

**MINUTES OF THE DEMOPOLIS COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF DEMOPOLIS, ALABAMA**

Regular Meeting

October 20, 2016

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor  
Charles Jones-District 1  
Harris Nelson-District 3  
Bill Meador-District 4  
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Absent: Nathan Hardy-District 2

Department Heads:

- Police-Tim Soronen-submitted
  - Fire- Vernon Waters- submitted
  - Park & Recreation-submitted
  - Building Official-Julius Rembert-submitted
  - City Hall-Sam Gross
- Court-submitted  
Public Works-Mike Baker  
Horticulture-Barbara Blevins  
Library

Mayor Mike Grayson called the meeting to order with an invocation followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Nelson made the motion to amend the agenda to add under new business # 6 rescheduling November 3rd Council meeting. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes                      Councilman Jones: yes                      Councilman Hardy:  
Councilman Nelson: yes                      Councilman Meador: yes                      Councilman Cole: yes

The council reviewed the minutes of October 6, 2016. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes                      Councilman Jones: yes                      Councilman Hardy:  
Councilman Nelson: yes                      Councilman Meador: yes                      Councilman Cole: yes

**Announcements:**

Mayor Grayson reported on several things that he had learned while attending Alabama League of Municipalities Executive Committee meeting Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Reports from Departments:**

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

**Projects:**

**Dilapidated Housing:** Mr. Poole reported that the concrete block structure at Arcola Street and Second Avenue has been demolished by the property.

Yolanda Thomas thanked Mr. Poole for listening and getting the matter taken care of.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Access from Roman Alley:** After some discussion on the options that are available Councilman Nelson made the motion to authorize Mr. Poole to negotiate land acquisition to connect Roman Alley to Pettus Street. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 abstains by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Jones: abstain	Councilman Hardy:
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

**Ditch on Decatur Street:** Councilman Jones stated the contractor had started until Mr. Baker stopped them because a huge terra cotta sewer pipe. The concerns are the vibration of the digging could possible collapse the line. Councilman Jones stated that he has spoken with Water & Sewer Board to mark the line.

**Planning Commission Board:** Mayor Grayson appointed Andy Renner to the Planning Commission, this is a mayoral appointment.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2016-53 Budget Adjustment:** City Clerk Sam Gross stated Resolution 2016-53 is budget adjustment for the Police Department for security at Demopolis High School football game. This money has been received City Hall. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-53. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed by 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Hardy:
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

**Approval of public street light at North Front Avenue:** City Clerk Sam Gross stated that a citizen had requested a public street light on Front Avenue. Alabama Power has submitted annual cost for the public street light at \$199.44. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve the public street light request on Front Avenue. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: no	Councilman Cole: yes

**Public Assembly application-DTD Pumpkin Palooza:** Public Assembly application DTD Pumpkins Palooza for October 29<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm at George Franks Field. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve public assembly application. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed by 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes  
Councilman Nelson: yes

Councilman Jones: yes  
Councilman Meador: yes

Councilman Hardy:  
Councilman Cole: yes

**Public Assembly application-West Alabama Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Center:** Public Assembly application is for West Alabama Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Center January 21, 2017. After some discussion concerning the route of 10K the Councilman Meador made the motion to table this matter until the next council meeting. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed by 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes  
Councilman Nelson: yes

Councilman Jones: yes  
Councilman Meador: yes

Councilman Hardy:  
Councilman Cole: yes

**Personnel Grievance Hearing:** Mayor Grayson requested executive session for good name and character.

At 5:37pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for good name and character for the City with the following statement:

STATE OF ALABAMA            )  
CITY OF DEMOPOLIS         )

MINUTES EXCERPTS AND MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION  
PURSUANT TO THE ALABAMA OPEN MEETING LAW  
A05-0145

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Demopolis, Alabama with a quorum being present, was conducting a regular Council Meeting on the 20th day of October 2016 the time, date, place and agenda of which were duly announced and notices of which were posted in accordance with the Alabama Open Meeting Law, Act 2005-40 (Act); and,

WHEREAS, during the course of said meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Meador for the Council to go into Executive Session for good name and character which motion was seconded by Councilman Cole; and,

WHEREAS, the Presiding Officer directed the City Clerk to enter said motion, purpose and declaration, if made, into the minutes of the meeting and called for a vote on said motion; and,

WHEREAS, said vote in regard to the motion for Executive Session was taken with the "yeas" and "nays" being recorded onto the minutes as follows:

	Yeas	Nays
1. Mayor Mike Grayson	Yea	
2. Councilman Jones	Yea	
3. Councilman Hardy		
4. Councilman Nelson	Yea	
5. Councilman Meador	Yea	
6. Councilman Cole	Yea	

And Presiding Officer declared that a majority of the votes in favor of the motion, that such motion had therefore passed and the Council would forthwith recess into Executive Session for the purpose as stated in said motion and no other purpose, in accordance with the Act and Council for approximately 15 minutes.

Councilman Nelson made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 6:11pm. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Hardy:
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

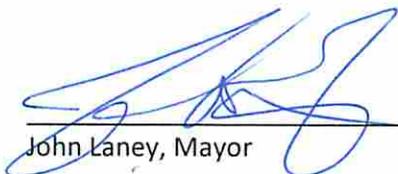
Councilman Meador made a motion to uphold the decision from the personnel committee. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

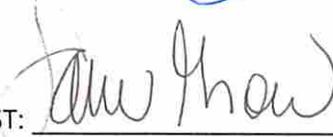
Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Hardy:
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

**Rescheduling November 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting:** Councilman Nelson requested to rescheduling November 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting. After some discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to reschedule November 3<sup>rd</sup> to Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> after organizational meeting. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 abstains by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Hardy:
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Councilman Meador made a motion to adjourn.

  
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John Laney, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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Sam Gross, City Clerk

\* Audio is used by City Clerk to prepare minutes and will be maintained not less than seven years from date of approval.