

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

Regular Meeting

October 3, 2013

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday October 3, 2013 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

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| • Police-Tommie Reese | Court |
| • Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted | Public Works-Mike Baker-submitted |
| • Park & Recreation-submitted | Horticulture-Barbara Blevins-submitted |
| • Building Official | Library-Morgan Allen-submitted |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of September 19, 2013. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve minutes as presented. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion and the motion passes with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson announced that City of Demopolis has won the American in Bloom for our population. Horticulturist Barbara Blevins thanked everyone from the Mayor, council and all people that made this happen.

Mayor Grayson stated meeting with engineer group next week to come up with some numbers to be able to apply for federal funding to develop the port.

On Thursday October 17th there will be preliminary meeting on the Highway 80 songwriter.

On Thursday October 17th be prepared to give your board and committee reports.

Demopolis High School football game tomorrow night here against Greenville.

On Saturday night the Christmas on the River pageant will be at the Demopolis Civic Center.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Councilman Jones requested reports from the departments of the Park and Recreation.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: No report at this time.

Unfinished Business

Resolution 2013-24 Budget 2013-2014: Mayor Grayson stated the proposed budget from finance committee was given out about three weeks ago. Mayor Grayson opened the floor for discussion. Councilman Nelson made the motion to amend the proposed budget to increase the allotted amount \$25,000 for Bryan Whitfield Memorial Hospital that has been done in the past. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Grayson asked Councilman Nelson where he proposes taking the money from. Councilman Nelson stated we have surplus that it would be taken out from. After some decision Mayor Grayson closed the floor for discussion. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and two no votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Mayor Grayson made a motion to add \$92,000 to the line item Demopolis University Center. The motion failed lack of a second.

Councilman Meador made the motion to pass the budget as amended. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Hardy: yes
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Proposed Personnel Policy: Mayor Grayson presented a revised copy of the proposed changes that were omitted in the first proposed personnel policy. The following revisions were:

On page 13-Each year on or before November 15th any employee may at their discretion request to sell a minimum of eight (8) hours and maximum of one hundred-sixty (160) hours of accrued vacation back to the City of Demopolis.

On page 16-Section 8 Funeral leave-Employees who suffer a death in the immediate family will be given three days paid funeral leave to see to family affairs.

Councilman Jones requested a proposed change to the following:

b. Probationary Reports: Midway through the employee's probationary period, (3) months or (6) months for Fire and Police Departments, the department head shall complete a probationary report and discuss it with the employee informing him of any infractions that need to be addressed. At least ten days prior to the end of each employee's probationary period, the department head shall complete a second probationary report and notify the Personnel Committee in writing that either;

On page 11 Section 14- Preparation of Payroll: All full time employees hired January 1, 2014 and later shall be paid solely by direct deposit.

After some discussion Councilman Jones made a motion to add the midway probationary period. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed with 4 yes votes and 2 no votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Jones made the motion to make only full time employees hired January 1, 2014 and later shall be paid solely by direct deposit. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve the personnel policy to include the changes approved above. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Ordinance Enforcement Ordinance-Public Hearing October 17, 2013: Mayor Grayson opened the floor for discussion. There being no objection, this matter will be on October 17th agenda.

New Business

Public Assembly Request-Demopolis High School Homecoming Parade October 18th: Mayor Grayson stated this request is for Demopolis High School parade on October 18th. Chief Reese approved the route. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the public assembly. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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Carl Williams-Blackbelt Christian Minister Association Fall Festival October 30th: Jeff Taylor addressed the Council in Mr. Williams absence. Mr. Taylor stated the minister association is planning on fall festival October 30th at City Landing. Mr. Taylor thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing them to use the City's landing.

Public Assembly Request-Connie Davis-DHS DECA 5K October 26th: This request has been asked to be removed.

Daretter McKinney-Abe Brown Court: Ms. McKinney addressed the Mayor and Council with her concerns of changing the Kauffman Alley to Abe Brown Court. Ms. McKinney stated she found out about the name change in the newspaper. Ms. McKinney stated she should have been notified about this change. Ms. McKinney stated that her family owns property on one side of Kauffman Alley. The family is asking either change it back or put both names on it. After some discussion Mayor Grayson stated that they would look into it and let Ms. McKinney know.

Public Assembly-John Essex Homecoming Parade October 11th: Chief Reese approved the public assembly for John Essex on October 11th. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the public assembly. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Terri Williams-AT & T announcement: Terri Williams thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing her to speak. Ms. Williams announced that AT & T expanding 4G LTE coverage and enhancing the overall performance of its networks in Marengo County.

Committee/Board Reports 2nd meeting of the month

Council Discussion

District 1- Councilman Jones: On September 26th I held a Town Hall meeting. The main topic of discussion was the truck route.

Fire station # 2

District 2- Councilman Hardy: Councilman Hardy had some complaints about speeder. Councilman Hardy stated that he has spoken with Chief Reese about the complaint.

District 3-Councilman Nelson: no report

District 4- Councilman Meador: no report

District 5-Councilman Cole: no report

Councilman Jones made the motion to adjourn.

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The Council reviewed the minutes of October 3, 2013. Councilman Nelson made the correction on page 2 under Resolution 2013-24 as follows:

After some ~~decision~~ **discussion** Mayor Grayson closed the floor for discussion.

Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve minutes with correction. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passes with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Hardy: yes
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Announcements

Mayor Grayson asked for executive session after the end of council discussion for a financial matter.

Mayor Grayson received letter from Katherine Friday, Chair Marengo County Economic Development Authority notifying us of a board appointment coming due on December 31st. Augusta Waters is a council appointee who has served her second term and not eligible. Mayor Grayson stated that Catherine Meador, Chuck Smith, and William Martin terms will expire in 2014 and are not eligible for reappointment.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated that Mike Baker has spoken with Danny Eaves about 1814 A Street and 801 Second Avenue and equipment will be moved in the next day or so to accomplish the demolition.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 2013-03 Enforcement Ordinance: Mayor Grayson stated this ordinance is to enforce overgrown lots, dilapidated properties, cars, and so forth. Mayor Grayson stated this was given out approximately thirty (30) days ago. Mayor Grayson stated our first reading was on October 3th and tonight will be the final reading. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Ordinance 2013-03 as presented. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

New Business

Ordinance 2013-02 Rezoning property at 1105 Highway 80 West: Mayor Grayson stated this has been to the Planning Commission and forwarded to us with favorable recommendation. Mayor Grayson stated this property will be changed from R-2 and B-3 to BLI zone. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve Ordinance 2013-02. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Public Assembly-Marengo County Society-Canebrake Players: Mayor Grayson stated the public assembly is for annual haints and haunts tour on October 25th and 26th. Police Chief Reese approved the application. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the public assembly. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Airport Director Jason Pendergrass-Approval to apply for grant: Jason Pendergrass asked permission to apply for a grant for continued maintenance at the airport. Mr. Pendergrass stated that a resolution would have to be passed before he could apply for the grant for the City's 5% match. Mr. Pendergrass stated this grant would be used to widened the taxi way and to meet the design classification of the

airport. Mr. Pendergrass stated the total amount of the grant would \$1,020,000 and 5% match would be \$51,000. Mr. Pendergrass stated the grant could be split into two (2) phases depends on how they Aeronautic plans to spend the money. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the resolution 2013-25 to allow Mr. Pendergrass to apply the grant. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Committee/Board Reports 2nd meeting of the month

Airport: No report

Board of Adjustment: No report

Cemetery: Bids on clean-up for Riverside and Memorial Gardens. A fee of \$150 will be added to each burial plot sold to go into a special fund for maintenances as of September 17th.

Water Board: meets Monday

Industrial Development Board: 4 projects going on.

Historic Preservation: Improvements downtown.

Hospital: looking to replace the MRI machine. Budget was passed. They have welcomed 5 new doctors into the community. Three grants approved.

Library: No report

Planning Commission: No report

Park & Recreation: Meeting on Monday. Arthur Evans is the new chairman of the board.

Board of Education: Meets on Monday.

Chamber of Commerce: Director Jenn Tate has resigned and interviews are in progress.

Mayor Grayson stated that concludes the boards/committee report.

Mayor Grayson asked to go into executive session for the purpose financial matter for the City.

At 5:38pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for general reputation and character, job performance, or compensation, 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 17th day of October 2013 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 Jones for the Council to go into Executive Session for good name and character and financial matter which motion was seconded by Councilman Meador; 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	Yea	
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 6:01pm. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Jones made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
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Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson stated the agenda needs to be amended to add the following resolutions:

- Resolution 2013-26 Surplus Police Vehicles
- Resolution 2013-27 Surplus Police Vehicle
- Resolution 2013-28 Budget Adjustment-Police Department
- Resolution 2013-29 Budget Adjustment-Public Works

Councilman Cole made the motion to amend the agenda. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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The Council reviewed the minutes of October 17, 2013. Councilman Hardy made the correction on page 2 under unfinished business Ordinance 2013-03 Enforcement Ordinance as follows:

Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: ~~no~~ yes Councilman Jones: yes Councilman Hardy: yes

Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: ~~no~~ yes Councilman Cole: yes

Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the amended minutes Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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Announcements

Mayor Grayson reminded the council 2nd meeting in the boards/committees reports.

Mayor Grayson received a letter from Vickie Taylor at Southern Oaks. Ms. Taylor wanted that thank Mayor Grayson and the Demopolis Fire Department personnel for their awesome quick actions and knowledge of their duties and leadership that she has witnessed at Southern Oaks. She commended Talmus Williams for his leadership and Greg Russell for being very efficient. Mayor Grayson commended Chief Tate for a good job.

Augusta Watters board appointment on the Marengo County Economic Development Board will expire December 2013. Ms. Watters will not be eligible for reappointment.

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Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Elizabeth Etheridge-Demopolis Chamber President: Elizabeth Etheridge presented the Mayor and Council with new pamphlets of Christmas on the River. Ms. Etheridge asked for permission to host Christmas on the River which includes Thursday December 5th the lighting of public square, crowning of Santa Nicholas, announcing the special needs child, reading of the Christmas story, and in case of bad weather to be able to use the Demopolis Civic Center. On Friday December 6th host the State BBQ Cook Off at the George Frank’s field. On Saturday December 7th the fair in square will be held 7:30am until 4:00pm with blocking the streets. The jingle bell run will be Saturday December 7th at 8:00am along with the children day parade starting at 11:30am. The nautical parade will begin at 6:30pm until 8:30pm with the fireworks display. The Christmas on the River Gala will be at the Demopolis Civic Center starting at 5:30pm until midnight. Ms. Etheridge stated all the permits have been issued for the distribution of alcohol at the Civic Center. Councilman Meador made the motion to give permission to the Demopolis Chamber of Commerce host the annual Christmas on the River. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Elizabeth Etheridge-Demopolis Chamber President: Mayor Grayson stated the ABC application is for the special event license for the Christmas of the River Gala at 501 North Commissioner Avenue. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the application for December 7th. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Richard LeCroy-Audit: Mr. Richard LeCroy, CPA with LeCroy, Hunter & Company PC distributed copies of the audit to the Mayor and Council along with a Management letter, Auditing Standard 112 Communicating Internal Control Related Matters letter, and Communication with Governing Authority Auditing Standard 114 letter. Mr. LeCroy stated that he would go over the information and then address any questions. The Management letter outlines recommendations the City of Demopolis should incorporate into their internal control policy. Using the services of Mason & Gardner to prepare the financial statements for the City of Demopolis ensured that the auditing firm did not have to make significant financial adjustments which made the Auditing Standard 115 Communicating Internal Control Related Matters letter more favorable. This letter can significantly impact the City’s bonding ability. Mr. LeCroy does recommend the City of Demopolis continue this arrangement. Councilman Meador made a motion to accept the audit as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Feasibility Study on the Convention Center: Mayor Grayson presented the council with a feasibility study from Troy University for a convention center.

