

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

Regular Meeting

October 2, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday October 2, 2014, 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-Walker Reynolds
 - Building Official-Clarence Brooker, Jr.
 - City Hall-Sam Gross
- Court
Public Works-Mike Baker-submitted
Horticulture-Barbara Blevins
Library-Morgan Allen-submitted

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Nelson made the motion to move new business ahead unfinished business and move board appointments to the end of unfinished business. 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 September 15, 2014. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the 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 requested approval for travel expense October 26st – 29th to attend Alabama Association of Council at Perdido. Councilman Jones 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

Mayor Grayson distributed August 2014 revenue report; in comparison to August 2013 revenue is up 4.19%. The revenue is up 4.39% from the prior year.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Mayor Grayson commended Timothy Paige on the floors at Rooster Hall.

Unfinished Business

Resolution 2014-44 Budget Adjustment: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-44 is budget adjustment for overtime at Demopolis Middle School in the amount \$87.32. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-44 Budget Adjustment. 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 2014-45 Budget Adjustment: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-45 Budget Adjustment is for tasers reimbursement from Arbour Valley in the amount of \$1,000. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-45. 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 2014-46 Budget Adjustment: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-46 Budget Adjustment is for tasers reimbursement from Arbour Valley in the amount \$1,500. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-46. 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 2014-27 Budget Adjustment: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-47 Budget Adjustment is for police security for Demopolis High School in the amount of \$786.47. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-47. 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 Demopolis High School Homecoming Parade: Mayor Grayson stated the public assembly is Demopolis High homecoming on October 17th. Mayor Grayson asked Chief Reese if this is the established parade route. Chief Reese answered yes. 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

Request to appear-Diane Brooker-Renew Our River:

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated he is pursuing three (3) properties that have dilapidated structures. The letters have gone out but no response at this time. Mr. Poole stated once the property owner has been notified he would give the Mayor and Council the list of the 3 properties.

Councilman Meador asked to go into executive session good name and character and financial matter.

At 5:21pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for good name and character 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 15st day of September 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 good name and character 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 45 minutes.

Councilman Meador made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 6:23pm. 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

Unfinished Business

Review ordinances on Catering and Chuck Wagon/Portable Vendor: Mayor Grayson stated in Ordinance 2009-10 pertaining to catering license requires proof of liability insurance with a minimum of \$1,000,000. Mayor Grayson recommends changing it to \$250,000 or \$500,000. Mayor Grayson stated this is only for catering in city owned properties. Councilman Nelson asked if we could found out what other cities do. Councilman Nelson made the motion to table this to the next council meeting for more information. 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

Board Appointments: Mayor Grayson stated we have several boards that need to be appointed to.

Hospital Board: Mayor Grayson nominated Mary Jo Martin and Alex Braswell to the Hospital board. Councilman Hardy nominated Thomas Moore. Councilman Jones nominated Joyce Weiss. There being no more nominations, Councilman Meador made the motion to close the nomination. 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 of Adjustment: Mayor Grayson stated we have two (2) that are eligible for reappointment, Mark Dollar and Ann Hunter and one (1) ineligible for reappointment Mary Jo Martin. Councilman Nelson made the motion to reappoint Mark Dollar and Ann Hunter. 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

Mayor Grayson stated in Mary Jo Martin's case, we would move the senior alternate Sylvia Malone up to this position and move junior alternate Lucinda Mason to senior alternate. Councilman Harris made the motion to move Sylvia Malone up to senior alternate and Lucinda Mason to junior alternate and at the next meeting appointment someone to become junior alternate. 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

Cemetery board: Mayor Grayson stated there are two (2) eligible for reappointment Kitty Eddins and Angenell Jones. Councilman Hardy made the motion to reappoint Kitty Eddins and Angenell Jones. 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

Library Board: Mayor Grayson stated Deborah Mitchell is eligible for reappointment. Councilman Meador made the motion to reappointment Deborah Mitchell. 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

Park Recreation board: Mayor Grayson stated Katy Basinger term is up and does not wish to be reappointed. Councilman Meador made a motion to table this until October 2nd meeting. 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

Resolution 2014-42 Declare Surplus Property: Mayor Grayson stated this is to declare the Rosenbush building warehouse, not the museum. This building fronts Main Avenue. Councilman Nelson would like the building committee to meet with Brian Brooker and possibly someone from the state historic commission. So when the bid process starts we can put in it to protect the historic value of the structure. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-42 to declare Rosenbush warehouse surplus property. 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

New Business

Public Hearing and Proposed Ordinance 2014-01: Mayor Grayson stated the public hearing is for the rezoning at 1106 Bailey Drive. Mayor Grayson opened the floor for anyone who wanted to speak pertaining to the rezoning. Mayor Grayson stated since there are no comments on the rezoning the public hearing is closed. Mayor Grayson stated the proposed ordinance 2014-01 is for the rezoning property at 1106 Bailey Drive. This location is behind Canebrake Commons shopping center. City Clerk Sam Gross stated this rezoning would allow personal storage along with mini storage. There was a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Ordinance 2014-01. 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

Garbage Contract: City Attorney Bill Poole stated he had received a letter from the Water Department Attorney Woody Dinning and will supply Council with a copy. Mr. Poole stated there are some things that still needed to be modified such as liability that would cover the City. Mayor Grayson stated all we are talking about is just assignment of the collection services to the Water Department. Mayor Grayson stated as of right now the contract is in the City name, the City sets the rate and the Water Department bills and collects. The money that is collected for garbage is then sent to the City and the City pays Advanced Disposal. Mayor Grayson stated we do not know who has paid and who has not. The letter from Woody is that the City would retain the right to change the rates. At some time in future that the garbage rates exceed the current rate they would need to pass a increase in garbage rate or the City pay the difference. Mayor Grayson stated the current contract expires December 31, 2014. Councilman Nelson asked Mr. Poole if he had any reservation on the letter from Mr. Dinning. Mr. Poole stated yes.

Councilman Hardy made the motion to table garbage contract. 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 2014-43 Budget 2014-2015: Councilman Nelson stated since most of us got this on Friday afternoon, I would like to make a motion to have a work session on Wednesday September 24th at 5:15pm. Councilman Hardy 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

Change the deadline for Request to Appear before the Council: Mayor Grayson stated there has been a request to change the deadline to appear before the Council. Currently the deadline is 12 noon the day before the council meeting. Councilman Nelson stated he would like to get it early so we all can be more prepared the day of the meeting. Councilman Nelson made a motion to change the deadline to 12 noon on the Monday or 3 days prior to the meeting. Councilman Jones voiced his opinion and was against it. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 4 yes and 2 no votes by the following roll call votes:

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

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

October 16, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday October 16, 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 Court
- Fire-Tommy Tate-submitted Public Works-Mike Baker
- Park & Recreation Horticulture-submitted
- Building Official-Clarence Brooker, Jr.-submitted Library
- City Hall-Sam Gross

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador requested the agenda to be amended to add under unfinished business board appointments Park & Rec. Council Hardy made the motion to approve the amended agenda. 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

The Council reviewed the minutes of September 24 and October 2, 2014. Councilman Meador made correction on October 2nd minutes under announcement as follows:

Mayor Grayson distributed August 2014 **tax** revenue report; in comparison to August 2013 **tax** revenue is up 4.19%. Overall revenue is up 4.39% from the prior year.

Mayor Grayson made correction on page 5 under Hospital Board as follows:

Hospital Board: Mayor Grayson ~~stated will tell you~~ it has been the practice of this council to pick ~~who are~~ members. ~~are but~~ We were presented with a document that we would only be able to pick ~~for~~ **certain from their** list. This ~~compromised~~ **comprise** document is where the Hospital board is willing to pick one of nominates and we will pick one on their list. Councilman Hardy made the motion that we accept the compromise.

Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the minutes with correction noted above. 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 announced after four (4) plus years the first truck driving class started yesterday at New Era.

Mayor Grayson stated a grant that was approved through Shelton State for industrial maintenance with a welding focus for West Alabama. The funds would be used from training equipment. The amount awarded \$126,000.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated he is following up with the dilapidated property. If anyone on the council has property with dilapidated housing, please contact him. Mr. Poole stated that Officer Cody Key is working hard on the overgrown lots.

Unfinished Business

Review ordinance on Catering and Chuck Wagon/Portable Vendor: Mayor Grayson stated we have been discussing the ordinances on catering and chuck wagon/portable vendors. After last week I think we don't need to amend this ordinance. After some discussion over the Christmas on the River vendors, the council agreed to table this until Councilman Jones reviews the ordinance for Vestavia Hills concerning chuck wagon/portable vendors.

Board Appointment-Board of Adjustment: Mayor Grayson asked if anyone was prepared to offer nomination. Councilman Meador made the motion to table this until 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

Board Appointment-Park & Recreation: Mayor Grayson stated we have Wanda Dunklin and Garry Malone, Jr. as nominates. Mayor Grayson stated this is for the expired term of Katy Basinger. Councilman Meador made the motion to appoint Wanda Dunklin. Councilman Cole seconded the motion. Councilman Hardy made the motion to appoint Garry Malone, Jr. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion. Mayor Grayson called it question.

Mayor Grayson: Malone	Councilman Jones: Malone	Councilman Hardy: Malone
Councilman Nelson: Malone	Councilman Meador: Dunklin	Councilman Cole: Dunklin

Mayor Grayson stated Garry Malone, Jr. is appointed to the Park & Recreation board.

Garbage Contract: Mayor Grayson turned the floor over to Mr. Poole. Mr. Poole stated on October 2nd I submitted the Mayor and Council with a draft agreement. Mr. Poole stated in paragraph 6 the language in it would protect the City. In paragraph 7 provides termination of the contract. This draft has been submitted to Woody Dinning the Water Works Attorney for review. Mr. Poole has all raised the issue of escrowing monies to be used to repair streets from damage caused by the garbage trucks. Mr. Poole stated he is waiting on response from Mr. Dinning.

New Business

Marengo County Elected Officials: Probate Judge Laurie Hall spoke on the behalf elected officials. Judge Hall stated we always want to be available to the public. After the meeting we will be available for any questions. Several of the elected officials announced themselves as follows:

Sharon Barkley, Revenue Commissioner

Kenny Freeman, Circuit Clerk

Ben Bates, Sheriff

Request to appear-Michael Kennedy-Christmas on the River: Chamber of Commerce Director Michael Kennedy requested permission to host Christmas on the River. Mr. Kennedy has submitted the public assembly application for street closure for Friday and Saturday events. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the public assembly and all permits to host Christmas on the River. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call:

Mayor Grayson: yes

Councilman Jones: yes

Councilman Hardy: yes

Councilman Nelson: yes

Councilman Meador: yes

Councilman Cole: yes

Proposal from Anderson for traffic signals: Mayor Grayson stated we have received two (2) proposals from Anderson for traffic signals at Walnut and Jackson, Pettus, Front, and Arcola. Mr. Grayson stated there was a discussion by way email of other options such 4 way stops at a number of locations. The locations were Washington and Main, Walnut and Jackson, Arcola and Third Avenue, Washington and Strawberry, and East Pettus, Front, and Arcola. Mayor Grayson opened the floor for discussion. Councilman Nelson stated that he lives close to the intersection of Walnut and Jackson and there are regular accidents at the location. Councilman Nelson stated that several citizens tell me that the traffic flows better as a four (4) way stop. Councilman Nelson would propose a hanging four (4) way traffic light flashing red at this location. Mayor Grayson stated the one (1) exception would be Pettus, Front, and Arcola that is 5 road intersections. Councilman Jones stated that this location there is vehicle traffic along with foot traffic. Mayor Grayson stated the proposal at that intersection from Anderson is \$18,950.00. Councilman Hardy stated on the list we need it to be itemized with the cost of each item. Councilman Jones asked if the loop is necessary because we do not have it there now. Mayor Grayson asked Chief Reese what is his thoughts at Washington and Main, Walnut and Jackson, Arcola and Third Avenue, and Washington and Strawberry. Police Chief Reese stated four (4) ways traffic stop are better that traffic signal. Most accidents occur with traffic signals. Chief Reese agrees a traffic signal at Pettus, Front, and Arcola needs a traffic signal with an arrow for traffic going on Arcola along with a light for foot traffic. Councilman Jones asked if it was possible to apply for a safe route to school grant. Chief Reese stated that grant was available but not sure if it is available now. Councilman Meador asked if we sent out for bids or is this just proposal. Mayor Grayson stated this is just a proposal from Anderson because they maintain the traffic signals. Councilman Meador asked if this needs to be bided out. Councilman Nelson stated if we are talking about using some of the existing traffic signals for four (4) way stops. Mayor Grayson stated why don't we get Anderson to come to the next council meeting and

ask them the technical questions. Mayor Grayson suggested that this be tabled until the next meeting, the council agreed.

