

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, LINCOLN, ALABAMA

January 9, 2024

The City Council of the City of Lincoln, Alabama met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday January 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Watson called the meeting to order. Councilmembers present were 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.

Council Member Tate made a motion to dispense with the roll call vote of this Council Meeting; second by Pearson. The vote was Ayes: Britt, Pearson, Jones, Tate, Callahan.

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 twelve resolutions to authorize the appropriation of public funds and things of value in aid to the Alabama Bass Trail, Fishers of Men Alabama Tournament Trail, Coosa River Team Trail, Hobie Cat Company II LLC, Alabama B.A.S.S Nation HS, Inc. High School Tiger Division, Alabama B.A.S.S Nation HS, Inc. College, Alabama B.A.S.S Nation HS, Inc. High School Tide Division, Alabama Student Angler Bass Fishing Association, B.A.S.S. Events LLC, Airport Marine High School Fishing Trail, and Alabama Crappie Masters Tournament Trail 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.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2023; second by Britt. The vote was Ayes: Britt, Pearson, Jones, Tate, Callahan.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2023; second by Pearson. The vote was Ayes: Britt, Pearson, Jones, Tate, Callahan.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to approve the minutes of January 5, 2024; second by Pearson. The vote was Ayes: Britt, Pearson, Jones, Tate, Callahan.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-09 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 Trail; second by Britt. The vote was Ayes: Britt, Pearson, Jones, Tate, Callahan.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-10 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 Fishers of Men Alabama Tournament Trail; second by Callahan. The vote was Ayes: Britt, Pearson, Jones, Tate, Callahan.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-11 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 Coosa River Team Trail; second by Jones. The vote was Ayes: Britt, Pearson, Jones, Tate, Callahan.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-12 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 the Hobie Cat Company II LLC; second by Britt. The vote was Ayes: Britt, Pearson, Jones, Tate, Callahan.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-13 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 B.A.S.S Nation HS, Inc. High School Tiger Division; second by Pearson. The vote was Ayes: Britt, Pearson, Jones, Tate, Callahan.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-14 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 B.A.S.S Nation HS, Inc. College; second by Britt. The vote was Ayes: Britt, Pearson, Jones, Tate, Callahan.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-15 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 B.A.S.S Nation HS, Inc. High School Tide Division; second by Pearson. The vote was Ayes: Britt, Pearson, Jones, Tate, Callahan.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-16 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 Trail; second by Pearson. The vote was Ayes: Britt, Pearson, Jones, Tate, Callahan.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-17 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 Student Angler Bass Fishing Association; second by Callahan. The vote was Ayes: Britt, Pearson, Jones, Tate, Callahan.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-18 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 B.A.S.S. Events LLC; second by Jones. The vote was Ayes: Britt, Pearson, Jones, Tate, Callahan.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-19 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 Airport Marine High School Fishing Trail; second by Britt. The vote was Ayes: Britt, Pearson, Jones, Tate, Callahan.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-20 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 Crappie Masters Tournament Trail; second by Jones. The vote was Ayes: Britt, Pearson, Jones, Tate, Callahan.

Councilmember Tate made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-21 assessing the cost of weed abatement in the amount of \$279.33 against the Probasco property located at 389 Ragland Street, Lincoln, Alabama; second by Pearson. The vote was Ayes: Britt, Pearson, Jones, Tate, Callahan.

Mayor Watson re-appointed Clyde Lane (expiration 1/15/2030) to the Lincoln Planning and Zoning Commission.

John Rea, Attorney, recommended the Council go into executive session to discuss trade or commerce for a potential economic development. He stated it would last approximately thirty minutes and that no action was anticipated to be taken. At 9:20 a.m. Councilmember Tate made a motion to go into executive session to discuss trade or commerce for a potential economic development; second by Pearson. The vote was Pearson – Aye, Britt – Aye, Jones – Aye, Tate – Aye, Callahan – Aye, Mayor Watson - Aye. Councilmember Callahan recused himself from attending the executive session. Councilmember Jones left at 9:22 a.m. due to a prior appointment. Mayor Watson reconvened the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

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, Tate, Callahan.

Carroll L. Watson, Mayor

Attest:

Laura S. Carmack, City Clerk