Board interviews will be held during the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Work Session

**Audience Comments:**

- None

Council Member **Pate** made a motion to adjourn, followed by a second from Council Member **Ellis**. Council President **Brakefield** called for a vote.

Voting:                      **Ayes – 7                      Nays – None                      Abstain – None                      Motion Passed**

All in attendance were in favor and said meeting **adjourned at 7:25 PM.**

  
J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

  
Scott Brakefield, Council President