

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, LINCOLN, ALABAMA

January 24, 2023

The City Council of the City of Lincoln, Alabama met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.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 and Brandon Tate. Councilmember Joey Callahan was absent. Invocation was given by Billy Pearson and Mayor Watson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Britt made a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2023; second by Jones. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye and Tate – Aye.

Mayor Watson opened the Public Hearing on the following nuisance abatement properties: 116 Riverbend Lane, 205 Riverbend Lane, Lot 17 Riverbend Lane and 180 Riverbend Lane. Cynthia McGowan spoke regarding the property at 116 Riverbend Lane and stated there is still debris in the yard and she has made some effort to clean the property up. Adam Thrasher agreed there is more to be removed from the property. Melba Tipton spoke regarding the property at 180 Riverbend Lane stating her son lives on the property and they have cleaned some of the property up. Adam Thrasher mentioned the dilapidated fence, tree house and a junk boat. Mrs. Tipton advised the tree house had come down today. Jennie Jones asked if the boat could be stored somewhere else and Mrs. Tipton said she could move it to her property. There was no further comment from the public and Mayor Watson closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Watson presented Resolution 2023-13 declaring the property located at 116 Riverbend Lane, Lincoln, Alabama a public nuisance. Councilmember Tate made a motion to move Resolution 2023-13 to the February 14th meeting; second by Jones. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye and Tate – Aye.

Mayor Watson presented Resolution 2023-14 declaring the property located at 205 Riverbend Lane, Lincoln, Alabama a public nuisance. Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-14; second by Jones. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye and Tate – Aye.

Mayor Watson presented Resolution 2023-15 declaring the property located at Lot 17 Riverbend Lane, Lincoln, Alabama a public nuisance. Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-15; second by Jones. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye and Tate – Aye.

Mayor Watson presented Resolution 2023-16 declaring the property located at 180 Riverbend Lane, Lincoln, Alabama a public nuisance. Councilmember Tate made a motion to move Resolution 2023-16 to the February 14th meeting; second by Jones. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye and Tate – Aye.

Mayor Watson presented Resolution 2023-17 abating the property located at 180 Albert Road, Lincoln, Alabama. Mr. Colley, the property owner stated he has continually worked on the home

on the property. Mayor Watson asked when he started and Mr. Colley stated there was no timeline on the permit and six to seven years ago. Councilmember Tate stated the notes from the last meeting regarding the property said it was 2015 which was eight years ago. Mr. Colley stated the floor was done and he had started back on the roof. Councilmember Tate said he was struggling to see a difference from July. Mayor Watson said seven years was unreasonable for the structure of a home. Adam Thrasher said he has received two more complaints. Councilmember Jones stated the biggest accomplishment was replacing the floor. Mayor Watson said when pulling a permit, it is expected to be completed within a reasonable time. On new construction a permit expires in one year. Sylvia Bentley of 190 Albert Road stated property values are affected. She was given one year for an add-on, and she doesn't see how this house could be given a CO. She stated she has never filed a complaint but she wasn't given seven years and there has to be an ending date. Mayor Watson stated there has been material loss due to exposure to the elements and the property has not been inspected for several years. Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-17; second by Britt. The vote was Pearson – Abstain, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye and Tate – Aye.

Mayor Watson presented Resolution 2023-18 authorizing the settlement of a dispute between Carillon Oaks Lincoln, LLC and the City of Lincoln, Alabama. Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-18; second by Pearson. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Nay and Tate – Aye.

Mayor Watson presented Ordinance 2023-09 changing the council meeting time on the second Tuesday of the month to 9:00 a.m.. Councilmember Jones made a motion to accept the first reading as having been read; second by Pearson. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye and Tate – Aye. Councilmember Pearson made a motion to suspend the rules that would otherwise prohibit the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2023-09; second by Britt. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Mayor Watson – Aye. Motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Britt made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-09; second by Pearson. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye and Tate – Aye.

Councilmember Jones made a motion to approve the installation of two street lights at Whispering Oaks; second by Tate. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye and Tate – Aye.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to approve the installation of seven street lights on Speedway Industrial Drive; second by Jones. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye and Tate – Aye.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with William Whittaker for the reroofing of the Lincoln City Center; second by Pearson. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye and Tate – Aye.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to amend the Fire Department budget, category 1000-420000-102-951 in the amount of \$251,744.85 for repairs to Station 2; second by Jones. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye and Tate – Aye.

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

Carroll L. Watson, Mayor

Attest:

Laura S. Carmack, City Clerk