Mayor Grayson asked to go into executive session for finance matter concerning the city.

At 5:50pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for finance 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 16th day of October 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 good name and character which motion was seconded by Councilman Cole; and,

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

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

	Yeas	Nays
1. Mayor Mike Grayson	Yea	
2. Councilman Jones	Yea	
3. Councilman Hardy	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 6:27pm. 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 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

November 5, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Wednesday November 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:

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

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson asked that the agenda be amended to include Bod Young from Frasier Lanier under unfinished business # 1. Councilman Meador 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 October 16, 2014. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve the minutes 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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson presented proclamation for the 175 Anniversary First Presbyterian Church of Demopolis to Reverend Tommy Carr.

Mayor Grayson congratulated all the winners in yesterday election.

Mayor Grayson had received a contract from Shelton State for the New Era building. Mayor Grayson gave it to Mr. Poole for review.

Mayor Grayson received a letter for the hospital, their forming a public entity committee and they are asking for one (1) from the council to be on the committee. Mayor Grayson stated Councilman Meador is the hospital liaison. Councilman Hardy stated since Councilman Meador is the liaison appoint him to the committee. The council agreed.

Mayor Grayson put the council on notice that the sewer and re-paving in the park lot of New Era will need to repair in the near future.

Mayor Grayson stated there is a sink hole on one of the main arteries on Hebert Street that will need to be repaired. Public Works Director Mike Baker is receiving quotes.

Mayor Grayson presented budget reports for the month of October and are not final. Mayor Grayson stated we took in \$648,000 and spent \$614,000. Mayor Grayson stated tax revenue for August reported in September was up 4.97% for the prior year.

Mayor Grayson stated Councilman Meador brought it to his attention that the first meeting in December is the week on Christmas on the River activities. Mayor Grayson asked City Clerk Sam Gross to put this on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated he has sent out letters for bids for demolish on several properties. Mr. Poole stated Officer Cody Key is the first line of complaints on dilapidated and overgrown lots and he has done an effective job.

Unfinished Business

Bob Young, Frasier Lanier: Mr. Bob Young handed out debt service schedule for bond issue cost savings. Mr. Young stated the interest rate is down and have remains low due to exception for inflation is low. Mr. Young stated the low interest rates have created an opportunity for the city to receive a refund on a portion of its 2007 bond issue. They could have the option to take refund of approximately \$170,000 for the use on other projects, or take a reduction in the City's bond payments. 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

Review ordinance on Chuck Wagon/Portable Vendor: Councilman Jones stated he has reviewed Vestavia Hills ordinance and it is pretty user friendly on businesses. Councilman Jones stated he would like to share it will Mr. Poole and get his input. Councilman Jones asked if this could be on the next meeting agenda. The Mayor and Council agreed.

Board Appointment-Board of Adjustment: Mayor Grayson stated there are two (2) vacant board members spots. Allen Bishop has moved to the Hospital board and Mary Jo Martin term has expires. Mayor Grayson opened the floor for nomination. Councilman Meador nominated Rick Dunn. Councilman Hardy nominated Major Walker. Councilman Jones made a motion for the nomination to be closed. 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

Councilman Nelson made a motion to suspend the rules. 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 made the motion to appoint Rick Dunn and Major Walker to the Board of 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

Garbage Contract: Mayor Grayson distributed out copies of the contract. Mr. Poole stated this has been on the agenda several times but in paragraph 6 was added and requires the board to insure indemnity the city. In paragraph 7 provide joint agreement for 5 years and each side shall furnish other party all records of cost and expenses of providing service. In paragraph 8 states that escrow account separate and will be jointly agreed to expenditure and disbursement from the escrow account. After some discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to transfer garbage contract to the Water Works and Sewer Board. 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

Proposal from Anderson for traffic signals: Mayor Grayson stated we have proposal from Anderson for several traffic signals. The one intersection that has had complaints at is the intersection Pettus Street, Front Avenue, and Arcola. Councilman Nelson stated he has received positive comments on the other 4 way stops. After some discussion concerning Councilman Jones asked if Chief Reese could apply for safer grant. Chief Reese stated this is for sidewalks but not for cross walks signals, just the signage. Councilman Nelson made a motion to bid out for the traffic signal at the intersection Pettus, Front, and Arcola. 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 the motion to permanently make Jackson Street and Walnut Avenue four-ways stop with flashing red light along with the correct signage. 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

Councilman Nelson made the motion to permanently make Third Avenue and Arcola Street a four-way stop intersection with the flashing red light with the correct signage. 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

Rosenbush Warehouse bid requirements: Mayor Grayson stated we need bid requirements for the surplus property. Councilman Nelson asked that the plan and purpose to be included. Councilman Nelson asked that a start date from the awarded bid to be within 3 months and completion date to be within 18 months. Mayor Grayson asked that it be restored on the exterior and no demolition. Councilman Nelson requested that we follow Department of Interior. Mayor Grayson stated if we get into Department of Interior we will have follow their guidelines. After some discussion the council agreed to table this until next council meeting.

New Business

Board Appointment- Industrial Development Board: Mayor Grayson stated there is an opening due to resignation and unexpired term of Mike Marshall. Councilman Cole nominated Jason Windham. Councilman Nelson nominated Shawn Hall. Councilman Meador nominated Lee Pritchett. Mayor Grayson nominated Tom Culpepper. Councilman Nelson made the motion to close the nomination. 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

Board Appointment- Marengo County Economic Development Authority: Mayor Grayson stated there are 3 opening Chuck Smith, Catherine Meador, and William Martin. They are not eligible for reappointment. Mayor Grayson nominated Bill Mackey, Jim Parr, and Hugh Overmyer. Councilman Meador nominated Harrison Coleman. Councilman Jones asked what the rules of appointment on this board. Councilman Jones stated that Bill Mackey lives in Hale County but has a business in town. Mayor Grayson said if this is a disqualifier than it is a disqualifier. Councilman Meador made the motion to close the nomination. 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

Jason Pendergrass-Pre-Application Taxiway Grant: Jason Pendergrass asked for permission to apply pre application grant for a taxiway rehabilitation project. Mr. Pendergrass stated this project is at \$1.25 million and is a 90% federal, 5% state, and 5% city. This would be \$62,600 of city funds. Mr. Pendergrass stated this could spread over two fiscal years. Mr. Pendergrass stated that the taxi way lighting that has been suggested from FFA for safety purposes. Mr. Pendergrass stated Resolution 2014-51 has to be passed to able for the grant. Mayor Grayson asked if this is in his budget. Mr. Pendergrass stated no. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-51 to apply pre-application grant. 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

Resolution 2014-48 Budget Adjustment: Chief Reese stated this resolution to restore back in his budget. Resolution 2014-48 is for security at Sonic in the amount \$1,174.42. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-48. 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 2014-49 Budget Adjustment: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-49 is for security for Demopolis High School in the amount \$1,675.08. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-49. 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 2014-50 Budget Adjustment: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-50 are for reimbursement for tasers from Arbour Valley in the amount of \$1,000. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-50. 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

Request to appear-Fire Chief Tommy Tate-concerns about budget adjustments: Chief Tate asked the Mayor and Council to restore \$252,900 back to his department. Chief Tate stated we have well trained guys who can respond in three to four minutes. My department protects the critical infrastructures in the city. Chief Tate asked that they restore funds to hire personnel to reduce overtime. Chief Tate stated several things that his department has improved in the past two fiscal years. Councilman Jones asked Chief Tate if in reality he had to short staff a station, which one would it be. Chief Tate stated I hope that we don't go that route. After some discussion Mayor Grayson told Chief Tate that the council would take his request under advisement, and stated a meeting would be schedule between the Fire Department senior management and the Finance Committee to consider options.

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

November 20, 2014

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

Present:

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

Department Heads:

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

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador made the motion to go straight into new business and only do items 1, 11, and 12. 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:
Councilman Nelson: Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole: yes

New Business

Reschedule December 4th Council meeting: Councilman Meador made the motion to move it to Monday, December 8th at 5:15pm. Councilman Cole 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:
Councilman Nelson: Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole: yes

ABC Application-Special Event-Christmas on the River: Mayor Grayson stated this is ABC special event license for the Christmas on the River. Chief Reese had no objection to the application. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve ABC application. Councilman Cole 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:

Councilman Nelson: Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole: yes

ABC Application-Special Event-COTR BBQ Cook Off: Mayor Grayson stated this is ABC special event license for the COTR BBQ Cook Off. Chief Reese had no objection to the application. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the application. 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:
Councilman Nelson: 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

December 8, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Monday December 8, 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

Absent: Cleveland Cole-District 5

Department Heads:

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

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 2014 and November 20, 2014. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve the minutes of November 5th as presented. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and 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:

Councilman Meador made the motion to approve minutes of November 20, 2014. 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:

Announcement

Mayor Grayson received a letter from couple from a Texas traveling through on November 30th. The letter stated they were so impressed by the American flags. Mayor Grayson thanked the Kiwanis Club and the Fire Department for insisting in getting the flags up on Highway 80.

Mayor Grayson thanked several departments for their participation in the Christmas on the River.

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Mayor Grayson asked Public Works Director Mike Baker the status on the stop signs that were approved. Mr. Baker stated there was question on the historic post or regular post. Mayor Grayson stated he wanted them up by the end of the year.

Mayor Grayson asked the status of the speed break on Front Street. Mr. Baker stated the signage came in on Friday.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated the owners at 508 and 510 North Strawberry have started making progress. Mr. Poole stated 407 East Jefferson the owners have cleaned lot but the building still needs attention.

Unfinished Business

Councilman Meador asked to go into executive session good name and character and financial matter.

At 5:22pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for good name and character 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 8th day of December 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 good name and character and 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

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 5:50pm. 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:

Review ordinance on Chuck Wagon/Portable Vendor: Mayor Grayson asked that this be removed from the agenda. Councilman Jones stated that he would like to rewrite the ordinance on portable vendors. Councilman Jones stated the information has not given to City Attorney for review. Councilman Jones made the motion to table this until the next meeting. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Board Appointments-Industrial Development Board: Mayor Grayson stated there are opening due to the resignation of Mike Marshall of the unexpired term. There are four (4) nominates are Jason Windham, Shawn Hall, Lee Pritchett, and Tom Culpepper. The votes were taken as follows:

Councilman Meador: Lee Pritchett
 Councilman Jones: Shawn Hall
 Councilman Hardy: Shawn Hall
 Councilman Nelson: Shawn Hall
 Mayor Grayson: Lee Pritchett

Mayor Grayson stated Shawn Hall is appointed to Industrial Development Board for the unexpired term Mike Marshall.