Resolution 2013-26 Surplus Police Vehicles: Chief Reese stated this resolution is to declare surplus police vehicles that are no longer in use. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve the resolution 2013-26. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2013-27 Surplus Police Vehicle: Chief Reese stated this resolution is a declare surplus of police vehicle to be sold to City of Faunsdale for the sum of five hundred dollars. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2013-28 Budget Adjustment-Police Department: Chief Reese stated this resolution is for a damaged police vehicle that has been paid by individual insurance company. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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Resolution 2013-29 Budget Adjustment-Public Works: Public works Director Mike Baker stated this resolution is for a sale of scrap metal that his department has picked up off the streets. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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Call to Order

Invocation-Pastor James Woods

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approve of Agenda

Approval of Minutes-November 7, 2013

Announcements

Reports from Departments

Police-submitted

Court-submitted

Fire-submitted

Public Works

Park & Recreation-submitted

Horticulture

Building Official

Library

City Hall

Projects

1. Dilapidated Housing

Unfinished Business

New Business

1. Re-schedule December 5th and January 2nd council meeting
2. Grievance Hearing
3. Resolution 2013-30 Budget Adjustment Police Department
4. Fire Chief Tate-permission to apply 2013 Assistance grant
5. Public Assembly-Connie Davis-ADECA Thrive Downtown Demopolis
6. Resolution 2013-31 Budget Adjustment Police Department
7. Resolution 2013-32 Agreement with State of Alabama-operation and maintenance of existing traffic signals and street lighting at Highway 80 and Highway 43
8. Resolution 2013-33 Budget Adjustment Police Department
9. Reginald Vines-Armed Forces Benefit Association
10. Board Appointments

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Council Discussion

Mayor Discussion

Executive Session

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No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Elizabeth Etheridge-Demopolis Chamber President: Elizabeth Etheridge presented the Mayor and Council with new pamphlets of Christmas on the River. Ms. Etheridge asked for permission to host Christmas on the River which includes Thursday December 5th the lighting of public square, crowning of Santa Nicholas, announcing the special needs child, reading of the Christmas story, and in case of bad weather to be able to use the Demopolis Civic Center. On Friday December 6th host the State BBQ Cook Off at the George Frank's field. On Saturday December 7th the fair in square will be held 7:30am until 4:00pm with blocking the streets. The jingle bell run will be Saturday December 7th at 8:00am along with the children day parade starting at 11:30am. The nautical parade will begin at 6:30pm until 8:30pm with the fireworks display. The Christmas on the River Gala will be at the Demopolis Civic Center starting at 5:30pm until midnight. Ms. Etheridge stated all the permits have been issued for the distribution of alcohol at the Civic Center. Councilman Meador made the motion to give permission to the Demopolis Chamber of Commerce host the annual Christmas on the River. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Elizabeth Etheridge-Demopolis Chamber President: Mayor Grayson stated the ABC application is for the special event license for the Christmas of the River Gala at 501 North Commissioner Avenue. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the application for December 7th. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Richard LeCroy-Audit: Mr. Richard LeCroy, CPA with LeCroy, Hunter & Company PC distributed copies of the audit to the Mayor and Council along with a Management letter, Auditing Standard 112 Communicating Internal Control Related Matters letter, and Communication with Governing Authority Auditing Standard 114 letter. Mr. LeCroy stated that he would go over the information and then address any questions. The Management letter outlines recommendations the City of Demopolis should incorporate into their internal control policy. Using the services of Mason & Gardner to prepare the financial statements for the City of Demopolis ensured that the auditing firm did not have to make significant financial adjustments which made the Auditing Standard 115 Communicating Internal Control Related Matters letter more favorable. This letter can significantly impact the City's bonding ability. Mr. LeCroy does recommend the City of Demopolis continue this arrangement. Councilman Meador made a motion to accept the audit as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Feasibility Study on the Convention Center: Mayor Grayson presented the council with a feasibility study from Troy University for a convention center.

Resolution 2013-26 Surplus Police Vehicles: Chief Reese stated this resolution is to declare surplus police vehicles that are no longer in use. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve the resolution 2013-26. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2013-27 Surplus Police Vehicle: Chief Reese stated this resolution is a declare surplus of police vehicle to be sold to City of Faunsdale for the sum of five hundred dollars. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2013-28 Budget Adjustment-Police Department: Chief Reese stated this resolution is for a damaged police vehicle that has been paid by individual insurance company. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2013-29 Budget Adjustment-Public Works: Public works Director Mike Baker stated this resolution is for a sale of scrap metal that his department has picked up off the streets. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

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Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

December 2, 2013

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday December 2, 2013 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

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| • Police-Tommie Reese | Court |
| • Fire-Tommy Tate | Public Works-Mike Baker |
| • Park & Recreation | Horticulture-Barbara Blevins |
| • Building Official-Clarence Brooker, Jr. | Library |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

Mayor Mike Grayson called the meeting to order with invocation by Public Works Director Mike Baker followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson asked to amend the agenda to add the Civic Center keypad under new business number 5. Councilman Hardy made the motion to amend the agenda. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of November 21, 2013. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes.

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

Announcements

No announcement at this time.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole asked if anyone on the council had any nominations for dilapidated structures for the next round, please let me know. Mr. Poole stated that he has sent out required notices for the two (2) properties that have been demolished, and the final resolution will be on the next council meeting.

A brief discussion on Newton Tire burned out building.

Unfinished Business

Board Appointments: Mayor Grayson stated the following board appointments member terms have expired:

Allen Bishop - Board of Adjustment expired October 2013

Marvin Johnson – Cemetery Board expired September 2013

Hester Brown – Historic Preservation expired June 2013

Bill Barley – Planning Commission expired October 2013

Alex Roberson – Planning Commission October 2013

Mayor Grayson made the motion to re-nominate everyone for another term. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Meador made the motion to suspend our policy for board appointments and vote today because everyone is currently serving. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Meador made the motion to reappoint all 5 members. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

New Business

ABC Special Events Demopolis Chamber of Commerce-COTR BBQ Cook-Off: Mayor Grayson stated this application is for the Christmas on the River BBQ Cook Off on December 6th. Mayor Grayson asked Police Chief Reese if there was a problem with the application. Chief Reese approved the application. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the application. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Request to appear from Angelia Mance: Angelia Mance thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to speak to them. Ms. Mance stated she was there on the behalf of the University of West

Alabama to ask them to reconsider reinstating funding for the center. Ms. Mance stated in 2009 when the University of West Alabama took over there was a commitment with the City of Demopolis for five (5) years which would end 2014. Ms. Mance handed out synopsis of the activity that has been carried forth. Ms. Mance updated the Mayor and Council with projects that are in the works. Councilman Jones made the motion to reinstate the funding at \$92,500.00 and \$7,500 in kind total \$100,000 through 2014. Councilman Cole seconded the motion. Mayor Grayson asked where the money is coming from. Councilman Jones stated regardless where the money is coming from the commitment was made from prior council. Councilman Jones presented several minutes that stated the commitment. The motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

2014 City of Demopolis Holidays: Mayor Grayson asked City Clerk Sam Gross if a vote needed to be done on the holiday days for 2014. Councilman Nelson asked if these are the same dates in the past. City Clerk Sam Gross answered yes. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the holidays for the city employees for 2014. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Charles Jones-technology/tablet/laptop with search engine: Councilman Jones stated at this time he is working with Jeremiah Dial with a sample search engine program for their minutes at the Demopolis City School. Councilman Jones stated that each councilman would have a tablet with a search engine to research minutes. Councilman Jones asked that this be tabled until the next council meeting and have a better feel of this. After some discussion on how many and where it will be stored along with the cost, the council agreed to table this matter until the next meeting.

Civic Center Keypad: Mayor Grayson stated that we have two (2) proposals for keypad located at the civic center, one from Buford's Locksmith and Security in the amount of \$3,336.00 and the other from Collins Communications in the amount of \$3,135.99. Councilman Jones asked why we are spending more money when this building is not making money. After some discussion over the cost and Councilman Jones stated we are trying to control the lock, when we could control the key? Councilman Jones stated that internet lock box outside that can be controlled by the internet. After some discussion on the cost and the time frame we have Councilman Meador made the motion to go with Councilman Jones plan that includes the cost less than thousand. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Meador asked to go into executive session for financial matter.

At 6:03pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for general reputation and character, job performance, or compensation, 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 2nd day of December 2013 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 Mayor Grayson; 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	Yea	
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 Meador made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 6:15pm. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Mayor Grayson stated we have a copy of a lease for Shelton State for the New Era building for the truck driving school. Mayor Grayson asked if there was any discussion on this. Councilman Meador made the motion to enter in a lease agreement with Shelton State. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

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Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

December 19, 2013

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday December 19, 2013 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

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|---|-------------------------|
| • Police-Tommie Reese | Court-submitted |
| • Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted | Public Works-Mike Baker |
| • Park & Recreation-Walker Reynolds-submitted | Horticulture |
| • Building Official-submitted | Library |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of December 2, 2013. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes.

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson thanked all department heads that helped make Christmas on the River successful.

Mayor Grayson presented financial statements as of November 2013. Revenues are a little behind for the first two (2) months of the fiscal year.

January 2nd council meeting has been rescheduled to Monday January 6th at 5:15pm.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Chief Reese stated on the November 21st meeting District 5 Councilman Cole stated they are still having problem with dogs running at large. Chief Reese stated three (3) dogs have been picked up in that district and along with 42 handicap tickets.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Resolution 2013-34, 2013-35, and 2013-36: Mayor Grayson stated that Mr. Poole would not be attending due to a death in the family. City Clerk Sam Gross explained to the Mayor and Council that this information was sent out certified to the property owners of the following addresses:

Resolution 2013-34-1814 A Street

Resolution 2013-35-801 2nd Avenue

Resolution 2013-36- Knox Circle & Second Avenue

These resolutions states that assessment will be added to the annual tax assessment for the demolition cost that the city has incurred. After reviewing the resolution Councilman Meador made the motion to pass Resolution 2013-34, 2013-35, and 2013-36. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes

Councilman Jones: yes

Councilman Hardy: yes

Councilman Nelson: yes

Councilman Meador: yes

Councilman Cole: yes

Unfinished Business

Councilman Jones-tablet/laptop with search engine: Councilman Jones requested that this be tabled until the next council meeting.

New Business

John Scales-Christmas on the River: Mr. Scales would like to thank the City of Demopolis and several city officials for going over and beyond to make Christmas on the River a success. Mayor Grayson thanked Mr. Scales and several others including the volunteers for their hard work.

Brandon Smith-Gandy Ferry Road: US Army Corp of Engineers Brandon Smith addressed the Mayor and Council with the federal lands access program project grant. The grant is for improvements to roads going into federal land. Mr. Smith stated the road in question is Gandy Ferry Road which leads to the Spillway Falls Park. The Corp made improvement to this park renovating in 2011 spending approximately 3.1 million. Mr. Smith stated that Gandy Ferry Road is a County road at this time. After some decision on who would maintain the road and drainage issues. Councilman Nelson made the motion to write the support letter for the FLAP project. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes

Councilman Jones: yes

Councilman Hardy: yes

Councilman Nelson: yes

Councilman Meador: yes

Councilman Cole: yes

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Airport-No meeting

Beautification-No meeting

Building Committee-No meeting

Cemetery-No meeting

Finance-No meeting

Historic Preservation-No meeting

Library-No report

Park & Recreation-No meeting

Personnel-No report

Planning Commission-Townsend Ford will be coming in the near future

Public Safety-No meeting

Water Board-hired Carrey Windham as the office manager

Board of Adjustment-no report

Board of Education-accepted resignation and hired Agri-business teacher

Hospital-Obama care has started and Medicare reimbursement is shorter than they normally get by \$600,000 plus dollars. Starting on 1.5 million project for the MRI replacement. They were rewarded \$900,000 grant to operate the medical mobile van for the region.

Chamber of Commerce-Just concluded Christmas on the River. Planning their annual banquet that will be held on February 27th.

Council Discussion

District 1-Councilman Jones-nothing at this time

District 2-Councilman Hardy-nothing at this time

District 3-Councilman Nelson-nothing at this time

District 4-Councilman Meador-Merry Christmas to everyone.

District 5-Councilman Cole-Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilman Hardy made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

January 7, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Tuesday January 7, 2014 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Absent: Cleveland Cole-District 5

Department Heads:

- Police-Tommie Reese-submitted
 - Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted
 - Park & Recreation-Walker Reynolds
 - Building Official-Clarence Brooker
 - City Hall-Sam Gross
- Court
Public Works-Mike Baker
Horticulture-Barbara Blevins-submitted
Library-submitted

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. 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: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole:

The Council reviewed the minutes of December 19, 2013. Councilman Meador made a correction on page3 under Hospital as follows:

They were ~~rewarded~~ **awarded** \$900,000 grant to operate the medical mobile van for the region.

Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the amended minutes. Councilman Hardy 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: yes Councilman Cole:

Announcements

Department Head meeting will be Thursday January 9th at 8:30.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Mayor Grayson thanked Barbara Blevins and Mike Baker for an excellence of the park for the month of December and decorating the Civic Center.

Mayor Grayson asked to go into executive session for a financial opportunity.

At 5:22pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for general reputation and character, job performance, or compensation, 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 7th day of January 2014 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 Mayor Grayson for the Council to go into Executive Session for financial opportunity which motion was seconded by Councilman Meador; 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	Yea	
4. Councilman Nelson	Yea	
5. Councilman Meador	Yea	
6. Councilman Cole		

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 20 minutes.

Councilman Nelson made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 5:51pm. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: No report

Unfinished Business

Councilman Jones-tablet/laptop with search engine: Councilman Jones requested that this be tabled until the next council meeting.

