

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, LINCOLN, ALABAMA

November 8, 2022

The City Council of the City of Lincoln, Alabama met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 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. 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 a resolution to authorize the appropriation of public funds and things of value in aid to Dovetail Landing, LLC for the purpose of constructing and creating an environment to rehabilitate, heal, and train veterans of the armed forces of the United States and their families, thereby promoting the economic and general welfare development of the City of Lincoln, Alabama and providing the opportunity for new full and part time jobs, and a much needed veteran care and rehabilitation facility in the City of Lincoln, Talladega County and the State of Alabama. There was no public comment and Mayor Watson closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Pearson made a motion to approve the minutes of October 25, 2022; second by Jones. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

Councilmember Britt made a motion to approve the minutes of November 1, 2022; second by Callahan. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Abstain and Callahan – Aye.

Mayor Watson presented Resolution 2023-03 authorizing the appropriation of public funds and things of value in aid to Dovetail Landing, LLC for the purpose of constructing and creating an environment to rehabilitate, heal, and train veterans of the armed forces of the United States and their families, thereby promoting the economic and general welfare development of the City of Lincoln, Alabama and providing the opportunity for new full and part time jobs, and a much needed veteran care and rehabilitation facility in the City of Lincoln, Talladega County and the State of Alabama. Councilmember Jones made a motion adopt Resolution 2023-03; second by Callahan. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

Mayor Watson presented Resolution 2023-04 awarding the bid to Schmidt Environmental Construction, Inc in the amount of \$1,667,000.00 for 2022 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-04; second by Jones. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

Mayor Watson presented Resolution 2023-05 granting a one-time salary increase. Councilmember Callahan made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-05; second by Tate. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

Mayor Watson presented Ordinance 2023-01 declaring certain real property as surplus and authorizes the conveyance thereof. 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, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye. Councilmember Britt made a motion to suspend the rules that would otherwise prohibit the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2023-01; second by Pearson. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye, Callahan – Aye and Mayor Watson – Aye. Motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Callahan made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-01; second by Jones. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

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

Councilmember Tate made a motion to approve the business license application for Mars Investments, Inc. d/b/a Lincoln Package Store located at 47720 US 78, Suite A, Lincoln, Alabama; second by Pearson. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to approve the business license application for Mars Investments, Inc. d/b/a Lincoln Food Mart located at 47720 US 78, Suite B, Lincoln, Alabama; second by Britt. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

Councilmember Britt made a motion to approve a 011 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package) for Mars Investments, Inc. d/b/a Lincoln Package Store located at 47720 US 78, Suite A, Lincoln, Alabama; second by Tate. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

Councilmember Jones made a motion to approve a 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and a 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for Mars Investments, Inc. d/b/a Lincoln Food Mart located at 47720 US 78, Suite B, Lincoln, Alabama; second by Tate. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

Crystal Mauldin, HR Director introduced Ty Dulaney, Assistant Chief Operator. Mrs. Mauldin requested an executive session regarding a personnel matter regarding the general reputation and character of an employee. At 8:57 a.m. Councilmember Jones made a motion to go into executive session; second by Tate. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye, Callahan – Aye and Mayor Watson – Aye. Mayor Watson stated Council would reconvene in approximately thirty minutes and he anticipated no action would be taken following the executive session. Mayor Watson reconvened the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Councilmember Callahan made a motion to recess the meeting until 1:00 p.m.; second by Tate. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye.

Mayor Watson reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The following were present: Mayor Watson, Councilmembers Sadie Britt, Billy Pearson, Jennie Jones, Brandon Tate and Joey Callahan.

At 1:02 p.m. Councilmember Callahan made a motion to resume the executive session; second by Tate. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye and Callahan – Aye. Mayor Watson stated Council would reconvene in approximately thirty to forty-five minutes and no action would be taken following the executive session. Mayor Watson reconvened the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

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

Carroll L. Watson, Mayor

Attest:

Laura S. Carmack, City Clerk