

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

January 10, 2023

The City Council of the City of Lincoln, Alabama met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. Mayor Watson called the meeting to order and upon roll call the following answered present: Mayor Watson, Councilmembers Sadie Britt, Billy Pearson, Jennie Jones, Brandon Tate and Joey Callahan. The 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 1902 (also known as Amendment Number 772 to the Alabama Constitution of 1901), as amended, for the purpose of considering the passage of a resolution to authorize the appropriation of public funds and things of value in aid to Wally Marshall, Mr. Crappie Classic for the purpose of paying a sponsorship fee for the promotion and conducting of a professional fishing tournament at Lincoln's Landing. Les Robinson, Lincoln's Landing Director, stated this will be the largest tournament held so far and will bring a lot of publicity for the city. He advised there would be more information available after the announcement of the tournament. There were no further comments from the public and Mayor Watson closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Britt made a motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2022; second by Pearson. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

Mayor Watson presented Resolution 2023-12 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 Wally Marshall, Mr. Crappie Classic. Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-12; second by Callahan. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

Mayor Watson presented Ordinance 2023 – 08 establishing fees and charges for services for the Lincoln Fire and Rescue Department. Councilmember Pearson made a motion to accept the first reading as having been read; second by Callahan. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye. Councilmember Britt made a motion to suspend the rules that would otherwise prohibit the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2023-08; second by Jones. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye, Callahan – Aye and Watson – Aye. Motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Jones made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-08; second by Britt. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

John Rea, Attorney, recommended the Council go into executive session to discuss potential litigation and certified it appropriate to go into executive session. He stated it would last approximately thirty minutes and that the council may take action. At 8:44 a.m. Councilmember Tate made a motion to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation; second by Jones. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye, Callahan – Aye and Watson –

Aye. Councilmember Jones left at 9:50 a.m. due to a prior appointment. Mayor Watson reconvened the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

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

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Carroll L. Watson, Mayor

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Laura S. Carmack, City Clerk