New Business

Resolution 2014-01 Budget Adjustment-Police security reimbursement: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-01 is budget adjustment for overtime for working Demopolis High School ball games in the amount of \$3,096.37. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-01. 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: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole:

Resolution 2014-02 Budget Adjustment-Police security reimbursement: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-02 budget adjustment for overtime for security at McDonald's in the amount of \$631.78. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-02. 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: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole:

Resolution 2014-03 Budget Adjustment-Police security reimbursement: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-03 budget adjustment is for overtime for security at Demopolis Middle School ball game in the amount of \$56.86. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-03. 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: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole:

Resolution 2014-04 Budget Adjustment-Police security reimbursement: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-04 budget adjustment is for overtime for security at Sonic's in the amount of \$831.15. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-04. Councilman Hardy 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: yes Councilman Cole:

Resolution 2014-05 Budget Adjustment-training reimbursement: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-05 budget adjustment is for training for City of York in the amount of \$85.00. Councilman Hardy made

the motion to approve Resolution 2014-05. Councilman Jones 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: yes Councilman Cole:

Resolution 2014-06 Budget Adjustment-Police security reimbursement: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-06 budget adjustment is for overtime for security at Demopolis Middle School ball game in the amount of \$163.69. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-06. Councilman Hardy 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: yes Councilman Cole:

Resolution 2014-07 Budget Adjustment-Police security reimbursement: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-07 budget adjustment is for overtime for security at McDonald's in the amount of \$804.72. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-07. Councilman Hardy 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: yes Councilman Cole:

Resolution 2014-08 Budget Adjustment-Police Surplus tractor: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-08 budget adjustment is for the sale of a John Deere Lawn Tractor in the amount of \$403.12. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-08. Councilman Hardy 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: yes Councilman Cole:

Resolution 2014-09 Budget Adjustment-Police Surplus vehicle: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-09 budget adjustment is for the sale of a 1997 GMC Jimmy in the amount of \$1612.50. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-09. Councilman Hardy 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: yes Councilman Cole:

Resolution 2014-10 Budget Adjustment-Public Works-scrap metal: Public Works Director Mike Baker stated this resolution 2014-10 is for the sale of scrap metal in the amount of \$60.00. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-10. Councilman Hardy 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: yes Councilman Cole:

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Council Discussion

Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

January 16, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday January 16, 2014 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

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

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Absent: Nathan Hardy-District 2

Department Heads:

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| • Police-Tommie Reese-submitted | Court-submitted |
| • Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted | Public Works |
| • Park & Recreation-submitted | Horticulture |
| • Building Official-Clarence Brooker | Library |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. 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:
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

The Council reviewed the minutes of January 7, 2014. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passes 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 received a letter from Col. Hugh McCall, Department of Public Safety thanking the city for assistance from several Demopolis Police Department officers at the 2013 Footwash in Hale County in September. Mr. McCall stated the officers were valuable member of our team who displayed professionalism at all times.

Mayor Grayson received a letter from Lynn Goldman stating that Demopolis CATV rate increase from \$49 to \$51 on March 1st.

Mayor Grayson stated that Shelton State has unloaded furniture at the New Era building on Tuesday for the driving school that hopes to be up and running in the next couple of weeks.

On Tuesday Townsend Ford delivered vehicle on the temporary site behind Smokin Jack's and are open for business.

New physician Dr. Tiffany Ward is in town at Dr. Chu's Clinic.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: No report

Unfinished Business

Councilman Jones-tablet/laptop with search engine: Councilman Jones stated changing the minutes to a searchable PDF format. Councilman Jones stated the cost of tablet is approximately \$320 with a case and the software is free. Councilman Jones stated no internet service in this building but a bridge could be purchased for \$150 to provide internet from City Hall. After some discussion the council agrees to hold off on buying individual tablets. Councilman Nelson made the motion to make the minutes sortable by switching software to a PDF format. 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:
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

New Business

At 5:31pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for general reputation and character, job performance, or compensation, 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 16th day of January 2014 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 Cole for the Council to go into Executive Session for financial matter which motion was seconded by Councilman Meador; 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		

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 45 minutes.

Councilman Meador made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 6:37pm. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and 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

Proposed Ordinance 2013-04 Rezoning at 502 North Front Avenue: Mayor Grayson stated the Ordinance is to rezone property from I-2 to R-3 to erect mobile home at 502 North Front Avenue. Mayor Grayson stated this was passed with a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. After some discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to pass the ordinance 2014-04. 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:
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Resolution 2014-11 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday: City Clerk Sam Gross stated this resolution is for a tax free weekend begin Friday February 21st and ending Sunday February 23rd for the purchases dealing with weather preparedness that are listed in the resolution. Councilman Meador made the motion to pass Resolution 2014-11. Councilman Jones 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

Bids on New Era: Councilman Jones sent out scope of work for the New Era building for UWA for 10 welders in a self-contained room separate from Shelton State/Demopolis City Schools. Councilman Jones stated that this was sent out to several local businesses that declined for clarification reason. The scope of work as follows

1. Install a new 600 amp single phase electrical service entrance.
 - a. Run conduit chase or separate drops for 10 welders 220 volt single phase
 - b. Also install a duplex 110 volt outlet at each station

2. Install a 5 ton heat Pump condenser, air handler 15KW strip heat, and thermostat.

The bids as follows:

Rice Heating and Cooling, Inc.	\$20,599.00
Anderson Plumbing, Heating, and Electric	\$28,328.08

Councilman Meador made the motion to accept the lowest bid for Rice Heating & Cooling, Inc. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call as follows:

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

Resolution 2014-12 Surplus Property: City Clerk Sam Gross stated this Resolution to declare surplus on 1989 Ford 350 Super Duty Bucket Truck. After some discussion Councilman Nelson made the motion to accept the resolution. 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:
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Committee/Board Reports 2nd meeting of the month

Airport-No report

Beautification- No report

Building- Anderson proposal on the Rooster Hall to replace existing 2 inch vent pipe on two (2) furnaces with 3 inch vent pipe.

Cemetery- No report

Finance- No report

Historic Preservation- No report

Park & Recreation- winter schedule

Personnel- No report

Planning- No report

Public Safety- discussed disaster preparedness

Water- No report

Board of Adjustment- No report

Board of Education- No report

Hospital- The city council is actively engaged in trying to help looking for some alternative solution for the hospital.

Chamber of Commerce- beginning planning for 2014 COTR

Council Discussion

District 1- Councilman Jones- work on a temporary fix for the flooding in the brickyard for all the rain.

District 2-Councilman Hardy-absent

District 3-Councilman Nelson-paving

District 4- Councilman Meador- Nothing at this time

District 5-Councilman Cole- Nothing at this time

Mayor Grayson stated that you will soon see work being done on Jackson Street bridge with RAMP Project. Councilman Jones stated that we need to install updated guard rail on Jackson Street.

Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

February 6, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday February 6, 2014 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

- Police-Tommie Reese-submitted
- Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted
- Park & Recreation
- Building Official-Clarence Brooker
- City Hall-Sam Gross
- Court-submitted
- Public Works-Mike Baker-submitted
- Horticulture
- Library-Morgan Allen-submitted

Mayor Mike Grayson called the meeting to order with invocation by Police Chief Tommie Reese followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Hardy made the made to amend the agenda to add Resolution 2014-14 under new business #3. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of January 16, 2014. Mayor Grayson made the following correction on page 4:

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	Yea	
4. Councilman Nelson	Yea	
5. Councilman Meador	Yea	
6. Councilman Cole	Yea	

Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the amended minutes for January 16, 2014. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

No announcement at this time.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: No report

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Scarlett Pate-Recycling Project: Ms. Pate introduced herself. She is a 1st grade teacher at West Alabama Christian. Ms. Pate stated that her 1st grade class program is learning how important recycling is. Ms. Pate gave several statistics on recycling. Ms. Pate asked to consider helping us in this in valuable effort in recycling in our city. Councilman Hardy asked what kind of assistance you are all looking for from the city. Ms. Pate stated that in researching that there are 3,014 households in Demopolis. If they were charged \$1 per month for a household, that would be \$3,000 dollars to go towards recycling. That would cover the worker, and the average cost is \$50 per ton for trash. If there is only two (2) tons of trash that would only be \$100. Mayor Grayson stated that we would take under advisement and consideration. Mayor Grayson commended her on the noble effort.

Resolution 2014-13 Budget Adjustment-Alabama Power donation: Librarian Morgan Allen stated this donation from Alabama Power in amount \$1,500 is for summer reading program. After some discussion Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2013-13. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion carries with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-14 Appointment of Special City Attorney: Mayor Grayson stated this Resolution is regarding the city attorney and appointed Manley, Traeger, Perry, and Stapp on temporary bases commencing February 7 and thereafter. Councilman Jones made the motion to pass Resolution 2014-14. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes Councilman Jones: yes Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole: yes
Committee/Board Reports 2nd meeting of the month

Council Discussion

Mayor Grayson thanked the YouthLead for attending the Council meeting.

District 1- Councilman Jones-considering Sunday liquor sales to be on the November ballot. Mayor Grayson asked that this be put on the next agenda as a Resolution.

District 2-Councilman Hardy-Renew our Rivers

District 3-Councilman Nelson-Thanks for Councilman Jones for bring up the Sunday liquor sales.

District 4- Councilman Meador- Nothing at this time

District 5-Councilman Cole- Paving-Weather

Mayor Grayson stated Town Hall meeting will held at 5:30 at Rooster Hall for the purpose of labor and delivery.

At 5:42pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for general reputation and character, job performance, or compensation, 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 16th day of January 2014 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 Jones for the Council to go into Executive Session for financial matter 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 Meador made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 6:20pm. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Nelson made a motion to amend the personnel policy manual in page 23 Section 4 to read the following:

- (1) Become a candidate for election or appointment to political office *within municipality*; or

Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 3 yes, 2 no, and 1 abstain votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

February 20, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday February 20, 2014 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

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| • Police-Tommie Reese | Court |
| • Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted | Public Works-Mike Baker |
| • Park & Recreation-submitted | Horticulture-Barbara Blevins |
| • Building Official-Clarence Brooker-submitted | Library |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Hardy made the made to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of January 23rd and February 6th. Councilman Meador made the motion approve the minutes for January 23rd and February 6th. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson distributed tickets from the Arts Council for various things coming up.

Mayor Grayson gave a report from Almon Associates on the Jackson Street bridge and street resurfacing. Mayor Grayson stated Jeremy Jones with Almon Associates reported waiting on TTL to drill holes for the foundation. Mayor Grayson stated that he received an email from Frank Upchurch with TTL stating they are coordinating with the Corp of Engineers and Coast Guard to get the required

permission and hope to begin barge drilling the week of March 3rd pending no weather delays. Mayor Grayson stated there was a meeting with Public Works Director Mike Baker, and Almon Associates to revisit all the sites for street resurfacing.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: No report

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Resolution 2014-15 Budget Adjustment-Police Security-Arbour Valley: Chief Reese stated this Resolution is to restore overtime monies for officers working police security at Arbour Valley/Crossgates. Chief Reese stated the money has been received at City Hall. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-15. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion carries with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-16 Budget Adjustment-Police Security-Sonic: Chief Reese stated this Resolution is to restore overtime monies for officers working police security at Sonic. The monies have been receipted at City Hall. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-16. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-17 Budget Adjustment-Police Security-McDonald's: Chief Reese stated this Resolution is to restore overtime monies for officers working police security at McDonald's. The monies have been received at City Hall. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-17. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution approving transfer of right to lease agreement: Jason Pendergrass stated that Boyd Duckett is no longer with Southern Tank Leasing, nor does he live in Demopolis. Mr. Pendergrass stated in 2002 Southern Tank Leasing purchased an airplane, and the airplane was too large for any of the hangers to accommodate. Southern Tank Leasing and City came up with a land lease agreement that would allow Southern Tank Leasing to build their own hanger that would store the airplane. The lease agreement was for twenty (20) years and at the end of lease agreement the hanger would become property of the City. There is an escape clause in the lease that states if they no longer have airplane or wish to transfer

the rights to the lease to a third party. Mr. Pendergrass stated Mr. Duckett no longer has his airplane here and no longer needs the hanger. Mr. Duckett is asking to get out the lease. After some discussion Councilman Cole made the motion to transfer the rights. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Hank Atchinson-Blackbelt Ministerial Association regards to Sunday liquor sales: Pastor Hank Atchinson stated we are here to address the proposed referendum that would lift the ban of alcohol sales on Sunday. Mr. Atchinson stated that their prospect from pastoral community is not a moral or sin issue. Mr. Atchinson stated as pastor we see the dark side of alcohol where families have been destroyed. Mr. Atchinson asked if the positive is to increase revenue. Mr. Atchinson asked would this significantly increase the tax revenue to change the law. Mr. Atchinson shared article from Crimson White from Tuscaloosa where they have Sunday liquor sales. It states missed benefits where they see an increase in sales but not significantly over all sales. Tuscaloosa being a college town and not see significant increases so what you think it would do for us. Mr. Atchinson read several case studies from the American Journal of Public Health on the aspect of increase in wrecks and fatalities related to alcohol sales on Sunday. This is a public safety concerns.

Resolution 2014-18 Supporting Alcoholic Beverages sales on Sunday: Mayor Grayson stated due to the fact that my wife and I own a wine and beer store that I would abstain from this discussion. Mayor Grayson stated that he would moderate the discussion and will not input good or bad and nor will I vote. Councilman Meador thanked the Ministerial association for coming and had come with a decision but now would like to table this. Councilman Nelson stated the only concerns about tabling this would put off until 2016. Councilman Nelson stated that he doesn't know the whole process but tonight would be just a vote to go to state and then the people can vote. Councilman Jones asked that we waive Robert's Rules of Order and allow the business owners that would like to speak. Jason Windham owner of Batter Up, spoke to several people Councilman concerning this and coming from a family that grew up in church every Sunday and feel that I have a strong Christian faith background. Mr. Windham stated that he is a little frustrated that there are cities where some people have choices taken away from them and allowed in the surround community. That is a frustration from me being a business owner that is money that could benefit my family. Mr. Windham stated there have been football or basketball games on Sunday and people working here from out of town would order food and when they couldn't get the beverage they wanted would leave. Mr. Windham stated it got to the point it wasn't feasible for me to be open on Sunday. Mr. Windham stated that is not wrong or right, but he would like the opportunity for the citizens to have the choice. Joe Parr spoke and stated that he wouldn't give an opinion on this without his business partner Jim Parr. Pastor Carl Williams First Baptist Church stated this is not personal; we are pro-business and we understand the struggles as business to make a living for your families. Mr. Williams stated I hope you understand our concerns are the dark side of what alcohol can do. After some discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to table Resolution 2014-18. The motion failed due to lack of second. Councilman Nelson made the motion to pass the Resolution 2014-18. The motion failed due to lack of second. Mayor Grayson stated this would resume to the next council meeting.

Marengo County Revenue Commissioner Sharon Barkley-updated improvements: Revenue Commissioner Sharon Barkley thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to speak before them. Ms. Barkley stated that she has updated the GIS system with overlay indicating which parcels are in the

Historic District in the downtown business district. Ms. Barkley distributed out copies of the map. Ms. Barkley stated that she had been working with Brian Brooker with Historic Preservation. Ms. Barkley stated there are benefits for locating in the downtown historic district. The assessment rate is 10% of property tax in the historic district. Ms. Barkley stated this could be an incentive for businesses to locate in the downtown historic district.

Committee/Board Reports 2nd meeting of the month

Mayor Grayson asked committee/board reports will be given at the next council meeting due to potential bad weather.

At 5:58pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for general reputation and character, job performance, or compensation, 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 February 2014 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 Mayor Grayson for the Council to go into Executive Session for financial matter which motion was seconded by Councilman Meador; 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	Yea	
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 30 minutes.

Councilman Jones made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 7:39pm. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

March 6, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday March 6, 2014 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

- Police-Tommie Reese-submitted
 - Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted
 - Park & Recreation-Walker Reynolds
 - Building Official-Clarence Brooker
 - City Hall-Sam Gross
- Court
Public Works-Mike Baker-submitted
Horticulture-Barbara Blevins
Library

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Hardy made the made to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of February 20, 2014. Councilman Nelson made the following correction on page 3:

Councilman Nelson stated that he doesn't know *if the Ministerial Association knows the whole process* but tonight would be just a vote to go to state and then the people can vote.

Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the amended minutes. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson recognized City Clerk Sam Gross for being vigilant in discovering more than \$400,000 in tax funds intended for the City.

Mayor Grayson received an email from Jeremy Jones, Almon Associates on the street resurfacing. The following schedule:

March 25th pre bid conference at 1:30pm

April 1st bid opening at 1:30pm

April 3rd presented to the Council to award and approves the bid

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

City Clerk Sam Gross reminded the council of the Ethics form deadline.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Interim City Attorney Scott Stapp reported to the Council we have restarted the process on the property located at the corner of Pettus and Floyd concerning the mobile home.

Unfinished Business

Resolution 2014-18 Supporting Alcoholic Beverages sales on Sunday: Mayor Grayson stated since he has potential direct conflict or impacted on my business, I'm turning the gavel over to the Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Pro-Tem Meador stated at this time we have unfinished business with two (2) requesting to appear.

Connie Brown, coordinator of the Marengo County Community in Action Grant program, Ms. Brown presented the council with the recent survey that 59% of residents feel alcohol is community's greatest problem, 65% said someone close to them has an alcohol problem and 81% indicted that drinking and driving is a problem for the community. Ms. Brown suggested looking into other possible revenue sources that have gone untapped. In closing Ms. Brown asked does this honor this community and the one we called upon to guide us when we opened this meeting.

John Morrison stated the best thing that ever happened to Marengo County was when it went wet. Mr. Morrison stated that he was for the sale of alcohol on Sunday and I would like to see you give the people a chance to vote.

After some decision Councilman Harris made the motion to pass Resolution 2014-18. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 no by the following roll call votes:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Meador turned the gavel back over to Mayor Grayson.

New Business

Resolution 2014-19 Budget Adjustment-Police Security-Sonic's: Chief Reese stated he has a budget adjustment request for overtime at Sonic. This money has been received at City Hall. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-19 budget adjustment. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Chief Tate requesting permission to apply for Fire Prevention & Safety grant: Chief Tate asked for permission to apply for fire prevention and safety grant that opened on February 18th and closes on March 21st. The reward of this grant will be on September 30th. The grant is 5% match from the city. Chief Tate stated the grant would be an enclosed mobile trailer that could go to the school and any special events to teach the kids about fire safety. Chief Tate stated approximate cost of the trailer would be \$74,370 and 5% match would be \$3,718.50. After some decision, Councilman Jones made the motion to allow Chief Tate to apply for this grant. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Chief Reese requesting permission to apply for Department of Justice grant: Chief Reese asked for permission to apply for Department of Justice for a license plate reader. Chief Reese stated that a camera would be set up in one of the patrol car that would read license plates going down the road or in a parking lot. If a vehicle is reported stolen or warrant is out, it would notify the officer at that time. Chief Reese stated the total cost for two (2) would be \$40,000 and that includes training, but the grant is no match grant at 100%. After some decision Councilman Jones made the motion to allow Chief Reese to apply for Department of Justice grant. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion carries with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Jesse Ware-Abandoned mobile home on the corner of Floyd and Pettus and speed tables on Floyd Avenue: Mr. Ware approached the Mayor and Council with concerns about a mobile home at the corner of Pettus and Floyd that has been there for about three (3) years. Mr. Ware stated that it is an eye sore for the neighborhood. Mr. Ware stated that he didn't think any of them would like that in their neighborhood. Interim Scott Stapp stated there is a process that has to be followed, and the property in question is being addressed. Mr. Ware then addressed the council concerning the speed tables at the end of Floyd Avenue. Mr. Ware stated that he had spoken with Chief Reese, and he stated the city did not want the liability for the damage to the vehicle. Mayor Grayson told Mr. Ware that the City would look into that from a public safety and legal stand point. Mr. Ware asked about the traffic signal at Floyd and Arcola. Councilman Jones stated we are experimenting with a 4 way stop sign at that location due to the age of the traffic signal.

Yvonne Walker-Clean up Scott's towing business on Floyd and Pettus: Ms. Walker stated this is the scenery every morning going to work. Ms. Walker stated in addition to the mobile home, there is tires and trash. Ms. Walker stated in addition to the four way stop sign, I'm not sure everyone understands what that means. Councilman Jones explained that it was a greater danger at the Pettus end. Councilman Jones stated because the age of the lights we took the parts for Eastern Star and put it on the other end. Councilman Jones stated pertaining to the tires they can be stored there but within a

fence in area in a B-3 zone. Building Official Clarence Brooker stated that this property is nonconforming use and at any time the business seizes this type of business is not allowed in the zone. Mr. Brooker stated a business license has not been purchased for this location since 2012.

Proposed change to the Business License: Mayor Grayson explained to the Council how business license renewal is sent out around the first of October and every license expires on December 31st. They are given grace period until January 31st and February 1st penalty accrual. Mayor Grayson stated City Clerk Sam Gross printed a list of unpaid business license and there are 113 in the City. Mayor Grayson presented each councilman with the business license code with the penalties. Mayor Grayson suggested the city should have stiffer penalties. Mayor Grayson asked that we don't take action today and place it on the agenda for next council meeting.

Committee/Board Reports 2nd meeting of the month

Council Discussion

Councilman Nelson made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

March 20, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday March 20, 2014 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

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| • Police-Tommie Reese | Court-submitted |
| • Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted | Public Works-Mike Baker |
| • Park & Recreation-submitted | Horticulture |
| • Building Official-Clarence Brooker | Library-Morgan Allen-submitted |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

Mayor Mike Grayson called the meeting to order with invocation by Justin Averette followed by the Pledge of Allegiance from the Pack 41 Cub Scouts.

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson asked if we could amend the agenda to move New Business ahead of Projects on the agenda. Councilman Nelson made the motion to amend the agenda. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of March 6, 2014. Councilman Meador made a correction on page 3 under Chief Tate requesting permission to apply for Fire Prevention & Safety grant:

After some *discussion decision*, Councilman Jones made the motion to allow Chief Tate to apply for this grant.

Councilman Meador made the following correction as follows on page 2 under Unfinished Business:

After some *discussion decision*-Councilman Nelson made the motion to pass Resolution 2014-18.

Mayor Grayson stated since he has potential direct conflict or impacted on my business, I'm *passing* turning the gavel over to the Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Pro Tem Meador ~~passed~~ turned the gavel back over to Mayor Grayson.

Councilman Hardy made the following correction on page 1:

Councilman Hardy made the ~~motion made~~ to approve the agenda as presented.

Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the amended minutes. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson presented the council with the budget status of February 2014. Mayor Grayson stated the percentage to be on track is 42%.

Highway 80 Songwriter's Festival will be July 5th.

On April 9th the Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission will host their semi-annual meeting at the Demopolis Civic Center.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

New Business

Librarian Morgan Allen requesting permission to apply for LSTA grant: Ms. Allen asked permission to apply for Library Service and Technology Act grant. This is a federal grant but the State of Alabama issues the money out. The match on the grant is 25% which is \$1,875 to be included in next year budget. Ms. Allen stated this grant is for 12 ipads total 8 would be for the children and 4 for the adults. Councilman Nelson made the motion to allow Ms. Allen to apply for the grant. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Interim City Attorney Scott Stapp reported to the Council that the mobile home on Pettus has been moved.

Mr. Brooker stated that he had been contacted by Shawn Kelley concerning the Ed Finley house on Pettus Street. He stated that he would be here next week to try to take care of the problem.

Unfinished Business

Proposed changes to the Business License Ordinance: Mayor Grayson stated last time we meet we had 113 unpaid business licenses but as of today we only have 76. We have had some progress. Mayor Grayson stated that he has spoken with the Demopolis Chamber of Commerce and the Demopolis Area Business Council and they are supportive of what measures we need to take. After some discussion Councilman Meador made the motion for the Code Enforcement Officer to go out April 1st and give them until Friday April 4th at 5pm to pay the unpaid license or a summons will be issued. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

At 5:51pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for general reputation and character, job performance, or compensation, 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 March 2014 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 Mayor Grayson for the Council to go into Executive Session for financial matter 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		

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 Meador made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 6:17pm. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and motion passed with 6 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 the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

April 3, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday April 3, 2014 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

- Police-Tommie Reese
 - Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted
 - Park & Recreation
 - Building Official-Clarence Brooker
 - City Hall-Sam Gross
- Court
Public Works-Mike Baker-submitted
Horticulture-Barbara Blevins-submitted
Library

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of March 20, 2014. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson announced the City received a silver award from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Public Works Director Mike Baker informed the council that April 9-12 would be Renew our City.

April 11-14 Canebrake Players are having their spring play the "Dixie Swim Club".

Mayor Grayson reminder everyone there will be political forum at the Theo Ratliff Activity Center at 6pm tonight.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Interim City Attorney Scott Stapp reported to the Council that a lawsuit has been filed at the Federal court in Mobile on the Newton Tire location. Mayor Grayson stated for the record Mr. Stapp is currently representing John Nall and it's not appropriate to discuss this matter. Mr. Stapp stated that he and Mr. Brooker are looking for the correct person to notify on the property at 605 West Pettus the Finley house.

Unfinished Business

Proposed business license renewal: Mayor Grayson stated that the number of delinquent business license in the City has decreased from 133 to four in the past month. Mayor Grayson sent out via email the following suggestion on the business license renewal.

Oct. 1 (or 1st business day in Oct.) business renewal notices are mailed

Dec. 31 business licenses expire

Jan 1-30 grace period -used to calculate prior year sales to determine amount of current year business license

Jan 31 licenses are delinquent

Feb 1 Phase I penalty = 15% penalty based on greater of: amount of prior year license issued or current year calculation

March 1 Phase II penalty = amount of Phase I penalty plus \$100 per day beyond last day of Feb

March 15 Unpaid licenses are printed in newspapers

April 1 Ordinance Enforcement Officer or other law enforcement officer delivers citation to appear in municipal court to pay business license; Phase I penalty; Phase II penalty, fines imposed by Municipal Judge plus court costs.

Note: any additional costs (i.e. postage, cost to litigate or defend, and / or miscellaneous will be charged to licensee.

Councilman Harris stated that the only thing he would change is the phase II penalty to February 15th and on March 1 unpaid licenses printed in the newspaper. Councilman Jones suggested that the Code Enforcement Officer goes out on February 15th to the unpaid licensees to inform them on the Phase II would be a \$100 per day beyond the last day of February. After some discussion Mayor Grayson asked if the following is what Council wants to be changed.

On October 1st renewal are mailed out

December 31st license expires

January 1st-30 grace period –used to calculate prior year sales to determine amount of current year business license

February 1st Phase I penalty-15% penalty based on greater of the amount of prior year license issued or current year calculation

February 15th Phase II penalty –amount of Phase I penalty plus \$100 per day beyond last day of February along with a visit from the Code Enforcement Officers to inform the business owner that on March 1st the Code Enforcement Officer or other law enforcement officer will deliver citation to appear before municipal court to pay business license; Phase I penalty; Phase II penalty; fines imposed by the Municipal Judge plus court cost.

This will be voted on in an ordinance at the next council meeting.

New Business

Alabama Department of Transportation agreement for installation and maintenance of special directional and/or political boundary sign: Horticulturist Barbara Blevins presented the Mayor and Council with a Alabama Department of Transportation agreement to install signage at the intersection of Highway 43 South and 1400 Highway 80 East, at the intersection of Highway 43 North and 501 North Walnut Avenue, and at the intersection of Highway 80 West and South Cedar in the front of Church of Christ. After some discussion on the cost of the signage, Councilman Jones made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-24 ALDOT agreement not the cost of the sign. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Alabama Department of Transportation agreement for the cooperative maintenance of public right of way: Horticulturist Barbara Blevins presented the agreement from Alabama Department of Transportation for maintenance of public right of way to erect entrance sign at Highway 43 North at the intersection of Childress and Pearl Street. Ms. Blevins stated that the City was award \$2000 grant for the gateway signage. Ms. Blevins stated that the sign would be approximate \$20,000 that includes material and labor. After some discussion Councilman Jones made the motion to approve the agreement. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following call votes:

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

Request to appear: Tommy Carr asking for permission to hold Easter Sunrise service at the City Landing: Pastor Tommy Carr of First Presbyterian Church requested permission to hold Easter sunrise service at the City landing. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the request. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Request to appear: Shanek Madison with concerns on the ditch that runs on the side and back of her property at 409 East Monroe: Ms. Madison addressed the Mayor and Council with concerns of water backing up on her property on East Monroe. Ms. Madison stated ants, snakes, and rats are a persistent problem due to water. Public Works Director Mike Baker stated that the beaver dams are primary culprit and his department has removed dams from the ditch adjacent to 409 East Monroe several times, but the beavers return. Councilman Jones stated a permanent solution is attainable and that he has brought this issue to council's attention previous. Mayor Grayson stated that a permanent solution would to apply Federal grant funds due to the project size, but in the meanwhile the city will attempt to alleviate the problem with water pumps and attempt at trapping the beavers. Councilman Jones made the motion for temporary relief with a pump and trap the beaver. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution to transfer vehicle from the Police department to Public Works or Horticulture department: Mayor Grayson stated this resolution is to transfer 2 vehicles to Public Works or Horticulture department. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Botanical Garden: Horticulturist Barbara Blevins asked the Mayor and Council to consider the Botanical Garden obsolete. Ms. Blevins stated we need to take down the back wrought iron fence along the bluff because of erosion. To be able to take down the fence we have to declare the Botanical Garden obsolete. Councilman Cole made the motion to make the Botanical Garden obsolete and remove the fencing and store it. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

2014 Street Resurfacing bid: Jeremy Jones, Almon Associates presented the Mayor and Council with the bids received from the only bidder S T Bunn with several alternates. Mr. Jones stated that the City can approve all or a combination.

At 6:28pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for general reputation and character, job performance, or compensation, 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 3rd day of April 2014 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 Mayor Grayson for the Council to go into Executive Session for financial matter which motion was seconded by Councilman Meador; 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	Yea	
4. Councilman Nelson	Yea	
5. Councilman Meador	Yea	
6. Councilman Cole		

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 10 minutes.

Councilman Meador made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 6:37. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Mr. Jones stated on bid the bidder has to hold this cost for 90 days. Councilman Nelson asked how long would it be before completion. Mr. Jones stated 128 calendar days and on the 129 day liquidation charges. After some discussion on the parking lot behind Mustard Seed and the median on Main Avenue. The Mayor and Council decide to table this until the next council meeting on April 17th.

Council Discussion

District 1 Councilman Jones: Nothing at this time

District 2 Councilman Hardy: grass cutting on vacant lots

District 3 Councilman Nelson: when cleaning your yard follow Public Works Director recommendation for pick up

District 4 Councilman Meador: nothing at this time

District 5 Councilman Cole: nothing at this time.

Councilman Cole made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

April 17, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday April 17, 2014 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

- Police-Tommie Reese
 - Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted
 - Park & Recreation-submitted
 - Building Official-submitted
 - City Hall-Sam Gross
- Court-submitted
Public Works-Mike Baker
Horticulture-submitted
Library-submitted

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of April 3, 2014. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson made a correction in article that the Democrat Reporter published concerning unpaid business license being a federal offense. Mayor Grayson stated it is not a federal offense.

Mayor Grayson distributed out a report on the tax collection to date. This report showed where we were as of March which is February transactions. We are down 1.42% from the prior year but up 4.09% for the fiscal year.

Mayor Grayson stated in talking with auditor Mr. Richard LeCroy, the City has a travel policy that requires the Mayor to get approval on travel. That being said Mayor Grayson asked for approval for the following travel:

- The Governor’s Office Workforce Development-Selma, AL-mileage and lunch only-April 24th
- Meridian, MS to be on WTOK to promote the Highway 80 Songwriter’s Festival-April 25th-milage
- Montgomery, AL for the Black Belt Commission Manufacturing Committee April 25th-mileage

Councilman Cole made the motion to approve the travel expense above. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Mayor Grayson reported to the Council that he has requested from the Hospital Board the minutes of March 3rd where they discuss the Labor & Delivery task force proposal. They have chosen not to send those minutes. I will request once again.

On May 1st the auditor will be here to present the audit to the Council. On that day we will have a pre audit meeting at 3:30pm which is open to the public. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the pre-audit meeting. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Police Chief Reese introduces a new police officer Joshua Ochiltree to the Mayor and Council.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Interim City Attorney Scott Stapp updated the Mayor and Council on 605 West Pettus the Finley house. The deed still shows that Robin Clifton is the owner of the house at the time of his death. We may have to open an Estate which is a lot of technical stuff that has to done. At this time of Mr. Clifton death he had no estate or will on record. Mr. Stapp stated that he would try to contact Shawn Kelly and see what he is willing to do to help the situation.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 2014-01 Business License penalties: Mayor Grayson stated on April 3rd there were 4 delinquent business licenses, but they were all taken care of. Ordinance 2014-01 was presented but the following is correction:

ORDINANCE 2014-01

An Ordinance to amend the Business License Reform Ordinance 2007-10 of the City of Demopolis, Alabama to reflect changes in Section 16 Penalties and Interest.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Demopolis, Alabama as follows:

- (a) All business licenses not paid on or by January 31st a Phase I penalty of 15% based on greater of the amount of prior year license issued or current year calculation on February 1st.
- (b) ~~March 1st~~ February 15th Phase II penalty will be the amount of Phase I penalty plus a \$100 per day ~~beyond the last day of February~~ the February 15th.
- (c) On ~~March 15th~~ March 1st a visit from the Code Enforcement Officer or other law enforcement officer will deliver a citation to appear before municipal court to pay the business license; Phase I penalty; Phase II penalty; fines imposed by the Municipal Judge plus court cost.

THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED BY THE DEMOPOLIS CITY COUNCIL on April 17, 2014. It shall become effective on April 18, 2014 upon its approval by the Mayor, its attestation by the City Clerk and its proper publication as required by law.

ATTEST:

Mike Grayson, Mayor

Sam Gross, City Clerk

Mayor Grayson asked if anyone opposed of changes on (b) and (c). Councilman Jones was the only one opposed of the changes.

Councilman Cole asked that public notice be put in the newspaper of the changes.

Councilman Meador made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-01 with the correction above. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

2014 Resurfacing Bid: Mayor Grayson stated this information is in your council packet from April 3rd meeting. Mayor Grayson stated tonight we need to accept the bid for ST Bunn. We can accept all or some. The following is the bid combination form:

Base Bid total	\$ 890,841.26
Main Avenue-Alternate No.1	\$ 89,797.79
City Library Parking Lot Alternate No.2	\$ 16,729.60
Truck Route (Fulton St. & Cedar Ave.) Alternate No.3	\$ 278,523.57
Base Bid & Alternate No.1	\$ 980,639.05
Base Bid & Alternate No.2	\$ 907,507.86
Base Bid & Alternate No.3	\$1,169,364.83
Base Bid & Alternate No.1 & Alternate No.2	\$ 997,368.65
Base Bid & alternate No.1 & Alternate No.3	\$1,259,162.62
Base Bid Alternate No2 & Alternate No.3	\$1,186,094.43
Base Bid Alternate No1, Alternate No2, & Alternate No.3	\$1,275,892.22

Mayor Grayson stated that the hold up on Main Avenue was to discuss putting a median in. The estimate on putting median is \$ 80,906.14 plus alternate no.1 \$ 89,979.79. Mayor Grayson stated that City Clerk did a survey of the businesses that this would affect and 6 no's and 3 yes for the median not to be installed. Alternate No. 2 Library parking lot is the \$16,729.60, Councilman Jones stated that the citizens would like for us to pave parking lots not streets. Mayor Grayson stated that the State sent us contract for a one-time payment of \$ 360,000 to repair the truck route. Mayor Grayson stated as you can see the truck route is alternate no.3 for the \$278,523.57. That does not include engineer cost in addition to that. Mayor Grayson stated in talking with the representative out of Mobile, once the truck route is changed, it would be the City's responsible to maintain it. The Mayor and Council received an estimate on the parking lot behind the Mustard Seed that was not in the original bid. The cost estimate of that is \$13,892.00. Mayor Grayson stated we would call it alternate no.4.

Councilman Jones made a motion to accept base bid and alternate no. 1. The motion failed with a lack of second.

Councilman Meador made a motion to accept base bid, alternate no. 1, alternate no. 2, and alternate no. 4. The motion failed with a lack of second.

Councilman Cole made a motion to accept base bid, alternate no. 2, and alternate no. 4. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion failed with 3 yes and 3 no votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Cole made the motion to accept the base bid. The motion failed for lack of second.

Councilman Jones made the motion to accept the base bid, alternate no. 1, and alternate no. 2. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

New Business

Resolution 2014-20 Budget Adjustment-Police Security-Sonic's: Police Chief Reese asked for budget adjustment of \$608.27 from Sonic's police security to go into his overtime budget. Councilman Nelson made the motion to accept Resolution 2014-20. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-21 Budget Adjustment-Police Security- Crossgates Apartments: Police Chief Reese asked for a budget adjustment on Resolution 2014-21 in the amount \$1,537.14 for police security at Crossgates Apartments. Councilman Nelson made the motion to accept Resolution 2014-21. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-22 Budget Adjustment-Police Security-McDonald's: Police Chief Reese asked for a budget adjustment on Resolution 2014-22 in the amount \$ 1,062.91 for police security at McDonald's. Councilman Hardy made the motion to accept Resolution 2014-22. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-23 Budget Adjustment-Police Security-Arbour Valley: Police Chief Reese asked for a budget adjustment on Resolution 2014-23 in the amount of \$ \$1,983.40 for police security at Arbour Valley. Councilman Hardy made the motion to accept Resolution 2014-23. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-24 Budget Adjustment-Police Security-Demopolis High School: Police Chief Reese asked for a budget adjustment on Resolution 2014-24 in the amount \$1,818.65 for police security for Demopolis High School basketball game. Councilman Jones made the motion to accept Resolution 2014-24. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Council Discussion

District 1 Councilman Jones: Councilman Jones stated that he had received a report from the citizens in the brickyard that the water went down and is a lot better.

District 2 Councilman Hardy: Councilman Hardy stated the past weekend was Renew our City. Coach Causey sent approximately 50 players. Councilman Meador stated that there were total of 100 people.

District 3 Councilman Nelson: Councilman Nelson stated he had some concerns when the cut off is to be put on the agenda. City Clerk Sam Gross stated noon the day before council meeting. Councilman Nelson suggested that we do it week before so it could be published in the newspaper.

District 4 Councilman Meador: Councilman Meador had nothing at this time. Councilman Jones suggested that we rename New Era possible after Chuck Smith for the hard work he has done to make that happen.

District 5 Councilman Cole: nothing at this time.

Councilman Nelson made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

May 1, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday May 1, 2014 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

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| • Police-Tommie Reese | Court |
| • Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted | Public Works-Mike Baker |
| • Park & Recreation | Horticulture |
| • Building Official-Clarence Brooker | Library |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of April 17, 2014. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson informed the council of the passing of former Fire Chief Aubrey Randall and suggested that a proclamation be done for his service with the City at the next council meeting.

Mayor Grayson commended Chief Reese and his department on the excellent law enforcement work in catching the suspect in the bank robbery that occurred on April 22nd.

Mayor Grayson requested council approval to attend the Alabama League of Municipalities convention May 3-6, 2014 in Mobile Alabama. Councilman Cole made the motion to approval the travel expense. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Interim City Attorney Scott Stapp updated the Mayor and Council on 605 West Pettus the Finley house. Mr. Shawn Kelly has gotten Alex Braswell to be his attorney concerning the property. Mr. Stapp stated maybe this would help the process and perhaps some insurance money.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 2014-01 Business License penalties: Mayor Grayson stated this is the Ordinance 2014-01 with the corrections from the April 17th council meeting.

ORDINANCE 2014-01

An Ordinance to amend the Business License Reform Ordinance 2007-10 of the City of Demopolis, Alabama to reflect changes in Section 16 Penalties and Interest.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Demopolis, Alabama as follows:

- (a) All business licenses not paid on or by January 31st a Phase I penalty of 15% based on greater of the amount of prior year license issued or current year calculation on February 1st.**
- (b) February 15th Phase II penalty will be the amount of Phase I penalty plus a \$100 per day the February 15th.**
- (c) On March 1st a visit from the Code Enforcement Officer or other law enforcement officer will deliver a citation to appear before municipal court to pay the business license; Phase I penalty; Phase II penalty; fines imposed by the Municipal Judge plus court cost.**

THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED BY THE DEMOPOLIS CITY COUNCIL on May 1, 2014. It shall become effective on May 2, 2014 upon its approval by the Mayor, its attestation by the City Clerk and its proper publication as required by law.