Board Appointments-Marengo County Economic Development Authority: Mayor Grayson stated there are three openings for the MECA. They are Chuck Smith, Catherine Meador, and William Martin. Mayor Grayson stated we have four (4) nominates but one (1) has withdrawn. They are Bill Mackey, Jim Parr, and Hugh Overmyer. Councilman Jones made the motion to appoint the three (3) nominates. 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:

Rosenbush Warehouse-bid requirements: Mayor Grayson stated several weeks back we voted to declare surplus of the Rosenbush warehouse building. Mayor Grayson stated we have talked about various requirements on the bid. Mayor Grayson opened the floor for discussion. Councilman Nelson

stated there is several historical significant such as the Coca Cola signage. Councilman Nelson made the motion of the following bid requirements:

Timeframe of three (3) months to start and eighteen (18) months for completion
Plans and no demolition to the exterior
Follow the Department of Interior

Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 4 yes and 1 abstained votes by the following:

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

New Business

Board Appointment-Water Board: Mayor Grayson stated we have one opening on the Water Board, Willard Williams's appointment expired in November. Mayor Grayson stated he has spoken with Mr. Williams, and he is willing to serve another term. Mayor Grayson nominated Willard Williams to serve another term. Mayor Grayson asked for any other nomination. There being none, Councilman Meador made the motion to suspend the rules and vote tonight. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes 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 reappoint Willard Williams to the Water Board. 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:

Economic Incentive-Wendy's and Parr's: Mayor Grayson stated Wendy's and Parr's have made application for the economic incentive program. Mayor Grayson opened the floor for discussion. Councilman Nelson made the motion to give Wendy's the standard incentive program. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following the roll call votes:

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

Mayor Grayson stated the economic incentive is for the Parr's location Highway 80 and Highway 43 only. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve the economic incentive program to this location but only for three (3) years due to being an existing business. 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:

Public Hearing and Proposed Ordinance 2014-03 at 301-321 South Cedar Avenue-rezoning: Building Official Clarence Brooker explained that Shane Spiller made application to rezone this property to allow Spiller Furniture to move to this location. The Planning Commission made a favorable recommendation to rezone the property from BL-I C to B-3 C zone. After some discussion Councilman Jones made the motion to approve proposed Ordinance 2014-02 to rezone the property at 301-321 South Cedar Avenue

to B-3 suffix C. 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: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole:

Resolution 2014-52 Budget Adjustment-Sonic: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-52 is for security at Sonic in amount of \$901.08 Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-52. 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:

Request to appear: Chief Tommy Tate-permission to apply for AFG grant, Safer Grant, and Fire Prevention grant: Chief Tate asked for permission to apply for AFG grant, Safer grant, and Fire Prevention grant. Chief Tate stated the AFG grant is 95% grant and 5% match which for a fire truck \$450,000 our match would \$22,500. On the Safer grant this would be for staffing. The Fire Prevention grant is for the safety trailer at 95% grant and 5% match. Councilman Nelson made the motion to give Chief Tate permission to apply for this grants. 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:

Request to appear: Chief Tommy Tate-budget adjustments: Chief Tate stated he hoped the Mayor and Council reviewed the pamphlets that he had distributed to them. Chief Tate said the pamphlet pertains to the funds that were cut out of his department budget. Chief Tate is asking for the money that was cut out budget to be put back in salaries. Chief Tate stated statistic on fire deaths that occur between the hours 11pm – 11am. Staffing on the truck is critical. Chief Tate stated one (1) the fireman just resigned this weekend, so now he is down two (2) employees which causes overtime pay. Mayor Grayson stated that he would talk to Chief Tate concerning staffing.

Resolution 2014-53 Budget Adjustment-Arbour Valley: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-53 is reimbursement from Arbour Valley for tasers in the amount of \$1,000.00. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-53. 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 2014-54 Budget Adjustment-Demopolis Middle School: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-54 is for security for Demopolis Middle School in the amount \$96.46. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-54. 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:

Pay scale for Public Works and Horticulture Department: Mayor Grayson stated that he had sent out information concerning this. Mayor Grayson stated this came before the finance committee in June during the budget process. Councilman Meador made a motion for the finance committee to make a

recommendation for all departments of City as soon as possible. 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:

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 18, 2014

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday December 18, 2014 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1-arrived at 5:20
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, Jr.
 - City Hall-Sam Gross
- Court-submitted
Public Works-Mike Baker-submitted
Horticulture-Barbara Blevins
Library

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson asked to amend the agenda to add Brenda Tuck to give her quarterly report and place her item 7 under new business. Councilman Hardy made the motion to amend the agenda. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of December 8, 2014. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcement

Mayor Grayson gave approval to Chief Tate to hire one person to fill the recent vacancy.

Mayor Grayson stated that he had attended a Delta Regional meeting in Selma on December 2nd. Mayor Grayson stated that the Military readiness mission that was in Demopolis in 2012 is coming back here August 2-16, 2015 for the medical mission.

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated that City Clerk Sam Gross would be meeting tomorrow to gather information for the Resolution for the Rosenbush Warehouse. Mr. Poole wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Unfinished Business

Review ordinance on Chuck Wagon/Portable Vendor: Councilman Jones stated want he wants is certain days and certain locations. After some discussion, the Mayor and Council agreed this matter should be handled by the Planning Commission first and forward the recommendation to the Council to be amended.

Finance Committee recommendation on pay scales: Mayor Grayson presented the finance committee recommendation to the full Council. Mayor Grayson stated the hire in rate for Horticulture, Public Works, and the Sports Plex would be \$8.50. The current employees would be tiered in terms of the hired date. Mayor Grayson stated this is only for the hourly employees, not department heads or administrative secretarial. Councilman Meador stated this would be a one-time thing but the employees would still be eligible for the annual performance evaluation. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the pay scale. 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 Application from Southend LLC for Retail Beer and Retail Table Wine both off Premises at 605 North Walnut Avenue: Mayor Grayson stated this application is for the new owners of the old Elk's. Chief Reese had no objection to the application. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the ABC application at 605 North Walnut Avenue. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes and 1 abstained votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2014-55 Budget Adjustment-Sonic: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-55 is for security for Sonic in the amount \$ 1136.39. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-55. 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 2014-56 Budget Adjustment- Demopolis High School: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-56 for security for Demopolis High School in the amount of \$2,444.16. Councilman Nelson made the

motion to approve Resolution 2014-56. 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 2014-57 Declare Surplus Property: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-57 is a vehicle that was seized from drug case. Chief Reese asked the Mayor and Council to declare it surplus and any money from the sale must be used for law enforcement purposes only. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the Resolution 2014-57. 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 2014-58 Declare Surplus Property: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2014-58 for old computers, monitors, CPU towers, and printers. This equipment is from the old Police station. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-58. 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

Rescheduling January 1st Council Meeting: Mayor Grayson stated the regular schedule council meeting for January falls on January 1st and requested it to be rescheduled to another day. Councilman Hardy made a motion to reschedule for Monday January 5, 2015 at 5:15. 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

Marengo County Economic Development Authority Director Brenda Tuck: Ms. Tuck presented the Mayor and Council with a print out of the activities of the last two (2) quarters. Ms. Tuck stated we have a lot of interest in the Port with private funding. Several of the projects that we have spoken about in executive session are still progress. Ms. Tuck stated if anyone had any questions concerning the projects they could contact her.

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

At 5:42pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for 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 1 8th day of December 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 30 minutes.

Councilman Nelson made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 6:31pm. 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

Mayor Grayson would like to entertain a motion regarding Shelton State and Demopolis Higher Education Center lease. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pursue a contract with Shelton State regarding the Demopolis Higher Education Center. 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

Mayor Grayson stated regarding the contract with Retail Coach in partnership with Demopolis Chamber of Commerce, Demopolis Industrial Development Board, and Demopolis Business Council. Councilman Hardy made the motion to move forward the Retail Coach. 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 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 5, 2015

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Monday January 5, 2015 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-Walker Reynolds
- Building Official-Clarence Brooker, Jr.-submitted
- City Hall-Sam Gross
- Court
- Public Works-Mike Baker-submitted
- Horticulture-Barbara Blevins
- Library-Morgan Allen

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson asked to amend the agenda to add Herbert Street to discuss the repairs. This would be placed item number 4 under new business. Councilman Meador 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:

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

Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Councilman Hardy seconded 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 18, 2014. Councilman Nelson 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

Announcement

No announcement at this time.

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Mayor Grayson asked Public Works director Mike Baker the status on the purchase of the trucks that the Council had approved. Mr. Baker stated one (1) had been purchased and waiting on a call once another is located. Mayor Grayson asked about the stops signs. Mr. Baker stated they are all done. Mr. Baker thanked the Horticulturist department for helping.

City Clerk Sam Gross presented the bids for Rosenbush Warehouse to the Council. Ms. Gross stated the bids would be accepted until noon February 5, 2015 and would be opened at 2:00pm. Ms. Gross stated that she had contacted Alabama League of Municipality concerning property owned by the City doesn't have to send out individual bids. This could be published in the local newspaper and posted at City Hall. Councilman Jones had concerns on demolish of the exterior of the building. After some discussion the Council agreed anyone could come back and request to remove the awning and garage doors.

Librarian Morgan Allen stated that interviews have been started for the Children position to replace Kelley Tarpley.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated that he had received several new complaints and will begin working on those.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Request to appear: Will Moore, Jr.-garbage pick-up complaint: Mr. Moore stated that his garbage has not been picked up on Thursdays. Mayor Mike Grayson stated several calls have been made by the city on concerning Mr. Moore's complaint and that service improved temporarily. Mayor Grayson assured that the city would again to improve the situation.

Chief Reese-to discuss body cameras and storage (icloud): Chief Reese stated back 2013 purchase of Taser body cameras were purchased. These purchase was no cost to the City. The upload data at that time was \$9 to download the data. Since the incident in Ferguson the price has went up to \$15 per camera per month. Chief Reese stated he has a total of 12 cameras in his department. Chief Reese stated that the server he would not handle the data and it would be more secure on the iCloud. Chief Reese presented a proposal from Taser for the data of the cameras. Chief Reese asked the Council for the cost of the proposal because it is not in his budget. The total of the proposal is \$3,318 per year for a lock in at 5 years for grant total for the five (5) years of \$16,590. After some discussion Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve increase the technology budget by \$3,318. 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

Approve 2015 observed Holidays: City Clerk Sam Gross stated that July 4, 2015 falls on Saturday so the City would observe on Friday, July 3rd. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve 2015 Holiday. 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

Public Works Director Mike Baker-Herbert Street: Public Works Director Mike Baker stated that he asked three (3) contractors for quotes for the repair of Hebert Street. Mr. Baker stated he had received one (1) quote. Mr. Baker suggested that the Mayor and Council declare the repair emergency due to the cost is over \$15,000. Mr. Baker stated if bid out it would be several months before the work could be done. After some discussion on several options Councilman Nelson made the motion to get Almon Associates to do engineering drawing and prepare the bids. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed 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 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 15, 2015

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday January 15, 2015 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 | Horticulture-submitted |
| • Building Official-Clarence Brooker, Jr. | Library-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 Mike Grayson welcomed the Youth Lead to the council meeting.

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve the agenda. 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 5, 2015. Councilman Jones 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

Announcement

Mayor Mike Grayson has no announcement but after new business on the agenda he would like to request an executive session to discuss financial situation.

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Chief Reese reported that the second person in the robbery at Sun South has been captured.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated that he has had contact with one of the family members on the property that has the burned out house at the 600 block of West Pettus. Mr. Poole is going to assist them and getting estimate to get the structure cleaned up. If the family members could not afford the cost of the clean up the city council could place a lien on the property.

Unfinished Business

Status on Herbert Street bids: Mayor Grayson stated this is one item that needs to be discussed in executive session.

New Business

Resolution 2015-01 Budget Adjustment: Chief Reese stated Resolution 2015-01 is for overtime security at Mc Donald's. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-01. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes:

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

Committee/Board Reports:

Chamber of Commerce: Mayor Grayson stated that he had attended the chamber meeting this past Monday. They are beginning the search for a director.

Councilman Meador reported the first meeting of the Hospital Public Entity and trying to identify areas of concerns and how to address them. The organizational meeting was first and next schedule meeting is in April.

Mayor Grayson asked to go into executive session for finance situation concerning the city.

At 5:23pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for finance 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 15th day of January 2015 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 finance matter and good name and character 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 30 minutes.

Councilman Meador made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 5:53pm. 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 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 5, 2015

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday February 5, 2015 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-submitted
 - Park & Recreation-submitted
 - Building Official-Clarence Brooker, Jr.-submitted
 - City Hall-Sam Gross
- Court
Public Works-Mike Baker-submitted
Horticulture-Barbara Blevins-submitted
Library-submitted

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson requested amendment to the agenda to add the Theo Ratliff ATRC Grant. Councilman Nelson made the motion to add to new business #9. 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 Jones made the motion to add Water Works and Sewer Board request for .50 garbage increase under new business # 10. 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

The Council reviewed the minutes of January 15, 2015. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve the minutes 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

Announcement

Mayor Grayson announced that the Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission semi-annual meeting will be held at the Demopolis Civic Center on Wednesday April 8th at 5:00pm.

Highway 80 Songwriters Festival will be held Friday July 3rd in the city park.

Chamber of Commerce has begun interviews for the director position.

Shelton State, University of West Alabama, City School systems, and the City continuing to meet and put plans together for the joint project at New Era and the Demopolis Higher Education Center. Mayor Grayson stated at the time the Shelton State truck driving class is full and the class starting in March is already full. Mayor Grayson stated that a local person has been contracted to teach this class.

Mayor Grayson stated that he is required to notify that a mayoral pardon has been given Richard A. Clark and Benjamin Ballard.

Mayor Grayson stated that Park & Recreation received a \$20,000 donation for Marengo County Recreation Board. This funds will be used for 10' x 10' public restroom at the Sports Plex, 40' x 50' pavilion at Sports Plex, and repair and add padding on the gym walls at the Theo Ratliff Center.

Mayor Grayson stated at the end of the new business we need to go into executive session for the financial situation regarding the city.

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

City Clerk Sam Gross stated that she would be sending out ethic forms that are due by April 30th.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated that he has received 5 or 6 new complaints. Code Enforcement Cody Key and I will begin working on those. Councilman Nelson asked about the status of the Fendley house on Pettus Street. Mr. Poole stated that he is still in contact with the family to resolve this.

Unfinished Business

Unfinished business at this time

New Business

ABC Application from James Michael Grayson for Restaurant Retail Liquor at 111 A West Washington Street: Mayor Grayson recued himself and turned the gavel over to Mayor Pro Tem Meador because this item pertains to him. Councilman Meador stated this is a liquor license application from James Michael Grayson for a restaurant at 111 A West Washington. Mr. Grayson stated this would be eatery located at 111 A West Washington upstairs. Councilman Jones asked is the restaurant going. Mr. Grayson stated no, still have renovations and things that we are working on. Councilman Nelson asked is upstairs zoned for a restaurant. Mr. Grayson stated advised by Building Official Clarence Brooker it s in the correct zone. There are things that have to been done to be compliance. Councilman Nelson

made the motion to approve the ABC application. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2015-02 Budget Adjustment-Demopolis Middle School: Chief Reese stated this Resolution is security from Demopolis Middle School in the amount of \$436.08. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-02. 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 2015-03 Budget Adjustment-Sonic: Chief Reese stated this Resolution is for security at Sonic in the amount of \$881.10. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-03. 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 2015-04 Budget Adjustment-Vowell's: Chief Reese stated this Resolution is for security at Vowell's in the amount of \$306.68. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-04. 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 2015-05 Budget Adjustment-Sonic: Chief Reese stated this Resolution is for security at Sonic in the amount of \$861.97. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-05. 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

Bid results for Rosenbush Warehouse: City Clerk Sam Gross stated that no bids were received by the deadline and at the specific location. City Attorney Bill Poole stated that he had received a bid this morning but it does not compile with the bid specs. Mr. Poole stated that he had received a call from another individual that this interested in bidding. Mr. Poole stated that he would like to discuss this in executive session.

Resolution 2015-06 authorizing Mayor Grayson to sign award letter with Frasier Lanier when the 2015 Warrants are sold: Mayor Grayson stated this resolution is to work on getting a better interest rate for our bonds. Mayor Grayson stated that it has been somewhat a struggle to get information that they need to adequality put the bid package together. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-06. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Resolution from Alabama Power to authorizing street light modification: Mayor Grayson stated this resolution is for a street light to be erect at Osgood and Maria. Councilman Hardy made the motion to

approve Resolution from Alabama Power. 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

ATRC grant for Theo Ratliff Center: City Clerk Sam Gross stated this grant is to hire a senior citizen part time and the City would pay a time fee and ATRC would pay the employee. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the grant for the Theo Ratliff. 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

Water Works and Sewer Board request to increase on the garbage: Councilman Jones stated when the City transferred the garbage contract over to Water Works and Sewer Board they were out the window to renew it. Advanced Disposal has a built in increase for CPI. The water board is requesting a .50 increase to the garbage bill. Councilman Jones stated that the Water board is discussing several options on the ways to mark carts to specific account. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the .50 increase to the garbage cart. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed by 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 to go into executive session for financial matter concerning the city.

At 5:47pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for 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 5th day of February 2015 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 Hardy for the Council to go into Executive Session for finance matter and good name and character 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 6:44pm. 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 the motion to extend the bids until March 2 at 2:00pm. 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 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 19, 2015

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday February 19, 2015 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-submitted | Horticulture |
| • Building Official-Clarence Brooker, Jr. | Library |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve 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 February 5, 2015. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve the minutes 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

Announcement

Mayor Grayson reported that the total tax revenue showed an increase of six percent from October through January over prior year.

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Mayor Grayson commended Fire Chief Tommy Tate for the success in containing the fatal fire at Crossgates apartment fire earlier in the week.

City Clerk Sam Gross reminded the council that the ethics forms are due by April 30th.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole reported work on a several dilapidated properties is at different stages, and new ones were reported this week. Mayor Grayson asked if the city was making any progress toward removing or rehabilitating the properties. Mr. Poole stated some but it's slow.

Unfinished Business

Resolution 2015-06 authorizing Mayor Grayson to sign award letter with Frasier Lanier when the 2015 Warrants are sold: Mayor Grayson stated this is basically a resolution for award letter when 2015 warrants are sold. On November 5th the council votes unanimously to get Frasier Lanier to rework our bonds. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-06 to go forward. 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

New Business

Request to appear: New Birth Outreach Ministry request to closing of the unopened street named Morgan Street: Jeannette Jones spoke on the behalf for the New Birth Outreach Ministry requesting the city to close the unopened street named Morgan Street. This street is on the city map but was never built. All owners adjacent to this property have agreed to the closing except Creekwood Apartments. Ms. Jones stated the owner has not responded to the letters. The City Council directed her to talk with the apartment manager for help in contacting the owner. Ms. Jones stated she would report back to the council at next the meeting.

Request to appear: Mental Ledbetter, West Alabama Mental Health for smoke free weekend March 20-22 with mile walk/run and 5K. Requesting the use of Demopolis City Landing as the place for the event: Mr. Ledbetter stated that West Alabama Mental Health would like to host event to promote the campaign for a smoke-free. The 5K event will Saturday March 21st. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the public assembly application. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes by following roll call votes:

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

Demopolis Police Department storage impound: Chief Reese stated in 2009 he became the Chief of Demopolis, at that time we did not have a place to store vehicles. Chief Reese stated at that time he had made arrangements with the First Presbyterian Church to be able to store vehicles at their location. Chief Reese stated it's time for us to look at impound storage lot for the City. I have presented you all

with a quote from River City Fencing. The first quote is for chain link with 3 strands of barbed wire with vinyl slats for \$ 5,923.00. The second quote is for a wooden privacy fence for \$4,787.00 and came back at later date to stain for \$ 1,308.00, the total for second quote is \$ 6,095.00. Chief Reese stated this impound lot would be located in the grassy area behind the Police Department. After some discussion Councilman Jones made the motion accept the quote for chain link fence with 3 strand of barbed wire at \$ 5,923.00. 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 2015-07 Support University of Alabama at Birmingham: Mayor Grayson stated this Resolution is for support in restating the University of Alabama at Birmingham football program. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-07. 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

Proclamation for T.J. Lowe: Mayor Grayson presented the family of U. S. Air Force Lt. Col. T.J. Lowe a proclamation commending Lowe for his service. Mr. Lowe graduated for Demopolis High School in 1994, received a degree from Grambling University and Maxwell War School in Montgomery. He is a commander of the 80th Flying Wing in Shepherd, Texas.

ABC application for National Wild Turkey Federation Inc: City Clerk Sam Gross stated this function will be held February 20th at the Demopolis Civic Center. The national Wild Turkey Federation Inc. is asking for approve for the non-profit tax exempt ABC application. Chief Reese approved the application. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the ABC 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

Bid results for Traffic Signal at Pettus-Front-Arcola: City Clerk Sam Gross stated she received one bid from Anderson Plumbing, Heating, & Electric, Inc. The bid amount as follows:

Cabinet with electrical components – we furnish	\$ 9,128.00
24-8" LED retrofit signals – we furnish	\$ 1,800.00
Sandblast, paint & restore 8 single heads	\$ 600.00
Installation of 2 loops (Front & Arcola)	\$ 3,000.00
Overhead loop wire, pole & hardware	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment rental	\$ 1,300.00
Labor	\$ 3,900.00
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Total	\$20,728.00

Cabinet with electrical components – city furnish	\$ 7,950.00
24-8" LED retrofit signals – city furnish	\$ 1,200.00
Sandblast, paint & restore 8 single heads	\$ 600.00
Installation of 2 loops (Front & Arcola)	\$ 3,000.00
Overhead loop wire, pole & hardware	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment rental	\$ 1,300.00

Labor	\$ 3,900.00
Total	\$18,950.00

Councilman Nelson made the motion to accept the bid with the City furnishing the cabinet with electrical components and 24-8" LED retrofit signals. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion. Councilman Nelson amended his motion to add that Mr. Baker find the best options with Anderson. Councilman Jones stated there has been some discussion concerning directional arrow. City Clerk Sam Gross stated that was not in the bid. Councilman Nelson withdrew his motion. Councilman Cole made a motion to rebid with turning signals add. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion. After some discussion Councilman Jones made the motion to table this matter and confer with ALDOT to determine the best way to direct traffic through the intersection before going out again on bids. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion was 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

Bid results for Engineering Service on Herbert Street: City Clerk Sam Gross stated no bids were received. Councilman Nelson made a motion to extend the bids until March 5th at noon. 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 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 5, 2015

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Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1 –arrived 5:33pm
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 - submitted
 - Park & Recreation
 - Building Official-Clarence Brooker, Jr.
 - City Hall-Sam Gross
- Court
Public Works-Mike Baker
Horticulture-submitted
Library-submitted

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of February 19, 2015. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcement

Mayor Grayson announced new Executive Director of Chamber of Commerce Ashley Coplin. Ms. Coplin reminded everyone the annual banquet would be held Thursday at the Demopolis Civic Center at 6:00pm. She stated that she was excited to be back and if anyone had any question or suggestions please come by to see her.

Mayor Grayson received email from Bob Young stating that our double A rating has been confirmed.

Mayor Grayson reported that Ashley and I meet yesterday with Joseph Coon the representative of the Retail Coach and a brief background. The City, Chamber, Business Council, and Industrial Development Board to contract retail coach to retail development not in just the downtown area but where they identified. The meeting will be Friday March 27th.

Highway 80 Songwriter Festival will be held Friday July 3rd.

Mayor Grayson asked approval to attend Alabama League Municipality Advocacy meeting Tuesday April 7th. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approval the request. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes as follows:

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

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

City Clerk Sam Gross reminded the council that the ethics forms are due by April 30th.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole reported Mr. Baker and Ms. Blevins have furnished Officer Key and I a list of properties that has problems.

Unfinished Business

Bid results for Traffic Signal at Pettus-Front-Arcola: Mayor Grayson asked Public Works Director Mike Baker if he had spoken with someone from the State concerning the directional light. Mr. Baker stated he had meet with Jeff Powell on Tuesday. In his opinion there is no need in a turned signal at that intersection. The equipment that we have it could be changed at a later date. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the bid but with the City furnishing the equipment. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Charles Jones arrived at 5:33pm.

Bid results for Rosenbush Warehouse: No bids were received. Mayor Grayson expressed that this bid needs to be simplify. There were several citizens present at the council meeting explained their concerns on the timeframe in the bid wasn't long enough and the purpose of the building. After some discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to extended the bid until May 7th with a plan and timeframe and remove the Department of Interior from the bid. 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

Bid results for Engineering for Herbert Street: City Clerk Sam Gross reported to the Council one (1) bid was received from Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood in the amount of \$16,500. Councilman Jones stated the

reason why a lot of the professional firms did not send a price because we asked for a bid. Technically your not suppose to bid out professional services. We could have requested a proposal for this. Councilman Nelson made the motion to accept engineering bid from Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes:

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

New Business

Request to appear: Jerry Gaddy - problems at South Industrial Park: Mr. Jerry Gaddy stated he was there for concerns and issue that have been going on the South Industrial Park. First of all I want commend the Police and Fire department for the job they do. Mr. Gaddy stated in the past few years we have had several break in the South Industrial Park area. Most recently we have some in our neighbors business Foster Farms. There is a new business that just opened there. Mr. Gaddy stated after our break in we have installed new fencing, alarm system, and lighting. Mr. Gaddy stated recently they have several people walking through the Industrial Park for no reason. There is a lot of traffic in this area for people to be walking. Mr. Gaddy stated if there was more patrolling this area mostly the south part of the Industrial Park. Mr. Gaddy concerns are there are units that are being used for residence. Mr. Gaddy stated he wanted the Council to be aware of this. Mr. Gaddy stated this is a potential for one of children to get hurt. Paul Miller with Foster Farms expressed the same concerns. Mr. Miller stated if we a trying promote industrials in this area no one wants kids to be getting on a school bus in an industrial park. Mr. Miller stated the businesses located there would be liability for any accident that could possible happen. There were several questions pertaining to whether the residential property is a motel or an apartment complex, and whether it is long term occupants are allowed under the current zoning. Mayor Grayson stated additional research is needed and that the property owner has indicted he wants a good working relationship with the industries in the area. Councilman Nelson made a motion to add this to the next council 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
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Request to appear: Donald Cotton Eddins – vacating alley: Moved to the March 19th agenda.

Request to appear: Keith Yeager - Demopolis Historic Preservation Commission: Mr. Yeager presented the Mayor and Council with a slide show with the history of Demopolis Historic Preservation Commission that was established in 2003. The historic preservation has identified over the years the historical boundaries. The districts have named and identified but needs support from the Mayor and Council to go forward. Councilman Cole made the motion to support the Historic Preservation Commission. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes and 1 abstains by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution – Alabama Power street light modification: Mayor Grayson stated the street light modification at the intersection Commissioners and Washington. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve the street light modification. 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

Resolution – Alabama Power street light modification: Mayor Grayson stated the street light modification at the 1711 Estella Drive. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve street light modification. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve the street light modification resolution at 1711 Estella Drive. 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
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Request to appear: Monica Keeley/Alex Braswell – unaware of late fee business license: Moved to March 19th agenda.

Request to appear: Chief Tommy Tate – Firehouse software with icloud lease: Moved to March 19th agenda.

Request to appear: Chief Tommie Reese – apply for body camera grant: Chief Reese requested to permission to apply for police officer body camera grant. Chief Reese stated this is no match grant. Councilman Cole made the motion to give permission to apply. 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

Bid results for Rosenbush building HVAC: Mayor Grayson stated we received several bids mostly in the \$20,000 range. After reviewing the bid results Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the bid for the split heat pump from Rice Heating and Cooling in the amount \$15,590.00. 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 adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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Mayor Grayson reported that Ronnie O’Neal term for school board expires in April and he has requested not to be reappointed.

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Departmental report submitted as stated above.

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New Business

Resolution 2015-08 Budget Adjustment-Sonic: City Clerk Sam Gross stated this resolution is from Sonic for police security in the amount of \$1,120.48. This amount has been received at City Hall. Councilman

Harris made the motion to approve resolution 2015-08. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 4 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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Councilman Hardy made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
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Regular Meeting

April 2, 2015

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday April 2, 2015 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
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Mayor Mike Grayson called the meeting to order with invocation by Chief Tommie Reese followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve the agenda. 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:

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Announcement

City Hall and City offices other than Public Safety will close at noon on Friday, April 3rd for Good Friday.

The garbage contract has been signed by all parties.

Congresswoman Terri Sewell Town Hall meeting on April 7th has been moved to Thomaston.

Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission Semi-Annual meeting will be held Wednesday April 8th at Demopolis Civic Center.

Highway 80 Songwriter's Festival committee has been meeting and it is under way for Friday July 3rd.

Mayor Grayson stated the first of four legal ads has been run on this past Saturday for the sale of Sunday liquor sales.

Mayor Grayson read a letter from Chief Riley from the Selma Police Department, thanking the Demopolis Police Department for assisting with security for the festivities on March 7-8.

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

City Clerk Sam Gross reminded the council that the ethics forms are due by April 30th.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole reported he is working on 19 dilapidated properties and Officer Cody Key is investigating another 40 lots.

Unfinished Business

Request to appear: Monica Keeley/Alex Braswell – unaware of late fee on business license: Attorney Mr. Alex Braswell representing Monica Keeley, stated that the \$400 penalty for late payment of her business license to be waived. Mr. Braswell stated the license was late by four (4) days and she stated she did not get the notice. Mr. Braswell stated Ms. Keeley has paid the license on time in the past years. Mayor Grayson stated the matter is under consideration.

Request to appear: Ruthie Williams - ditch located at 820 Decatur: Mayor Grayson stated this matter was on the last agenda but no action was taken. Mayor Grayson indicated that grant funds could be used to help alleviate the situation. Councilman Jones stated that city owns some 80' of culvert that could be used to help immediately without having to go through the grant process.

Request to appear: Chief Tommy Tate-Firehouse software with cloud lease: Fire Chief Tate stated Mayor Grayson asked at the last council meeting to find the funds in my budget for software. Chief Tate stated that he has it in office supplies. Mayor Grayson stated of March you have a balance \$2,100. Mayor Grayson stated there are funds in travel and training. Councilman Jones stated that we are micro managing his department. He is in charge of his budget.

New Business

School Board appointment: Mayor Grayson stated a vacancy on School Board due to the expired term of Ronnie O'Neal. Mr. O'Neal does not wish to be re-appointed. Councilman Nelson nominated Gary Brown and Lucy Chu. Mayor Grayson nominated Lee Pritchett, Chris Stewart, and Chuck Smith.

Councilman Jones nominated Hunter Compton. The nomination would be kept open until next meeting.

Jeff Martin – American Armed Forces Benefit – approval payroll deduction for Fire and Police: Mr. Jeff Martin stated this benefit was approved last year but not for payroll deduction. Councilman Jones made the motion allow payroll deduction for benefit for Fire and Police. 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:

Councilman Jones asked to go into executive session for personnel and good name and character concerning the city.

At 5:38pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for finance 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 2nd day of April 2015 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 finance matter and good name and character 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 30 minutes.

Councilman Meador made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 6:24pm. 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:

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

April 16, 2015

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday April 16, 2015 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-submitted |
| • Building Official-Clarence Brooker, Jr.-submitted | Library-Morgan Allen-Submitted |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

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 Hardy made the motion to amend the agenda to add Monica Keeley under unfinished business # 1. 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 April 2, 2015. Councilman Nelson 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: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Announcement

Mayor Grayson reported to the Council that the legal notice pertaining to Sunday liquor sales has been published in the newspaper for 4 weeks.

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Councilman Jones reported a concern about the fencing at the ball field back stop located Westside Elementary School. Mayor Grayson stated that he would notify Park and Recreation department.

City Clerk Sam Gross reminded the Mayor and Council the deadline of the ethic forms are April 30th.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole reported he has begun researching deeds on properties that has been turned over. Mr. Poole stated then the process will begin notifying the correct property owner.

Unfinished Business

Request to appear: Monica Keeley/Alex Braswell – unaware of late fee on business license: Mayor Grayson stated on April 2nd that Mr. Alex Braswell representing Monica Keeley, stated that the \$400 penalty for late payment of her business license to be waived. Mayor Grayson reported that meeting that this would be under consideration. Mayor Grayson opened the floor for council discussion. There being no further discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to uphold the penalty levied against Monica Keeley for late payment of the business license. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes and 1 no vote by the following roll call votes:

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

School Board appointment: Mayor Grayson stated Ronnie O’Neal term on school board would expire April 30, 2015. At the last council meeting several people were nominated and we left the nomination open due to Councilman Cole was absent from the meeting. Mayor Grayson asked if anyone else had another nomination. Mayor Grayson nominated Olen Kerby. Councilman Jones made the motion to close the nominations. 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 made the motion to schedule a work session and bring nominates in and ask series of questions. After some discussion Mayor Grayson rescinds his motion. Councilman Meador made the motion to have a called meeting on April 27, 2015 at 5:15pm to vote on the school board appointment. 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

New Business

Public Hearing – Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance: Building Official Clarence Brooker stated we have had a request from a sign company from Selma concerning the digital billboards. At this time City of Demopolis zoning ordinance does not have regulation pertaining to this. Mr. Brooker stated the Planning Commission made a favorable recommendation to be forward to the council. Mr. Brooker stated there are several requirements on the size and setbacks. After some discussion from the public the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Nelson made the motion to amend proposed ordinance to add 4. h. as follows: Existing conforming off-premise signs may be converted to electronic or digital technology. Providing approval of the Planning Commission. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the 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

Councilman Meador made the motion to suspend the rules and have the second reading and approve ordinance 2015-02. 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

ABC Application for Joyce Rowser Hall dba Papa Gino’s located 811 East Pettus 050 Retail Beer (off premise only) 070 Retail Table Wine (off premise Only): Nancy Smith spoke on behalf of daughter Joyce Hall. Ms. Smith stated this was formal named the Front Row. The store has been sold to her daughter and the name has been changed. Mayor Grayson abstained from voting. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the ABC application. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes and 1 abstain vote by the following roll call votes:

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

Request to appear: Patrick Lins – change truck route: David Cleveland spoke on behalf of absent of Patrick Lins. Mr. Cleveland request that the truck route for deliveries for Larry Walters Furniture be changed back to south on Walnut, east on Windsor and then north on Mason Ridge. The delivery trucks going to the store now have torn up the street, broken curbs and knocked over water meters. After some discussion the Mayor and the Councilmen decide to postpone any action until the residents along the route were contacted.

Request to appear: Diane Brooker – IDB: Chairman of the Industrial Development Board Diane Brooker informed the Mayor and Council that Federal Regulation on the truck driving school for Shelton State have changed and they have to redo the truck driving range to continue having classes. Ms. Brooker stated the Industrial Development Board voted unanimously to deed 6 acres a South Industrial Park to Shelton State to build the truck driving range. Ms. Brooker stated she was here is for the support as well as improving the roads. Ms. Brooker presented a drawing that showed several wish list items that she hoped the City would consider in providing the funds. Ms. Brooker stated the City stopped all funding to Industrial Development Board about 5 or 6 years ago with the understanding that in which time we needed some assistance from you we could come ask for assistance. The preliminary estimate for the 600’ of new road to be paved on the established road bed is approximately \$75,000. The other items were the wish list that would include resurfacing some 2,000’ of existing road and constructing a new 800’ road. If at any time that Shelton State ever evacuates the property it would revert back to the Industrial Development Board. After some discussion Councilman Nelson made the motion to request proposal for the work to be done. 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 2015-10-Budget Adjustment – Sonic: Police Chief Reese asked to replenish his overtime budget from Sonic in the amount \$ 1028.83. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-10. 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

Traffic signal at Strawberry and Washington: Mayor Grayson stated this traffic signal at Strawberry and Washington is no longer working. The City has two (2) option to repair the traffic signal or make it a four way stop. Councilman Nelson made the motion to create a four way stop at the intersection Strawberry and Washington and the traffic signal be removed. 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 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

Special Called Meeting

April 27, 2015

The special called meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Monday April 27, 2015 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 | Public Works |
| • Park & Recreation | Horticulture |
| • Building Official | Library |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

Mayor Mike Grayson called the meeting to order with invocation by Police Chief Reese 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 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 minutes of April 16, 2015 will be presented at the next schedule meeting which will be May 7, 2015.

Announcement

No announcement at this time.

Reports from the Departments

No departmental reports

Project

No report at this time.

Unfinished Business

School Board nominates: Councilman Hardy asked to go into executive session for good name and character concerning the city.

At 5:18pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for good name and character, 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 special called Council Meeting on the 27th day of April 2015 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 Hardy for the Council to go into Executive Session for good name and character 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 45 minutes.

Councilman Nelson made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 5:55pm. 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

Mayor Grayson started the individual voting to the left of the council table. The voting as follows:

Councilman Hardy - Olen Kerby
Councilman Nelson – Gary Brown
Councilman Cole – Hunter Compton
Mayor Grayson – Olen Kerby
Councilman Meador – Lee Pritchett
Councilman Jones – officially abstain from voting due to being a school system employee

Councilman Hardy made the motion to appoint Olen Kerby to the school board. Mayor Grayson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes and 1 abstain by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Jones: abstain	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

May 11, 2015

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Monday May 11, 2015 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-Battalion Chief Vernon Waters-submitted | Public Works-Mike Baker-submitted |
| • Park & Recreation-submitted | Horticulture-Barbara Blevins-submitted |
| • Building Official | Library-submitted |
| • 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. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the agenda 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

The Council reviewed the minutes of April 16th and April 27, 2015. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve April 15th and April 27th 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

Announcement

Mayor Grayson reported mayoral pardon to Demos Jones.

Mayor Grayson attended a Board of Education work session regarding the Demopolis High School technical training. We agreed that we need agreement with the Board of Education concerning the technical training at the New Era building.

Mayor Grayson stated several boards need appointments. Jim Grantham resigned from the Hospital Board. The Industrial Development Board have changed their bylaws and maybe coming to the next council meeting concerning the new terms for this board. Park and Recreation board Will Moore has resigned. Mayor Grayson stated several will be up in June on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mayor Grayson stated that he has been asked several times for permission to fish at the pond at the port building. After some discussion between the council, Councilman Meador made the motion not to allow fishing at the port property. 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

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole submitted Resolution 2015-11 for property at 609 West Pettus. This is the burned out residence. This resolution is permission to demolition the remaining of the property and access the cost to the lien against the property. At this time no estate has been open on the property. Mr. Poole stated that he has contact with the family but no one has done anything legally through the probate office. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-11. 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

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Fire Chief: Mayor Grayson opened the floor up for discussion concerning filling the Fire Chief position. Mayor Grayson stated there are several options. Councilman Meador stated we have several previous employees that have been promoted within the department. We have discussed if we don't have confidence within the department then something is wrong. After some discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to appoint acting Fire Chief Vernon Waters to interim Fire Chief. 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

Bid results for Rosenbush Warehouse: City Clerk Sam Gross reported no bids were received. Mayor Grayson suggested that the city reconsider repurposing the building. Mayor Grayson asked the Council to bring suggestion for the building at the next council meeting.

Resolution 2015-12 Budget Adjustment-Rock Tenn: Police Chief Reese asked the Mayor and Council to approve Resolution 2015-12 to restore overtime that has been received from Rock-Tenn. Councilman

Meador made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-12. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 4 yes votes and 2 abstain by the following roll call votes:

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

Pay Day Loan: Mr. Poole stated that there is a bill pending in the House of Representative concerning pay day loans regulations. Mr. Poole suggested that the City wait and see if the bill passes and follow the regulations on the bill.

ST Bunn proposal for paving at South Industrial Park: City Clerk Sam Gross reported this information has been forwarded to Taylor Davis at ST Bunn. At this time I have not received any proposals.

Brenda Tuck, Marengo County Economic Development Authority –quarterly report: Ms. Tuck distributed out quarterly reports and asked if anyone had any questions concerning the report to please contact her. Ms. Tuck stated that the Port property is the top site. Ms. Tuck stated that she is working on the TIGER grant for the port property.

Transfer of 2 vehicles from Police department to the Public Works and Horticulture department: Police Chief Reese stated 2 Dodge Durango was transferred to Public Works and Horticulture department. Police Chief Reese stated these vehicles are no longer needed at his department.

Councilman Meador has a conflict with the next meeting date. Councilman Meador asked the council meeting on May 21st be moved to 26th or 28th. Councilman Meador made the motion to move it to May 26th if Rooster Hall is available, if not it will be on May 28th. Mayor Grayson 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

May 26, 2015

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Tuesday May 26, 2015 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-Interim Fire Chief Vernon Waters-submitted | Public Works-Mike Baker |
| • Park & Recreation-submitted | 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. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the agenda 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

The Council reviewed the minutes of May 11, 2015. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve May 11, 2015 minutes 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

Announcement

Mayor Grayson stated he still has not heard from Board of Education on the intent of the New Era building.

Mayor Grayson spoke Rep. A. J. Mc Campbell regarding the House Bill 601 on May 15th. The bill is out of the committee and in the Senate. The approval could or should be by Thursday.

Mayor Grayson received email from Burns Whitaker with Goodwyn Mills and Cawood the field work on Hebert Street project is under way.

Mayor Grayson reported Jackson Street bridge project is still hung up with Alabama Department of Transportation.

Mayor Grayson stated we should go record thanking Mary Jones–Fitts for work she did to secure the traveling Smithsonian exhibit “The Way We Work”. She coordinated the local exhibit to go with and handling the tours for the hundreds who visited.

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated that he will be preparing 6 resolutions and submit to the council for action on dilapidated house.

Unfinished Business

ST Bunn proposal on paving at South Industrial Park: City Clerk Sam Gross stated Taylor Davis with ST Bunn would be going out one day this week and look but at this time I have not received any information.

Board Appointments: Mayor Grayson stated we have couple of boards that needs to be made. The Hospital board has vacant spot due to Jimmy Grantham resigning. The Industrial Development Board has changed their bylaws and the terms were changed to September. The Park and Recreation board Will Moore has resigned so they have a vacant spot.

Councilman Jones made the motion to nominate Mayor Walker to the Park and Recreation board. After some discussion concerning Mr. Walker serving on more than one board, Councilman Jones stated that was previous Council precedent. Councilman Jones made the motion to suspend the rules and vote tonight. 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 Jones made the motion to appoint Major Walker to Park and Recreation board for the unexpired term of Will Moore. 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

Councilman Meador made the motion to table the Hospital board appointment until the next council 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
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Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole: yes

New Business

Public Hearing-Proposed Ordinance 2015-03: Mayor Grayson stated this property is at the old Sonic property. This was passed with a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. Mr. Cobey Rowley stated the rezoning would allow him to open hardware and building supply business. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Ordinance 2013-03 rezoning property at 602 South Cedar Avenue from B-3 zone to BLI zone. 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 from Sandy Dearman for cook out at 1300-1310 Phil Harper Drive: Mayor Grayson stated this is annual block party for Saturday June 6th. Chief Reese stated he approved the application. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve public assembly for June 6th. 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

Request to appear from Ronnie Byrd concerning drainage from Ash to Monroe: Mr. Ronnie Byrd stated that he was speaking also for absentee property owner concerning standing water problem in a ditch on Ash to Monroe. Public Workers Director Mike Baker stated the beavers have dammed up the ditch. Mr. Baker stated they have sprayed to kill the overgrown vegetation and will begin on Monday to tear out the dams to get the water flowing again. Mayor Grayson stated the City has tried for several years to get a grant to enclose the ditch with culvert but has not been successful. Mr. Byrd presented a 38 signed petition concerning the problem.

Resolution 2015-13 Budget Adjustment – Sonic: Chief Reese stated this is work detail at Sonic for \$984.23 that has been received at City Hall. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-13 to replenish Police department overtime. 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 2015-14 Budget Adjustment - Demopolis High School: Chief Reese stated this is work detail at Demopolis High School for \$2,038.57 that has been received at City Hall. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-14 to replenish Police department overtime. 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 2015-15 Budget Adjustment – Demopolis Middle School: Chief Reese stated this is work detail at Demopolis Middle School for \$62.10 that has been received at City Hall. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-15 to replenish Police department overtime. 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

ABC Application 020 Restaurant Retail Liquor – Mohammad Ezez – 708 Highway 80 East: Mayor Grayson turned the gavel over Mayor Pro Tem due to conflict of interest. Mayor Pro Tem stated this ABC application is a transfer to the new location for New Orleans Bar & Grill. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve ABC application for a transfer to 708 Highway 80 East. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes and 1 abstained vote by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Hardy presented a petition from Roman Alley for speed bumps to slow down traffic along a narrow and dead end street. After some discussion on options connecting Roman Alley to McNamara or a one way street off McNamara to Roman Alley. The Council agreed to do further studies and Mayor Grayson asked Public Works Director Mike Baker to take pictures of the location.

Councilman Hardy stated that he has been contacted about renaming the New Era building. This has been discussed several council meetings back. Councilman Jones stated at this time Mayor Grayson is trying to find out the intent of the School Board of the building.

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

June 4, 2015

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday June 4, 2015 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- Lieutenant Rex Flowers | Court |
| • Fire-Interim Fire Chief Vernon Waters-submitted | Public Works-Mike Baker-submitted |
| • Park & Recreation | Horticulture-Barbara Blevins-submitted |
| • Building Official | 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. Councilman Nelson 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 May 26, 2015. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve May 26, 2015 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

Announcement

Mayor Grayson recognizes Mike Baker attaining to the brickyard ditch situation.

Mayor Grayson thanked Barbara Blevins for the good job on the fence at the COTR BBQ area.

Mayor Grayson thanked the Police department on the capturing the TV caper.

There is another board appointment for consideration for the Industrial Development Board. Greg Pinault has resigned from this board. He has unexpired term until September 2015.

Mayor Grayson passed out a list of street that needs to be resurfaced.

Mayor Grayson met with the auditor this afternoon and he plans to be here for are next meeting on June 18th. The auditor is requesting a work session at 4pm prior to the council meeting.

Mayor Grayson reported that Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood were on scheduled on Tuesday May 27th to run a camera under Herbert Street.

Mayor Grayson reported house bill 601 which is the Sunday liquor sales is currently in the Senate. Councilman Nelson stated that the bill did pass and has been sent to the Governor Bentley to sign.

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated in the next couple of day he would give a list of the dilapidated housing. Mr. Poole stated he has research to make sure of the property owners.

Councilman Nelson asked if the information that the council had received concerning asbestos testing need to be on the agenda for June 18th. Mr. Poole stated that would be good to make sure everything is done correctly.

Mayor Grayson stated he had received a call from Ada Dixon concerning a letter that she received from the Code Enforcement Officer Key. She would like to see if the City of Demopolis Fire Department could burn the structure for training purposes. Mayor Grayson stated that he would contact Interim Fire Chief Waters to see this could be done.

Mayor Grayson stated in the ordinance pertaining to overgrown lots gives a person ten (10) days from the receipt of the letter to cut the lot. If this is not done then Code Enforcement Officer Key would issue a summons to city court. Mayor Grayson stated for the out town property owners would receive a certified letter if not responded in ten (10) days the Code Enforcement Officer would submit a list to the council. A licensed grass cutter would cut the grass and the total of the cost to cut it would added to the property tax.

Unfinished Business

ST Bunn proposal on paving at South Industrial Park: City Clerk Sam Gross stated still waiting on the estimate for the 3 alternators.

Board Appointments: Mayor Grayson stated this is for the Hospital board appointment. Mayor Grayson stated that he received a letter from the Administrator Art Evans with 3 names that they submitted. The letter sited the Healthcare Authorities Act, which allows a hospital board to submit three (3) names for a vacant spot, and restricts the city council's to choice from those names. The three

(3) submitted were Hunter Compton, Michael Patterson, and Kayte Randall. After some discussion of the concerning the appointment Councilman Cole stated we should support the hospital and choose from their list. Councilman Meador nominated Riley Wells. Councilman Nelson nominated Elizabeth Etheridge. Councilman Jones made the motion to accept the names submitted by the hospital and add Riley Wells and Elizabeth Etheridge. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes and 1 no vote by the following roll call votes:

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

Access from Roman Alley to McNamara: No report at this time.

Renaming of New Era: Councilman Meador suggested the name to be pertaining to what the building is used for.

New Business

Public Assembly application from Stephanie Oates for the New Quarter Reunion July 11, 2015:

Lieutenant Rex Flowers stated this has been approved by Chief Reese and there will be police security and no one will be able to leave the venue with alcohol. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the public assembly application. 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

Frank Dobson, Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission-Community Development Block Grant: Mr. Frank Dobson stated the City of Demopolis has the opportunity to apply for CDBG grant, this has to be put in by Friday June 12th. The city has to decide what they would like the grant to go for. Mr. Dobson stated the cost estimates for the sewer project is \$323,316 in which the Water and Sewer Board would pay the 10% match and the drainage project is \$450,000 is maximum amount with a 10% match with a total \$495,000. After some discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to do the drainage project. 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 Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-16 for application for the CDBG grant in the amount \$450,000 with a \$45,000 match. 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 application from Ashley Coplin Chamber of Commerce Director for the Freedom on the River July 4, 2015: Ms. Coplin stated this would be for the Freedom on the River July 4th. After some discussion on the events 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

Jeremy Jones, Neel Schaffer-Jackson Street Bridge: Mr. Jones reported to the council with alternates 2 and 3 that the ALDOT has submitted to the City. After some discussion on the several option with cost estimates Mr. Jones recommended that the city set up meeting with ALDOT officials to discuss options. Councilman Nelson made the motion to set up with 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

Quote from Anderson to move the weather head at Highway 80 East and East Pettus: City Clerk Sam Gross received an email James Vandee concerning a weather head at this location. Mr. Vandee explained that this creates a hazard for any tech from AT & T to connect optic wire. Anderson Plumbing, Heating and Electric submitted quote to raise the weather head up 7 feet in the amount of \$647. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve work and the quote submitted. 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 from Highway 80 Songwriters Festival July 3, 2015: Mayor Grayson stated the public assembly is for the Highway 80 Songwriters Festival for Friday July 3rd from 6pm – 9:30pm. The request is to use the City Park. The closing of street on Walnut Avenue on the west bound lane and Washington. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve public assemble 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

Councilman Nelson stated that he would out of town at the next council meeting and requested it be moved to another date. Mayor Grayson made to move June 18th meeting to Tuesday June 16th at 5:15pm. 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

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

June 16, 2015

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Tuesday June 16, 2015 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:

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

Mayor Mike Grayson called the meeting to order with invocation 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 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 June 4, 2015. Councilman Meador made correction on page 1 under announcement should read as follow:

Mayor Grayson recognizes Mike Baker pertaining ~~attaining~~ to the brickyard ditch situation.

Councilman Meador made correction on page 2 as follows:

Gary ~~Greg~~ Pinault has resigned from this board.

Councilman Meador 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:

Announcement

Mayor Grayson updated the council on the Herbert Street project via email from Burns Whitaker the field work is done and the structure and pipe will have to be replaced. Mr. Whitaker stated they have begun the design to replace the entire structure.

Mayor Grayson received email from Meteorologist Megan Thomas from ABC 33/40 concerning the sky cam from the Demopolis Civic Center. This was done until Collins Communication terminated the internet service. West Alabama Cable can provide the internet service at the cost \$150 month. ABC 33/40 would like to know if the City of Demopolis could fund this.

Mayor Grayson stated we need to be considering a replacement for Gary Pinault on the Industrial Development Board.

Mayor Grayson stated he was appointed the executive committee for the League of Municipalities.

Mayor Grayson stated the School Board search for the Superintendent will July 20th - 24th at Rooster Hall and open to the public.

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated at the burned residence at 605 & 609 West Pettus we need authorizing for asbestos testing. Mr. Poole stated a proposed resolution that should be your mail at City Hall. Mr. Poole also stated that a perspective buyer called him and he would hold up on any actions at this time.

Mr. Poole stated that resolutions are being prepared for 4 new addresses that he has received.

Unfinished Business

ST Bunn proposal on paving at South Industrial Park: City Clerk Sam Gross stated still waiting on the estimate for the 3 alternators. Mayor Grayson stated we did receive name of another company that we contact and see if we can get estimate from them.

Board Appointment-Hospital: Mayor Grayson stated we received a letter from the hospital with 3 recommendations and the City Council came up with 2. Councilman Nelson asked that Elizabeth Etheridge name be removed from the nomination. Councilman Meador made the motion to appoint Riley Wells. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 3 yes votes and 2 no votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Access from Roman Alley to McNamara: Mayor Grayson stated the residence came before us for speed bumps and then we went from the road is too narrow. We have discussed several options possibly a turn

around cul de sac or open access road from McNamara. Councilman Jones would like to entertain that we contact someone corporate at Cemex concerning making this a way one street. The council agreed.

Renaming of New Era: Councilman Nelson asked to table until September.

New Business

Audit 2013-2014: Mr. Richard LeCroy stated in the work session today we went the details of the audit ending September 30, 2014. In the discussion went on the letter of recommendations that had some internal control recommendations primary is the written control document and the discussion of all checking accounts and funds be administrated through City Hall and the City Clerk’s office. Mr. LeCroy stated financial we had a good year last year. The cash in bank has increased over the prior year. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the audit as presented. 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:

ABC Application-Eddie Sunoco LLC-050-Retail Beer (off premise only): Mayor Grayson turned the gavel over to the Mayor Pro Tem Meador due to conflict of interest. Mayor Pro Tem Meador stated the ABC application is for Eddie Sunoco LLC located at 413 Highway 80 West. After some discussion Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the ABC application. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 abstain by the following roll call votes:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Meador handed the gavel back to Mayor Grayson.

Board Appointments-Demopolis Historic Preservation Commission: Mayor Grayson stated we have 3 people on the Demopolis Historic Preservation Commission term that would expire soon. Mayor Grayson stated Anne Braxton, Brian Brooker, and Sarah Hallmark. Mayor Grayson stated that he received email Ms. Hallmark stating that everyone would like to serve another 3 year term. Councilman Jones made the motion to reappoint Anne Braxton, Brian Brooker, and Sarah Hallmark. 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:

Estimate on installing prox reader at Civic Center: Mayor Grayson stated we are having problems with the codes and the doors not locking. Mayor Grayson asked Collins Communication to give another quote to provide a system to secure the building. Mayor Grayson stated this system would lock the building and provide allot time for the renter. After some discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the proposal. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 no vote by the following roll call votes:

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

Maximum time a charitable organization can rent the Civic Center in a 12 month period: Mayor Grayson stated in our previous rules and regulations we do not have a limit on how many times

charitable organization. After some discussion the council decided to table this until the next council meeting.

Requirement on the sale of Rosenbush Warehouse: Mayor Grayson stated we have potential buyers for the Rosenbush Warehouse but with the requirements they would not be interested. Mayor Grayson stated if we relaxed what we asking them to provide we may have a better change in selling that property. After some discussion of the relaxing the department of interior standards and or the timeframe of completing the work. Mayor Grayson stated that the only requirement that he would like to keep is they could not tear it down. Councilman Jones made the motion to relax the timeframe of submitting plans and the timeframe on construction. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2015-17 Budget Adjustment: Police Chief Reese stated this resolution is for security for Demopolis High School in the amount of \$270.45 to be transferred to overtime budget. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-17. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and 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 2015-18 Budget Adjustment: Police Chief Reese stated this resolution is for security for Sonic in the amount of \$977.88 to be transferred to overtime budget. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-18. 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:

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

July 2, 2015

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday July 2, 2015 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-submitted | Public Works-Mike Baker-submitted |
| • Park & Recreation | Horticulture |
| • Building Official-Clarence Brooker, Jr. | Library |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson recommended the agenda be amended to add Jackson Street Bridge under business # 4, IDB appointment under new business # 5 and Jason Pendergrass - airport #6. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the amended agenda as requested. 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 June 16, 2015. Councilman Hardy made correction under unfinished business St Bunn proposal should read as follows:

City Clerk Sam Gross stated still waiting on the estimate for the 3 ~~alternators~~ alternates.

Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the amended 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

Announcement

Mayor Grayson updated the council on the Herbert Street project via email from Burns Whitaker the field work is done and the structure and pipe will have to be replaced. Mr. Whitaker stated they have begun the design to replace the entire structure.

Cal Ripkin tournament ended Tuesday at the Sports Plex.

Highway 80 Songwriter Festival will be held July 3rd from 6pm – 10pm.

School Superintendent interviews will be Monday July 20th thru Friday July 24th at Rooster Hall and the time to be determined.

Collins Communications have completed the work at the civic center for ABC 33/40.

City Hall and other City departments other than Public Safety will be closed tomorrow for the July 4th holiday.

Mayor Grayson thanked the Boy Scouts for putting out the American flags around the park.

Mayor Grayson distributed out the tax revenues report through May but represents April 2015 transactions. The prior year we are down 2.16% but for the year we are 7.03% from the prior fiscal year.

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated there are numbers of properties that they are working. A list will be submitted in the next day or so. Resolution 2015-11 is for property at 609 West Pettus with the burnt structure. Mr. Poole stated he has had several calls for the lot at 609 West Pettus. There has not been estate set up for the property due to the death of the property owner. The cost of cleaning the lot would be placed as lien to the property tax. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-11. 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

ST Bunn proposal on paving at South Industrial Park: Diane Brooker presented packet to the council with signed letter of intent from Industrial Development Board and Shelton State. Ms. Brooker provided a price proposal from ST Bunn to go by for you all consideration. Ms. Brooker went over several options and pricing for each. After some discussions concerning the options Councilman Hardy made the motion to commitment to 600' paving in the South Industrial Park for Shelton State. 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

Access from Roman Alley to McNamara: Mayor Grayson stated the residence came before us for speed bumps but as we determined road is too narrow. Councilman Jones stated the possibly connecting Roman to Fields street if we could obtain the property. After discussion on several options Mayor Grayson asked Mr. Poole to research the property owner on Field Street. Councilman Hardy asked that this stay on agenda until we find a solution.

Maximum time a charitable organization can have civic center in 12 month period: Mayor Grayson stated the City Clerk has emailed you all the rates as they are now. Mayor Grayson stated the cost for charitable organization is \$100 each time. Councilman Meador stated we need to cover our cost as well. Councilman Meador made the motion to increase the rate on non-profit/charitable organization to read as follows:

1st time the cost of non-profit /charitable organization not serving food is \$100
2nd time would be \$250
3rd time would be \$500
4th time would be \$500

1st time the cost of non-profit /charitable organization serving food is \$250
2nd time would be \$300
3rd time would be \$600
4th time would be \$600

This would be in calendar year.

And along with Councilman Meador motion was to streak out the following rules and regulations under reservation:

No alcohol service will be allowed at functions held on Sunday.

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

Jackson Street Bridge: Mayor Grayson stated that Councilman Meador and I had a meeting with Vince Calametti in Grove Hill on June 25th. Mayor Grayson stated to him that the City's preference was for alternative #1. Mayor Grayson stated after the meeting he received email and asked the city to write a letter stating they understand that any overrun would be the city's responsible. In the email it stated that speed limit has to be reduced 20 miles per hour. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve the City to write the letter informing the state we understand any overrun the city would be responsible and reduce the speed limit to 20 miles per hour. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 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 2015-19 Sales Tax Holiday: Mayor Grayson stated this Resolution is back to school sales tax holiday for August 7-9, 2015. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 201-19. 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 2015-20 Declare Surplus Property: Chief Reese stated this Resolution is for the surplus of property that was seized. The court has signed order of forfeiture to Demopolis Police Department. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-20. 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: Chairman Jay Shows of the THA to discuss board appointment procedures: Mr. Shows stated that he was there publicly to apologize for not communicating for well on this issue. There is a process that is very new to the board. Mr. Shows stated that he had been on the board for 10 years and there was never a question on how a board member was appointed. Not until 2014 did the Tombigbee Healthcare Authority utilized the act of 1994 that pertains to how board members are selected. Mr. Shows stated due to Mr. Jim Grantham resignation the board has 30 days for nomination committee to come up with list of 3 names to submit to City Council to choose from. After a lengthy discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to withdraw Riley Wells name from consideration. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes and 1 no vote 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 Jones made the motion to appoint Michael Patterson to the hospital board. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 4 yes votes, 1 no vote, 1 abstains by the following roll call votes:

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

At this time Mayor Grayson pass the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Meador for next request to appear.

Request to appear: Mike Grayson requesting and applying for sales tax rebate/business incentive program for SVH Bistro: Mayor Pro Tem Meador stated this request is for the sales tax rebate for SVH Bistro. We have in the past we have offered this incentive. The time frame is up to seven (7) years. Mr. Grayson stated the job creation would be 14 employees and taken a downtown property that was nonproductive and generating no revenue for the city. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve sales tax/business incentive program. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed the 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Meador handed the gavel back to Mayor Grayson.

Industrial Development Board appointment: Mayor Grayson stated Gary Pinault resigned from the Industrial Development Board. Mr. Pinault term expires September 2015. Mayor Grayson recommended Lee Pritchett. Councilman Nelson made the motion to close the nomination and suspend the rules and vote tonight. 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

Councilman Nelson made the motion to appoint Lee Pritchett to Industrial Development Board. 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

Airport-Jason Pendergrass: Mr. Pendergrass stated this is follow up from the pre application that you all have approved to apply for. The State and FFA is wanted to do this project but the project has increased in money. The engineers projected 1.2 million for the project. The geotechnical has been done the soil has to be cement based to accompanied the airplanes. The FFA design standards have changed and add a lot to the project. The FFA is funding 90%, State is funding 5%, and the city has 5%. The finally number ended up to \$2.2 million for the project. The city’s portion is \$110,000. Mr. Pendergrass stated that he was trying to schedule this over two (2) fiscal years.

Mayor Grayson asked to go into executive session for finance matter concerning the city.

At 7:09pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for finance matter and personnel issue, 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 July 2015 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 finance matter and personnel issue 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 7:29pm. 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 Jones made the motion to accept settlement offer and pursue. 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 the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
 Sam Gross, City Clerk

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Harris Nelson-District 3
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Absent: Cleveland Cole-District 5

Department Heads:

- Police Court-submitted
- Fire-Vernon Waters-submitted Public Works-Mike Baker
- Park & Recreation-Walker Reynolds Horticulture
- Building Official-submitted Library-submitted
- City Hall-Sam Gross

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson recommended the agenda be amended to add Jackson Street Bridge under business # 4, IDB appointment under new business # 5 and Jason Pendergrass - airport #6. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the amended agenda as requested. 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 June 16, 2015. Councilman Hardy made correction under unfinished business St Bunn proposal should read as follows:

City Clerk Sam Gross stated still waiting on the estimate for the 3 ~~alternators~~ alternates.

Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the amended 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

Announcement

Mayor Grayson updated the council on the Herbert Street project via email from Burns Whitaker the field work is done and the structure and pipe will have to be replaced. Mr. Whitaker stated they have begun the design to replace the entire structure.

Cal Ripkin tournament ended Tuesday at the Sports Plex.

Highway 80 Songwriter Festival will be held July 3rd from 6pm – 10pm.

School Superintendent interviews will be Monday July 20th thru Friday July 24th at Rooster Hall and the time to be determined.

Collins Communications have completed the work at the civic center for ABC 33/40.

City Hall and other City departments other than Public Safety will be closed tomorrow for the July 4th holiday.

Mayor Grayson thanked the Boy Scouts for putting out the American flags around the park.

Mayor Grayson distributed out the tax revenues report through May but represents April 2015 transactions. The prior year we are down 2.16% but for the year we are 7.03% from the prior fiscal year.

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated there are numbers of properties that they are working. A list will be submitted in the next day or so. Resolution 2015-11 is for property at 609 West Pettus with the burnt structure. Mr. Poole stated he has had several calls for the lot at 609 West Pettus. There has not been estate set up for the property due to the death of the property owner. The cost of cleaning the lot would be placed as lien to the property tax. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-11. 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

ST Bunn proposal on paving at South Industrial Park: Diane Brooker presented packet to the council with signed letter of intent from Industrial Development Board and Shelton State. Ms. Brooker provided a price proposal from ST Bunn to go by for you all consideration. Ms. Brooker went over several options and pricing for each. After some discussions concerning the options Councilman Hardy made the motion to commitment to 600' paving in the South Industrial Park for Shelton State. 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

Access from Roman Alley to McNamara: Mayor Grayson stated the residence came before us for speed bumps but as we determined road is too narrow. Councilman Jones stated the possibly connecting Roman to Fields street if we could obtain the property. After discussion on several options Mayor Grayson asked Mr. Poole to research the property owner on Field Street. Councilman Hardy asked that this stay on agenda until we find a solution.

Maximum time a charitable organization can have civic center in 12 month period: Mayor Grayson stated the City Clerk has emailed you all the rates as they are now. Mayor Grayson stated the cost for charitable organization is \$100 each time. Councilman Meador stated we need to cover our cost as well. Councilman Meador made the motion to increase the rate on non-profit/charitable organization to read as follows:

1st time the cost of non-profit /charitable organization not serving food is \$100
2nd time would be \$250
3rd time would be \$500
4th time would be \$500

1st time the cost of non-profit /charitable organization serving food is \$250
2nd time would be \$300
3rd time would be \$600
4th time would be \$600

This would be in calendar year.

And along with Councilman Meador motion was to streak out the following rules and regulations under reservation:

No alcohol service will be allowed at functions held on Sunday.

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

Jackson Street Bridge: Mayor Grayson stated that Councilman Meador and I had a meeting with Vince Calametti in Grove Hill on June 25th. Mayor Grayson stated to him that the City's preference was for alternative #1. Mayor Grayson stated after the meeting he received email and asked the city to write a letter stating they understand that any overrun would be the city's responsible. In the email it stated that speed limit has to be reduced 20 miles per hour. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve the City to write the letter informing the state we understand any overrun the city would be responsible and reduce the speed limit to 20 miles per hour. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 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 2015-19 Sales Tax Holiday: Mayor Grayson stated this Resolution is back to school sales tax holiday for August 7-9, 2015. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 201-19. 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 2015-20 Declare Surplus Property: Chief Reese stated this Resolution is for the surplus of property that was seized. The court has signed order of forfeiture to Demopolis Police Department. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-20. 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: Chairman Jay Shows of the THA to discuss board appointment procedures: Mr. Shows stated that he was there publicly to apologize for not communicating for well on this issue. There is a process that is very new to the board. Mr. Shows stated that he had been on the board for 10 years and there was never a question on how a board member was appointed. Not until 2014 did the Tombigbee Healthcare Authority utilized the act of 1994 that pertains to how board members are selected. Mr. Shows stated due to Mr. Jim Grantham resignation the board has 30 days for nomination committee to come up with list of 3 names to submit to City Council to choose from. After a lengthy discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to withdraw Riley Wells name from consideration. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes and 1 no vote 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 Jones made the motion to appoint Michael Patterson to the hospital board. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 4 yes votes, 1 no vote, 1 abstains by the following roll call votes:

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

At this time Mayor Grayson pass the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Meador for next request to appear.

Request to appear: Mike Grayson requesting and applying for sales tax rebate/business incentive program for SVH Bistro: Mayor Pro Tem Meador stated this request is for the sales tax rebate for SVH Bistro. We have in the past we have offered this incentive. The time frame is up to seven (7) years. Mr. Grayson stated the job creation would be 14 employees and taken a downtown property that was nonproductive and generating no revenue for the city. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve sales tax/business incentive program. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed the 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Meador handed the gavel back to Mayor Grayson.

Industrial Development Board appointment: Mayor Grayson stated Gary Pinault resigned from the Industrial Development Board. Mr. Pinault term expires September 2015. Mayor Grayson recommended Lee Pritchett. Councilman Nelson made the motion to close the nomination and suspend the rules and vote tonight. 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

Councilman Nelson made the motion to appoint Lee Pritchett to Industrial Development Board. 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

Airport-Jason Pendergrass: Mr. Pendergrass stated this is follow up from the pre application that you all have approved to apply for. The State and FFA is wanted to do this project but the project has increased in money. The engineers projected 1.2 million for the project. The geotechnical has been done the soil has to be cement based to accompanied the airplanes. The FFA design standards have changed and add a lot to the project. The FFA is funding 90%, State is funding 5%, and the city has 5%. The finally number ended up to \$2.2 million for the project. The city’s portion is \$110,000. Mr. Pendergrass stated that he was trying to schedule this over two (2) fiscal years.

Mayor Grayson asked to go into executive session for finance matter concerning the city.

At 7:09pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for finance matter and personnel issue, 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 July 2015 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 finance matter and personnel issue 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 7:29pm. 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 Jones made the motion to accept settlement offer and pursue. 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 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 6, 2015

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday August 6, 2015 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-Vernon Waters-submitted
 - Park & Recreation-Walker Reynolds
 - Building Official
 - City Hall-Sam Gross
- Court
Public Works-Mike Baker-submitted
Horticulture-Barbara Blevins
Library-submitted

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson asked for the agenda to be amended to include Barbara Blevins under new business. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve the amended agenda. 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 July 16, 2015. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. 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 received email from Burns Whitaker, Goodwin Mills and Cawood stating plans for the repairs on Herbert Street are being revised and are to be delivered by the end of the week. Councilman Jones stated there is one issue to be resolved is who will be in charge of inspecting the work site. This was not included in the bid. Mayor Grayson stated that is issue that can be discussed later.

The finance committee has met twice, working on budget 2015-2016. On Friday August 14th the finance committee will meet with department heads to discuss their budget request.

Delta Regional Authority is sponsoring the Individual Readiness Training Mission that is at the Theo Ratliff Center until August 13th. The IRT mission came in 2012 and treated approximately 4,000 people.

August 18th Shelton State, University of West Alabama, and Demopolis Higher Education Center will be having a Re-Grand opening for the Council from 4:30pm – 5:30pm. The pupil is invited at 5:30pm.

On Al.com there was a story about Ray Williams whom is Demopolis High School athlete. Mr. Williams set the world record for the raw squat of 938 pound at the International Power Lifting Classic World Championship in Finland. Mr. Williams is the defensive line coach at Itawamba Junior College in Mississippi.

Mayor Grayson presented proclamation for the late Emma Ruffin Pritchett for her untiring dedication and relentless service to the community. The proclamation was presented to Officer Dion Pritchett.

Mayor Grayson commended Chief Reese on his election as president of the Alabama Association of Police Chiefs.

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole reported having problems in identifying property owners on two (2) lots. I have arranged for the lots to be cut and prepare affidavit to recoup the cost but has not be filed. Mr. Poole has properties at 303 North Front, 505 East Capital, and 609 West Pettus work should have begun demolish. Mr. Poole stated that he would check on that and notify the council in the morning with a letter.

Unfinished Business

Access from Roman Alley to McNamara: Mayor Grayson stated at the last council meeting the council agreed to send a letter to Cemex. Mayor Grayson reported the letter has been sent to Mr. Alejandro Perez but no response at this time.

New Business

Chuck Smith, Board of Trustees Alabama Community College System-update on Demopolis activity: Mr. Smith stated we have 23 campus with 83,000 students and hopefully on August 18th we will enroll more students. Mr. Smith stated unfortunately we have problem in Demopolis. Mr. Smith stated Congress Aderholt and Senator Poole are willing to help. Mr. Smith stated AT & T has notified the college system that they would not get internet to the Demopolis Higher Education building until June 2016 and then take 163 bill days to get it there. That will make it December 2016 or January 2017 to be operational. This is nothing that the Council or post-secondary has done. This is dead center on AT & T and refuses to move on it. The classes will beginning this fall will be split, half in the morning and half in

the afternoon. The current T1 line cannot carry the load. Mr. Smith said that corporate headquarters won't return calls.

Industrial Development Board appointments: Mayor Grayson stated we have 3 board member appointments who has expired. They are Woody Collins, Clarence Jackson, and Lee Pritchett. Mayor Grayson stated Lee Pritchett was just appointed to fill the unexpired term of Gary Pinault. Mayor Grayson stated all three (3) are interested in serving again. Councilman Jones made the motion to reappoint Woody Collins, Clarence Jackson, and Lee Pritchett. 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

Request to appear: Andi Tuberville-Sales Tax Rebate: Ms. Tuberville asked the Mayor and Council for the sales tax rebate. Ms. Tuberville stated she had recently opened the Canebakery and had recently quit her job as a teacher. Councilman Meador stated that the finance committee had taken up recently from the last approval of the sale tax rebate. This has given us a reason to examine the whole picture of it and come up with a matrix. Councilman Meador made the motion to table this until the council meeting so that the details could be worked out. Councilman Jones asked Ms. Tuberville how many employees you have. Ms. Tuberville answered 5 part time and 2 full time employees. The council discussed several different businesses that has been approved and the reasoning for approving them. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion. Mayor Grayson opened the floor for discussion. Councilman Cole stated he personal thinks that this year is not over with and we have already approved for one business, we would be one sided. We need to go ahead and approve and then make changes for next year. There being no more discussion, the motion passed with 4 yes votes, 1 no votes and 1 abstained by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution to Declare Surplus Property-Police Department: Chief Reese stated Resolution is to declare surplus on 1999 Crown Vic. Councilman Nelson asked if any of the other department were interested in it. Park & Recreation Director Walker Reynolds stated that he may be interested in it. Councilman Cole made the motion to declare vehicle surplus and sell it if Mr. Reynolds does want it. 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: Jason Windham-Proposes Ordinance: Jason Windham stated he is here on the behalf Demopolis Area Business Council. Mr. Windham thanked the Mayor and council as a business owner for the support for the Cal Ripkin state tournament. The tournament was June 26th - July 1st, we had fifteen (15) teams that came to town. The sales tax stand point what it did for this community for my business. For the six (6) day period I saw 225% increase sales. Mr. Windham stated there was several business owners that said it was huge success for them.

Mr. Windham presented the Mayor and Council with a copy of proposed ordinance and license fees. This business council had looked at predatory lending such as cash advance or pay day loans. Mr. Windham counted 9 existing stores that is located in Demopolis. This would not affect the existing business they would be grandfathered in. The ordinance was based on one devised by Northport. Mr. Windham offered as guideline for the council. Mr. Windham stated payday lenders pay no sales tax

while creating a desperate situation among the most economic challenged demographic in our community. Mayor Grayson opened the floor for discussion. Councilman Meador asked that a copy be given to the City Attorney. Councilman Jones asked are you all requesting the license fee to increase as well. