

## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, LINCOLN, ALABAMA**

September 26, 2023

The City Council of the City of Lincoln, Alabama met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Watson called the meeting to order and upon roll call the following answered present: Mayor Watson, Council Members Sadie Britt, Billy Pearson, Jennie Jones, Brandon Tate and Joey Callahan. Invocation was given by Billy Pearson and Mayor Watson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Watson opened the Public Hearing in accordance with the provisions of Section 94.01 of the Constitution of the State of Alabama of 1901(also known as Amendment Number 772 to the Alabama Constitution of 1901), as amended, for the purpose of considering the passage of two resolutions to authorize the appropriation of public funds and things of value in aid to Alabama Bass Federation, Inc. for the purpose of paying sponsorship fees for the promotion and conducting of professional fishing tournaments at Lincoln's Landing. There was no public comment and Mayor Watson closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Watson opened the Public Hearing for the following nuisance abatement property: 71 Fourth Avenue. Mr. Joe Disspain stated he is working on cleaning it up but he is relying on friends for help. He stated he didn't have the equipment or knowledge and requested a little more time to work on it. Adam Thrasher stated letters had been sent and the first gave the resident thirty days. Action today would give the city the authority to remedy the situation. Councilmember Jones discussed a motion to pass and to grant an extension. Mr. Disspain stated he would prefer sixty days but would take thirty. Councilmember Pearson stated thirty days was sufficient time. There was no further public comment and Mayor Watson closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Watson presented proposed Ordinance 2023-29 re-zoning the Sudessa R. McCluney Jackson property located at 991 Lock 4 Road, Parcel Numbers 61-03-04-20-0-000-009.004 and 61-03-04-20-0-000-019.000 from RS-2 Residential Single Family to MH Manufactured Housing. Councilmember Britt made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-29; second by Pearson. Councilmember Tate stated according to the zoning map it looks like it would be spot zoning. Councilmember Pearson stated there are mobile homes in the area and the Planning Commission approved the request. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Nay, Tate – Nay and Callahan – Nay. Motion failed.

Mayor Watson presented proposed Ordinance 2023-31 re-zoning the Tim Bonds property located at 567 Honda Drive, Parcel Number 61-02-07-36-0-000-025.002 from GB General Business to RS-1 / SD Residential Single Family with a Special District Overlay. Councilmember Jones made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-31; second by Tate. Councilmember Tate stated it was the same issue – spot zoning. Councilmember Jones stated there have many discussions regarding spot zoning and Council's decision can be appealed to the Circuit Court. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Abstain, Jones – Nay, Tate – Nay and Callahan – Nay. Motion failed.

Mayor Watson presented proposed Resolution 2023-62 authorizing the appropriation of public funds and things of value in aid to a private corporation for the purpose of promoting the economic

and industrial development of the city for the Alabama Bass Federation, Inc. Councilmember Jones made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-62; second by Tate. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

Mayor Watson presented proposed Resolution 2023-63 authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Wise Environmental Solutions, Inc. for the lease of garbage trucks. Councilmember Callahan made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-63; second by Pearson. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

Mayor Watson presented proposed Resolution 2023-64 declaring certain municipal property surplus. Councilmember Pearson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-64; second by Britt. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

Mayor Watson presented proposed Resolution 2023-65 granting an amended tax abatement for SETA Talladega, LLC. Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-65; second by Callahan. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

Mayor Watson presented proposed Resolution 2023-66 granting an amended tax abatement for Errol Tractor Sales and Leasing d/b/a Fleet Direct Truck and Trailer Sales. Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-66; second by Britt. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

Mayor Watson presented proposed Resolution 2023-67 declaring the property located at 71 Fourth Avenue, Lincoln, Alabama a public nuisance. Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-67; second by Callahan. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye. Council instructed Adam Thrasher to give thirty days before beginning the cleanup.

Mayor Watson presented proposed Resolution 2023-68 adopting a public records request policy. Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-68; second by Callahan. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

Councilmember Britt made a motion to appoint Bruce Griffin to the board of the Public Park Authority of the Cities of Lincoln and Talladega; second by Callahan. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Pearson made a motion to adjourn; second by Jones. The vote was Ayes: Britt, Pearson, Jones, Tate and Callahan.

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Carroll L. Watson, Mayor

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Laura S. Carmack, City Clerk