ATTEST:

Mike Grayson, Mayor

Sam Gross, City Clerk

Councilman Nelson made the motion to pass Ordinance 2014-01. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes and 1 no votes by the following roll call votes:

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

New Business

Resolution 2014-25 Budget Adjustment-Police Security-Arbour Valley: Police Chief Reese asked for budget adjustment of \$1763.03 from Arbour Valley for police security to go into his overtime budget. Councilman Nelson made the motion to accept Resolution 2014-25. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-26 Budget Adjustment-Police Department- Arbour Valley: Police Chief Reese asked for a budget adjustment on Resolution 2014-26 in the amount \$1,000.00 for the purchases of tasers. Councilman Nelson made the motion to accept Resolution 2014-26. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-27 Budget Adjustment-Police Department-Arbour Valley: Police Chief Reese asked for a budget adjustment on Resolution 2014-27 in the amount \$ 1,000.00 for purchase of tasers. Councilman Nelson made the motion to accept Resolution 2014-27. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Audit 2012-2013: Mr. Richard LeCroy stated prior to the council meeting there was an open work session where the detail of the audit was discussed. Mr. LeCroy stated if no one has questions concerning the audit we need formal approval for the audit. Councilman Cole made motion to accept audit 2012-2013. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Mayor Grayson asked Mr. LeCroy concerning the travel policy, "I have gone back and recaptured mileage that was not submitted". Mr. LeCroy stated the policy states this has to be turned in within fifteen days of the travel occurred. Mr. LeCroy stated that Mayor Grayson asked if he needed to bring this before the Council for approval, and I suggested that this be done to override the travel policy. Mayor Grayson stated that he has recaptured travel for 2010 were 1,223.5 miles at the mileage rate of .50 per mile for a total of \$611.75. Mayor Grayson stated that he needs approval for the travel. Councilman Jones asked if he had requested anything for 2009 for this year. Mayor Grayson stated yes for \$898.00 that a check has already been cut for that. Mayor Grayson stated he guessed he needs approval for that also. Councilman Jones stated that in 2009 was a previous administration even if you were the Mayor at that time. Councilman Jones asked if this payment was recently. Mayor Grayson stated yes and he is working on 2011 and 2012 travel. Councilman Nelson asked why it has taken you four (4) years to turn this in. Mayor Grayson stated that he was not aware that he should be doing this. Mr. LeCroy stated there are two (2) ways to do this either have a travel allowance per month or go by the travel policy per IRS mileage rate. Councilman Jones made a motion to go into executive session for financial matter.

At 5:39pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for general reputation and character, job performance, or compensation, 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 17th day of April 2014 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 Jones for the Council to go into Executive Session for financial matter which motion was seconded by Councilman Hardy; 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	Yea	
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 Meador made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 5:51pm. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Mayor Grayson withdraws his request for 2010.

Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

May 15, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday May 15, 2014 at **Demopolis Rooster Hall**.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

- Police-Tommie Reese-submitted
 - Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted
 - Park & Recreation-submitted
 - Building Official-Clarence Brooker-submitted
 - City Hall-Sam Gross
- Court-submitted
Public Works-Mike Baker
Horticulture-Barbara Blevins
Library-submitted

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of May 1, 2014. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson requested travel to attend the Warrior Tombigbee Waterway conference May 22-23, 2014. Councilman Meador made the motion to approval the travel. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Mayor Grayson presented the Council with the financial breakdown on what we receive for the Department of Revenue. We are down 1.42% from the prior year however we are up 4.09% over all. On the second page is the breakdown as of April 2014. We have collected \$589,513.95 in revenue and we have spent \$629,073.23 with a \$39,559.28 deficit. However we are still up 1.3 million with collection of 67.33 % and have spent 53.49%.

On Tuesday, May 13th a pre-construction meeting with Almon Associates along with ST Bunn, Public Works Mike Baker, City Clerk Sam Gross, and myself was held. The paving project will begin on May 27th with 120 days to completion with liquidated damages anything over that time period.

Mayor Grayson distributed out brochures on the Main Street Alabama program. Mayor Grayson asked for approval to join the membership. After some discussion, this matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Highway 80 Songwriter's Festival will be July 5th in the park. Mayor Grayson stated there will be up lighting in the trees and around the fountain for this event.

The Demopolis Police Department received \$2,000 grant from Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission for click it or ticket campaign that will be May 19th – June 1st.

Tuscaloosa News has a letter from Robertson Bank President, Al Garrett, thanking the Chief Reese and the Demopolis Police department for their help in the robbery.

Mayor Grayson stated this is only for consideration at this time to rename East Jackson from Cedar Avenue to 4th Avenue to Martin Luther King Drive. This street has historical significant with Dr. King speaking a New Morning Star that is located on Jackson Street. Councilman Meador stated he would suggest the entire street to be renamed. Councilman Jones stated his sentiments exactly.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: City Attorney William Poole stated that he has received several complaints from the Beautification committee that were turned into Interim Scott Stapp in my absence. Mr. Poole stated he also is reviewing the old complaints.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Resolution 2014-28 Budget Adjustment-Police Security-Sonic Drive In: Police Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-28 for overtime police security at Sonic in amount of \$ 892.65. Councilman Nelson made the motion to accept Resolution 2014-28. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-29 Budget Adjustment-Police Department- Arbour Valley: Police Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-29 for overtime police security at Arbour Valley in the amount of \$ 2,041.71. Councilman Nelson made the motion to accept Resolution 2014-29. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Public Assembly application from Sandy Dearman for a neighborhood block party: Police Chief Reese stated this is for the senior's that graduated in the neighborhood. Chief Reese requested in the future that the public assembly application be signed off by the Fire Chief and Public Works and the signed copy will be forwarded to 911 so they can be aware of the streets blocked in case of emergency. After discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the application. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Board of Adjustment alternate appointment: Mayor Grayson stated we have a letter of resignation from the Board of Adjustment. Mayor Grayson nominated Lucinda Mason. Mayor Grayson stated more nomination can be made at the next council meeting.

School Board appointment: Mayor Grayson stated Laura Foster has served two (2) terms and her term is up. Mayor Grayson stated the Councilman Jones has sent out several names via email. Councilman Jones stated that he would like to be in the discussion, but he would not vote due to working for the school board. After some discussion the Mayor and Council agreed to make nomination at the next council meeting.

Mayor Grayson requested to go into executive session.

At 5:44pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for general reputation and character, job performance, or compensation, 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 15th day of May 2014 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 personnel issue 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	Yea	
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 20 minutes.

Councilman Meador made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 5:53pm. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Committee/Board Reports: 2nd meeting of the month

Council Discussion

District 1-Councilman Jones stated that the drainage issue has cropped back up in the Brickyard. Councilman Jones asked about the proclamation for Fire Chief Randall passing. Mayor Grayson stated that the family was not contacted in time.

District 2-Councilman Hardy stated Councilman Jones brought up the name change of the old New Era building. Let's keep this on our minds.

District 3-Councilman Nelson asked what is the status on the Jackson Street bridge. Public Works Director Mike Baker stated that they have run issue concerning gas and water lines relocation.

District 4-Councilman Meador stated nothing at this time.

District 5-Councilman Cole stated with the warm weather there will be overgrown lots.

Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

June 5, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday June 5, 2014 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

- Police-Tommie Reese
 - Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted
 - Park & Recreation
 - Building Official-Clarence Brooker
 - City Hall-Sam Gross
- Court
Public Works-Mike Baker-submitted
Horticulture-Barbara Blevins
Library

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson stated we need to make amendment to the agenda to include the following:

Public Assembly application for Highway 80 Songwriters Festival
Public Assembly application from Doris Stephens
Jason Pendergrass with update on the airport grant

Mayor Grayson stated the items will be under new business number 5, 6, and 7. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of May 15, 2014. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson stated that prior approval for his travel to attend the Warrior Tombigbee Waterway conference. The City of Demopolis received positive comments for the port project.

Mayor Grayson presented proclamation to the family of late Former Fire Chief Aubrey Randall for his dedication to the City and proclaimed June 6th Aubrey Randall day.

Mayor Grayson presented proclamation to Lisa McHugh for winning the Gold Apple award and proclaimed June 9, 2014 Lisa McHugh day.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: City Attorney William Poole stated that he has received 20 -25 complaints that have been received at City Hall. Mr. Poole stated those complaints will first go to the Code Enforcement Officer, Cody Key. If no action taken then I will help the complaints.

Unfinished Business

Board of Adjustment appointment: Mayor Grayson stated at the last meeting, I nominated Lucinda Mason. Mayor Grayson asked if anyone else had a nomination for the appointment. There being none Mayor Grayson made the motion to appoint Lucinda Mason for the board of adjustment alternate. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes by the following roll call votes:

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

School Board appointment: Mayor Grayson stated that Laura Foster term has expired for the school board. Mayor Grayson opened the floor for nomination. Councilman Hardy nominated Carolyn Moore. Councilman Cole nominated Johnnie Scott. Councilman Meador made the motion to suspend the policy on voting for board appointments. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes by the following roll call votes:

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

The following votes were casted:

Councilman Meador: Carolyn Moore
 Councilman Jones: Abstain
 Councilman Hardy: Carolyn Moore
 Councilman Nelson: Carolyn Moore
 Councilman Cole: Johnnie Scott
 Mayor Grayson: Carolyn Moore

Mayor Grayson stated Carolyn Moore will replace the expired term of Laura Foster.

New Business

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Special Event application: Mr. John Northcutt asked the Mayor and Council for approval for a special event for the Friends of Gaineswood on June 7th at 805 South Cedar Avenue. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve application. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-30 Budget Adjustment-Police Department- Demopolis High School: Police Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-30 for overtime police security at Demopolis High School in the amount of \$147.27. Councilman Nelson made the motion to accept Resolution 2014-30. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Kayte Melton-MCHAM concerning lease agreement at the Rosenbush building: Ms. Kayte previously sent letter to Mayor and Council concerning the Marengo County History & Archives Museum along with some pictures of things stored in the Rosenbush. Ms. Melton read the letter to the Mayor and Council expressing concerns of the lease agreement pertaining to the City's \$20,000 budget annually for capital outlay and maintenance, repairs and renovation of the building. The letter states a list of repairs as follows:

1. Repair sink in front bathroom
2. Repair toilet in front bathroom
3. Repair light in back bathroom
4. Repair/replace air conditioning unit (not working)
5. REMOVE street lights and other items stored in building.

Ms. Kayte stated the museum has hosted cultural programs, historical programs, and education programs and other events for the community. The museum will host a Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition in April and May 2015. After some discussion Mayor Grayson stated that the repairs could possibly be done by the end of next week. Councilman Jones requested Mike Baker and Anderson to look at the traffic signals and anything that cannot be used declare it as surplus at the next council meeting.

Advanced Disposal garbage contract: Mayor Grayson stated we had discuss transferring this to the water department but in talking with the auditor Richard LeCroy, stated that this could not because of a state statue. Mayor Grayson stated that he has emailed Mr. LeCroy, but he has not responded at this time. Councilman Nelson asked this be tabled until the next meeting.

Public Assembly application-Highway 80 Songwriter's Festival: Mayor Grayson requested that Walnut Avenue from Capitol to Washington, and Washington Street from Walnut Avenue to Main Avenue, and Main Avenue from Washington Street to Capitol Street be closed on July 5th for the Highway 80 Songwriter's Festival. Police Chief Reese approved the closing of the streets. Councilman Meador made

the motion to approve the public assembly application. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Public Assembly application-Doris Stephens: City Clerk Sam Gross stated this public assembly application would be fund raiser for Children’s Hospital of Birmingham on June 14th. After discussing the change of the route Mayor made the motion to approve the public assembly application. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Jason Pendergrass-Airport grant update: Mr. Pendergrass informed the Mayor and Council with information received by letter from the Alabama Department of Transportation concerning state matching share of 5% for 2014 Airport Improvement project. The letter stated at this time would not be able to approve state matching grant request.

Committee/Board Reports: 2nd meeting of the month

Council Discussion

District 1-Councilman Jones stated there is still drainage issue in the Brickyard. Councilman Jones stated the search engine for the council minutes are completed.

District 2-Councilman Hardy stated overgrown lots and citizens on ATV on public streets.

District 3-Councilman Nelson asked what is the status on the Jackson Street bridge. Public Works Director Mike Baker stated that they have run issue concerning gas and water lines relocation.

District 4-Councilman Meador stated nothing at this time.

District 5-Councilman Cole stated nothing at this time.

Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

June 19, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday June 19, 2014 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

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| • Police-Tommie Reese-submitted | Court-submitted |
| • Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted | Public Works-Mike Baker |
| • Park & Recreation | Horticulture-Barbara Blevins |
| • Building Official-submitted | Library |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

Mayor Mike Grayson called the meeting to order with invocation by Pastor J.D. Barnes followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson asked that we change the order of unfinished and new business for this meeting along with adding Resolution 2014-33, Resolution 2014-34, and Resolution 2014-35 to new business. Councilman Nelson made the motion to amend the agenda. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of June 5, 2014. Mayor Grayson made a correction on page 2 as follows:

The following votes were ~~easted~~ cast:

Councilman Meador made a motion to amend the minutes. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson gave a follow up on the Rosenbush building. Several of the problems that have been reported have been fixed and the traffic signal has been moved. Mayor Grayson stated there is a copy of the Rosenbush lease in the Council's mail slot at City Hall.

Mayor Grayson informed the Council that the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation only covers municipal employees while they are on the job and performing their duties related to the city. They are covered under the liability; however, if they are working on their own and not associated with the City, they are not covered.

Mayor Grayson passed out pictures of the wrought iron fencing from the Botanical Gardens that will be placed at the George Frank's field. The wrought iron fence will be stacked on top of one another for the height so that non-paid at the Christmas on the River BBQ cook off will not be able to enter.

Mayor Grayson updated the Council on the budget as of May we should be at 67%. Year to date on the revenue is 75% and the expenses are at 67%. Mayor Grayson stated in May collected \$807,000 in revenue and spend \$1,359,657 that is \$552,581 over the revenue. The reason for this is debt services were paid in this month.

Mayor Grayson presented a schedule for 2014-2015 budget process beginning July 1st. Mayor Grayson stated that he would like after the financial committee completes this process that the whole council will have input in it.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Chief Reese reported that Officer Marcus Williams will be School Resource Officer due to Officer William Gulley leaving the department.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: No report.

New Business

Public Assembly application-Demopolis Area Chamber of Commerce: Director Michael Kennedy of the Demopolis Area Chamber of Commerce asked for permission to host the 4th of July Celebration Freedom of the River. After some discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the public assembly application. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Public Assembly application-Bethel Rock Church: Ms. Patricia Rowser asked for permission to hold a youth drive. Chief Reese asked that the location on the application to be changed from the requested location to Cedar and Pettus due to public safety. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve the

public assembly with the changes. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-31 Budget Adjustment-Police Security-McDonald's: Chief Reese stated this budget adjustment is for overtime security at McDonald's for \$2,223.34. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-31. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-32 Budget Adjustment-Police Security-Sonic: Chief Reese stated this budget adjustment is for overtime security at Sonic for \$989.52. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-32. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-33 Declare Surplus: Mayor Grayson stated this resolution to declare 2000 white Ford Crown Victoria surplus. Councilman Jones asked if this was the vehicle that Chief Reese had transferred to the Horticulture department. Mayor Grayson stated yes. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-33. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-34 Declare Surplus: Police Chief Reese stated this resolution is to declare surplus on 1 full set of Goodyear tire 275-55-20. Chief Reese stated the vehicle that it was purchased for is no longer in the active fleet. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-34. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-35 Sales Tax Holiday: Mayor Grayson stated this resolution is for the back to school sales tax holiday beginning August 1st and ending August 3rd. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-35. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Unfinished Business

Advanced Disposal garbage contract: Mayor Grayson requested to go into executive session. At 5:39pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for general reputation and character, job performance, or compensation, 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 19th day of June 2014 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 Cole for the Council to go into Executive Session for financial matter which motion was seconded by Councilman Meador; 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	Yea	
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 30 minutes.

Councilman Meador made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 6:19pm. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and 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 the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

July 2, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Wednesday July 2, 2014 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5
City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

- Police-Tommie Reese
 - Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted
 - Park & Recreation
 - Building Official-Clarence Brooker
 - City Hall-Sam Gross
- Court
Public Works-Mike Baker
Horticulture
Library

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson asked to amend the agenda to add surplus bids on number 2 under new business. Councilman Nelson made the motion to amend the agenda. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of June 19, 2014. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson received email from Jason Cannon thanking the Demopolis Sports-Plex for a great job keeping the fields and grounds in immaculate conditions and re-prepped between games. Ms. Dena Lenoir, the District Youth District 8 director was very complimentary of the flow of the tournament. Thanks again to Walker, Mark and the entire team/crew for all their hard work and cooperation.

Mayor Grayson informed the Council that the finance committee met on July 1st to begin the budget process. The finance committee has come up with \$9,093,600 revenue. Councilman Meador stated that this slight increase from what Rob Pearson has projected. The auditor recommended that we stop bleeding our reserve. We have got to come up with a way to cut our expense and we are going to look at our department heads to help find way to do this. Mayor Grayson stated that he will keep the whole council informed on the budget. On July 15th the finance committee will meet again and prepare the operating budget to give to the department heads to allocate out.

Mayor Grayson presented a tentative schedule for the paving project. Councilman Meador requested that media receive the schedule and post it but put tentative in bold letters.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated on the overgrown lots Officer Cody Key is doing an effective job. Mr. Poole stated on the dilapidated buildings I'm focusing on 605 and 609 West Pettus and Newton Tire on Highway 80 West. Mr. Poole stated that he has sent out letters to our previous demolition contractors for estimate for those locations.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Request to appear before Council-Will Moore, Jr.-1824 Eaton Drive: Mr. Moore stated I simply can't seem to get service on Thursdays since March. Mr. Moore stated on two (2) occasions I have reported to City Hall and it gets pick up. Councilman Meador asked if it was just his garbage not being picked up or the whole street. Mr. Moore answered the whole street. Mayor Grayson stated that he would speak to Tammy Donaldson with Advance Disposal concerning this problem. Mayor Grayson asked Mr. Moore to keep us posted if no change.

Bid opening for Surplus items: City Clerk Sam Gross opened the only bid received for Resolution 2014-33 for the 2000 Crown Victoria. The bid received is in the amount of \$250.00. The only bid received for Resolution 2014-34 for the 1 full set Goodyear tires. The bid received is in the amount \$350.00. Councilman Meador made a motion to accept the bids received for Resolution 2014-33 and 2014-34. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes

Councilman Jones: yes

Councilman Hardy: yes

Councilman Nelson: yes

Councilman Meador: yes

Councilman Cole: yes

Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

July 17, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday July 17, 2014 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

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| • Police-Tommie Reese-submitted | Court-submitted |
| • Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted | Public Works-Mike Baker |
| • Park & Recreation | Horticulture-Barbara Blevins |
| • Building Official-submitted | Library |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

Mayor Mike Grayson called the meeting to order with invocation by Fire Chief Tommy Tate followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve agenda as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of July 2, 2014. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson presented a proclamation for 31st Annual National Night. This will be on August 5th at the Demopolis Middle School football field.

Mayor Grayson presented a revised budget schedule along with a print out of the progress on the budget so far.

Mayor Grayson presented the sales tax report that reflects June's sales. We are up 8.88% from June of last year and up 4.63% year to date from prior year.

Mayor Grayson stated that he has received a marketing kit from Arrow Disposal.

Letters have been sent out regarding demolition 605 West Pettus and 1043 Highway 80 West. City Attorney Mr. Poole will discuss this under Projects on the agenda.

Mayor Grayson asked for permission to attend Economic Development Association summer conference in Point Clear from Sunday July 20th thru Wednesday July 23th the estimated amount of \$600. Mayor Grayson stated this will come out of the Mayor contingency. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the travel request. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Police Chief Reese asked for permission to have fireworks for the National Night Out on August 5th. Council Meador made the motion to waive the one time request for the class 5 fireworks for this event. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Fire Chief Tate reported on the ISO report that is given every five (5) years. We improved to a 68.94 we are 1 point from being a Class 3 rating. At this time the City of Demopolis is a class 4. Chief Tate discussed the rating break down from several departments that come up with the ISO rating.

Councilman Jones requested numbers of the attendance from the two (2) state tournaments that were held at Sports-Plex.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated that he working on Newton Tire and 605 West Pettus. I've sent out letters soliciting bids and have received three (3) bids as of today. Mr. Poole stated that they range from \$10,000 to \$13,000 for Newton Tire and for 605 & 609 West Pettus the range is from \$3,000 to \$10,000. Mr. Poole suggested that he review the bids and talk to the bidder concerning the language in the bids. Mr. Poole stated that he would supply the Mayor and Council with copies of each bid. Mr. Poole also stated that there are unique problems with the properties. There are mortgages, state tax liens, judgments on the Newton Tire property and deceased owned for 605 & 609 West Pettus. Mr. Poole stated it will be hard to re-cop cost.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Request to appear before Council-Al Garrett-moving the truck route: Al Garrett addressed the Council concerning the relocating the existing truck route that had been discussed several months ago. Mr. Garrett stated at that time we thought that ALDOT would help maintaining route. There have been changes at ALDOT and no longer available. Mr. Garrett stated the last time he spoke to Mayor and Council he pointed out several facts concerning safety. Mr. Garrett requested that Mayor and Council proceed to apply for the Federal Highway Department to move and maintain the truck route. Mayor Grayson stated that he had spoken with Wallace Mc Adory who transferred me to Don Powell. The purpose of call was to get the procedure to get the truck route moved. Mayor Grayson received a forward email that stated if a current US or State highway transferred to a local or city route can be done by a resolution from the city council. If a truck route is moving from a city or local street to a US or state maintain road route that ALDOT would have to be willing to accept the truck route move. No instruction were sent with the email. Mayor Grayson stated the repair of the existing truck route has started. Mayor Grayson stated to move the truck route with the underground utilities and install sidewalks would estimate at 1 million dollars. The State did offer to give the City \$360,000 as a one-time payment to renovate. Councilman Meador asked if we could start the process to get on the list to apply for the funding. Mayor Grayson stated he would set up a meeting.

Resolution Formal Amendment #1 CDBG-LR-ED-PF-09-001: Brenda Tuck with the Marengo County Economic Development Authority stated the City of Demopolis received a grant for rail rehabilitation on the Demopolis Airport Industrial Park. The grant was \$460,000, but the project expenditures totaled \$421,517.05. The CTCO Shipyard of Alabama, LLC pledged to create 100 jobs, but was not fulfilled. Mayor Grayson, Councilman Meador, and Frank Dobson went to ADECA to discuss the company closing with the Director Jim Byard stated he would give the city a credit of \$10,000 for job created along the rail spur. We have gathered income certifications from 35 employees. The project was funded in 2009 and ADECA has stated it must be closed or the city must pay the full grant back. The accounting on the project is as follows:

\$460,000.00 Grant amount
\$421,517.05 Amount drawn by the City of Demopolis
\$350,000.00 Credit Demopolis receives for 35 jobs

\$71517.05 balance to be reimbursed to ADECA

There was a public hearing meeting on July 17th at 4:00pm and a resolution needs to be passed stating there was an amendment to the original application. In the resolution, Mayor Grayson received authorization to sign the closeout paperwork and reimburse ADECA. Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission will assist in generating all the pertinent documentation. After some discussion Councilman Harris made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-36 Budget Adjustment from Arbour Valley: Police Chief Reese asked for a budget adjustment of \$500 from Arbour Valley for the purchase of tasers to go into capital expenditures. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the resolution 2014-36. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-37 Budget Adjustment from Demopolis High School: Police Chief Reese asked for a budget adjustment of \$443.69 from Demopolis High School for police security to go into overtime budget. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-37. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Committee/Board Reports: 2nd meeting of the month.

Council Discussion:

District 1- Councilman Jones stated he had been getting several complaints concerning the new Spiller property on Cedar Avenue with the parked cars. Councilman Jones stated it is a impound yard. Ben Sherrod spoke on behalf of the Planning Commission stated this property has been tabled concerning the matter.

District 2-Councilman Hardy stated nothing at this time.

District 3-Councilman Nelson stated that the finance committee is working hard on the budget but my opinion we need to look at the revenue side such as tobacco and lodging taxes to improve.

District 4-Councilman Meador turned his discussion time over to Aliquippa Allen concerning the truck route. Ms. Allen asked that the Mayor and Council consider the longer term statgetic plan and the comprehensive plan for the City of Demopolis before going forward with moving the truck route.

District 5-Councilman Cole stated a lot of people appreciate the paving being done. Fewer complaints concerns golf cart on the public streets and dogs running at large.

Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

August 7, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday August 7, 2014 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Absent: Harris Nelson-District 3
Cleveland Cole-District 5

Department Heads:

- **Police-Tommie Reese-submitted**
 - **Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted**
 - **Park & Recreation**
 - **Building Official-Clarence Brooker, Jr.**
 - **City Hall-Sam Gross**
- Court**
Public Works-Mike Baker-submitted
Horticulture-Barbara Blevins-submitted
Library-Morgan Allen

Mayor Mike Grayson called the meeting to order with invocation by Pastor J.D. Barnes followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve agenda as presented. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 4 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of July 17, 2014. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson received a thank you note from Lisa McHugh for the proclamation.

Mayor Grayson stated that resurface project is still on schedule.

Mayor Grayson stated the work is still being done to the fence at George Franks BBQ field.

Mayor Grayson asked Public Works Director Mike Baker to check speed limit signs on Jackson Street and Maria Avenue. Mr. Baker stated he has temporary ones until the ordered ones come in. Mayor Grayson stated that he had received a call from a citizen concerning the space between speed limit signs and at the intersection at the old Triangle Grocery people running the stop sign. Mayor Grayson has asked Chief Reese to monitor this location and enforce the speed limit.

Mayor Grayson asked for permission to attend the Tenn-Tom Waterway conference on August 26th-29th and Manufacture Alabama conference on September 18th -19th. After some discussion on the cost and location Councilman Meador made to approve both requested. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 4 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated on dilapidated building a lien has been filed on 1814 A Street in the amount \$7,300, at 1801 Second Avenue in the amount \$3,905. The property owner at 1801 Second Avenue has agreed to a payment of \$500 a month to pay on the lien.

On the Newton Tire property there are a number of issues pertaining to this property. The value of any of the salvage metal framing and other components would not cover the cost of demolition. Mr. Poole stated there are several mortgages and tax liens on the property as well. Mr. Poole's understanding is this property has been purchased from a tax sale. Mr. Poole stated that he would have to notify the new owner of the concerns and issue with the property. Mr. Poole stated bids received on demolition are approximately \$10,000 and this is behind mortgages and liens.

At 605 and 609 West Pettus a bids has been received and I will prepare document for the Council to consider at the next council meeting.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Mayor Grayson made a motion to table item number 1 under New Business until the other items are items are done due to executive session request. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 4 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Change Order on Demopolis 2011 street paving: Mayor Grayson stated a change order on the street paving. Public Works Director Mike Baker stated this is additional striping to the paving project. Mayor Grayson stated the change order is to increase \$6,290. After some discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the change order for the striping. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 4 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Request to appear: Theloretta Smith-clean up property and speed bumps on South Front: Ms. Theloretta Smith asked for the property up the street to be cleaned off. She believes the address is 515 South Front. I would request some speed bumps since they have paved the road. Ms. Smith stated this is a main road to US Jones School and Middle School. Mr. Brooker stated this has been turned over to the Code Enforcement Officer. Chief Reese stated that he would check the status of this. Councilman Jones stated concerning the speed bumps, he had requested speed bumps on First Avenue after Water Department project was completed. Mr. Baker stated the speed bumps needs to be up to standard and approved for the liability reason. Mr. Baker suggested that we look into speed tables. Councilman Hardy made the motion to authorize Mike Baker to get estimate on the cost of the two (2) speed tables for South Front and three (3) speed tables for First Avenue. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and motion passed with 4 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Request to appear: Brenda Tuck requesting executive session: At 5:39pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for Economic and financial matter, 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 7th day of August 2014 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 Jones for the Council to go into Executive Session for economic and financial matter which motion was seconded by Councilman Meador; 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	Yea	
4. Councilman Nelson		
5. Councilman Meador	Yea	
6. Councilman Cole		

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 20 minutes.

Councilman Meador made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 6:20pm. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Committee/Board Reports: 2nd meeting of the month.

Council Discussion:

District 1- Councilman Jones stated still having a problem with drainage in the brickyard.

District 2-Councilman Hardy stated drainage problem James Drive.

District 3-Absent

District 4-Councilman Meador stated nothing at this time.

District 5-Absent

Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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Demopolis City Council Agenda
September 4, 2014

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approve of Agenda

Approval of Minutes-August 21, 2014

Announcements

Reports from Departments

Police

Court

Fire-submitted

Public Works-submitted

Park & Recreation

Horticulture

Building Official-submitted

Library

City Hall

Projects

1. Dilapidated Housing

Unfinished Business

1. Re-schedule September 18th Council meeting
2. Board appointments
3. Bids for 970 Industrial Park - Cenac Property

New Business

1. Resolution 2014-42 Declare Surplus Property

Committee/Board Reports: 2nd meeting of the month

Council Discussion

Mayor Discussion

Executive Session

Adjourn

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

Regular Meeting

August 21, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday August 21, 2014 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

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| • Police-Tommie Reese | Court-submitted |
| • Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted | Public Works-Mike Baker |
| • Park & Recreation-Walker Reynolds-submitted | Horticulture |
| • Building Official | Library-Morgan Allen-submitted |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

Mayor Mike Grayson called the meeting to order with invocation by Youth Ministry Tyler Gresham followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve agenda as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of August 7, 2014. Mayor Grayson made correction on page 2 second paragraph to add as follows:

Councilman Meador made *a motion* to approve both requested.

Councilman Hardy made a correction on page 1 as follows:

The Council reviewed the minutes of July 17, 2014. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Council Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 4 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the minutes with the above corrections. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson has spoken to the grant writer concerning the Tiger grant for the Port project. We should know something by mid-September.

Mayor Grayson reported that work is still continuing on the fence at the George Frank's BBQ field.

Mayor Grayson stated that resurface project should be completed tomorrow.

Mayor Grayson reported that he has appointed Randall Smith to the Demopolis Housing Authority board he would replace Tom Culpepper.

Mayor Grayson asked at the next meeting that they vote to reschedule September 18th Council meeting to Monday, September 15th.

Mayor Grayson stated at the next couple council meetings we need to revisit the following ordinances to perhaps amending them.

Catering Ordinance

Leash Law

Vicious Dog

Dilapidated/Overgrown Lots

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated he has a new batch of complaints on dilapidated building and overgrown lots. Mr. Poole stated he is still working on the pending lots.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Board Appointments: Mayor Grayson stated there is a board appointment list in the council packet and the City Clerk has highlighted the ones that terms are expired or close to being expired. Mayor Grayson asked that the Council will be ready to reappoint and nominate someone at the next council meeting.

Bids for 970 Industrial Park-Cenac Property: Public Work Director Mike Baker stated the bids are for repairs from a leak in the kitchen area. There was mold and sheetrock damage to this area.

Councilman Jones suggested that we tear out and clean up and fit to suit a tentative when someone is interested. After some discussion, the Councilman Meador made the motion to table this matter until the next council meeting. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-38 Budget Adjustment: Chief Police Tommie Reese requested Resolution 2014-38 Budget Adjustment for \$690.33 from Sonic for police security. Chief Reese asked for this to be replaced in his overtime budget. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-38. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-39 Budget Adjustment: Chief Reese requested Resolution 2014-39 budget adjustment for \$924.01 from Sonic for police security. Chief Reese asked for this to be replaced in his overtime budget. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-39. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-40 Budget Adjustment: Chief Reese requested Resolution 2014-40 budget adjustment for \$2,000 from Arbour Valley for tasers reimbursement. Chief Reese asked for this to be replaced in his capital expenditures budget. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-40. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-41 Declare Surplus Property: Chief Reese requested two (2) vehicles surplus 1-2000 Ford Crown Victoria VIN # 2FAFP71W4YX174013 and 1-2007 Chevrolet Tahoe SUV Red in color VIN # 1GNFC13037J129042. Chief Reese stated that the 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe was given by the DEA and any money from the sale must be used for law enforcement purposes only. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-41. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes voted by the following roll call votes:

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

Public Assembly-Christian Chapel Church: Chief Reese stated this is annual Community Breast Cancer Walk that will be on October 18, 2014. They will be doing the same route as before and will provide officers to escort. After some discussion concerning the route Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the public assembly. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Fee Proposal for the additional analysis required for Ramp program: Mayor Grayson stated that he had received email from Jeremy Jones with Almon Associates with additional analysis being required for the Ramp project. Mayor Grayson stated this test are non-refunded and will not be included in the Ramp project. The following is the fee proposal:

Hazardous Material Survey	TTL, Inc	\$ 2,300.00
Protected Species Survey	AST Environmental	\$ 3,200.00
Phase I Cultural resources Assessment	MRS Consultants	\$ 1,725.00
	MRS Consultants	\$ 7,051.16
Ground Penetrating Radar Survey*	MRS Consultants	\$ 14,276.16
	Almon 5% Administration Fee	\$ 713.81
		\$14,989.97

*The ground penetrating radar specialist cost is highly variable based on the area that will require surveying, and this area cannot be defined until the Cultural resources assessment is completed.

Councilman Nelson asked if we have official voted on funding for the Ramp project. Mayor Grayson stated this was approved by the previous council. This started out as ATRIP program but the County Commissioners entered into the RAMP program which umbrella the ATRIP program. After some discussion Councilman Nelson made the motion to official accept the RAMP program and the matching funds accordingly. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Nelson made another motion to accept the fee proposal given by Almon Associates additional analysis required by ALDOT. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

At 5:44pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for financial matter and personnel, 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 21st day of August 2014 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 economic and financial matter 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	Yea	
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 30 minutes.

Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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Demopolis City Council Agenda
September 15, 2014

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approve of Agenda

Approval of Minutes-September 4, 2014

Announcements

Reports from Departments

Police

Court-submitted

Fire-submitted

Public Works

Park & Recreation

Horticulture

Building Official

Library-submitted

City Hall

Projects

1. Dilapidated Housing

Unfinished Business

1. Review ordinances on Catering and Chuck Wagon/Portable Vendor
2. Board appointments
3. Resolution 2014-42 Declare Surplus Property

New Business

1. Public Hearing and Proposed Ordinance 2014-01
2. Garbage Contract
3. Resolution 2014-43 Budget 2014-2015
4. Change the deadline for Request to Appear before the Council

Committee/Board Reports: 2nd meeting of the month

Council Discussion

Mayor Discussion

Executive Session

Adjourn

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

Regular Meeting

September 4, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday September 4, 2014 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Nathan Hardy-District 2
Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

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| • Police-Tommie Reese | Court |
| • Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted | Public Works-Mike Baker-submitted |
| • Park & Recreation | Horticulture-Barbara Blevins |
| • Building Official-Clarence Brooker, Jr.-submitted | Library-Morgan Allen |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson requested the agenda to be amended to add Brenda Tuck under new business item #2. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of August 21, 2014. Mayor Grayson made correction on page 2 the 5th paragraph as follows:

Mayor Grayson reported that he has appointed Randall Smith to the Demopolis Housing Authority board ~~he would~~ to replace Tom Culpepper.

Mayor Grayson made correction on page 2 the 6th paragraph as follows:

Mayor Grayson asked at the next meeting that ~~they~~ **the council** vote to reschedule September 18th Council meeting to Monday, September 15th.

Mayor Grayson made correction on page 4 the 3^d paragraph as follows:

This started out as ATRIP program but the County Commissioners entered into the RAMP program which *would* umbrella the ATRIP program. After some discussion Councilman Nelson made the motion to ~~official~~ *officially* accept the RAMP program and the matching funds accordingly.

Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve the amended minutes of August 21, 214. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:
Mayor Grayson: yes Councilman Jones: yes Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole: yes

Announcements

Mayor Grayson reported that work is still continuing on the fence at the George Frank's BBQ field.

Mayor Grayson reported Judge Laurie Hall, Revenue Commissioner Sharon Barley, Sheriff Ben Bates, and Circuit Clerk Kenny Freeman will be at the October 16th council meeting. They will be here to answer any questions from us or the general public after the meeting.

Mayor Grayson is considering putting together a Marengo County elected official network that could meet every other month or once a quarter. That would rotate between Demopolis and Linden. The hope would be to enhance our dialogue within municipalities within the county.

Mayor Grayson received a call from Councilman Cole concerning Highway 80. There are several merchants that are concerned about the trenches being dug in front of their businesses. Mayor Grayson stated that he has spoken with ALDOT and ST Bunn. The work is necessary to stabilization the shoulders of the road that was not done previously with the resurfacing.

Mayor Grayson reported that he attended the Tenn Tom Waterway conference last week. Mayor Grayson pointed out several interesting things that he learned while at conference.

Mayor Grayson reported Shelton State will begin the truck driving class October 17th.

Mayor Grayson reported yesterday the department heads met with Graham Sisson. Mr. Sisson is the Executive Director of the Governor's Office on Disabilities. Mayor Grayson stated there are things we need to do around here to move us in the right direction to be in compliance with ADA regulations.

Mayor Grayson stated at the last council meeting he suggested that we amend the catering ordinance 2009-10 that requires liability insurance limits. This could be prohibited to a small business. Mayor Grayson stated that we need to be as business friendly as possible. Mayor Grayson requested that this be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting. Councilman Jones asked that chuck wagon/portable vendors be in the discussion also.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated that Code Enforcement Officer, Cody Key, is doing excellent job following up on the grass cutting. Mr. Poole stated he has received two (2) dilapidated house complaints. Mr. Poole stated he would furnish names and addresses once the property owners are notified.

Mayor Grayson stated another ordinance that we may want to review overgrown lots and dilapidated housing to compress the time.

Unfinished Business

Re-schedule September 18th Council meeting: Councilman Meador made the motion to re-schedule the September 18th to Monday September 15th. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Board Appointments: Councilman Meador made the motion to table this until September 15th meeting. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Bids for 970 Industrial Park-Cenac Property: Mayor Grayson stated this is for water damage from broken pipes. Councilman Jones stated we need to clean it up and make it presentable when a tenant is ready to move in, we would do the work at that time. Councilman Meador asked Brenda Tuck if she had seen the building and her recommendation on the repairs. Ms. Tuck stated it shows better if it is fixed but it is not a deterrent. At this time the people that are looking at the building are not particularly looking at the office space. Ms. Tuck stated a time frame in which it would be repaired would be helpful. Councilman Nelson stated he is in agreement to wait and fix it to suit the tenant. Councilman Meador made the motion to not do the work at this time. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

New Business

Resolution 2014-42 Declare Surplus Property: Mayor Grayson stated this is in regards to the Rosenbush warehouse building at 102 North Walnut. Mayor Grayson would like to stipulate on the bids that it cannot be bought just for bricks or demolished or torn down. This would be to rehab by putting on a roof. Mayor Grayson stated this is historic structure. Councilman Nelson asked if this needed to be stated in the resolution. Mayor Grayson stated at this time we are only declaring the property surplus and when we send out bids put it in that. Councilman Nelson stated it is on the historic register but that doesn't give it any protection. Councilman Jones stated in the spirit of Rosenbush's giving the City of Demopolis the buildings, what was their intent. Councilman Jones stated that he would like to get the sentiments for the Rosenbush. Mayor Grayson stated that he had spoken with Mr. Bert Rosenbush and made it clear that it was not proposed museum but the warehouse. Mr. Rosenbush comment was whatever the City needs to do. Mayor Grayson stated that may not be exact but was the sentiment. Councilman Jones stated he would like to know if the two (2) are separate. Councilman Nelson made

the motion to table this matter. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes by the following roll call votes:

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

Brenda Tuck, MECDA Funding Request: Brenda Tuck thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing us to be here and present our formal request that is done yearly. Ms. Tuck provided information such as the mission statement and list of current board members. Ms. Tuck asked that the allotment remain at the \$50,000 from the previous year.

At 5:49pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for financial matter and personnel, with the following statement:

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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 30 minutes.

Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn at 7:04pm.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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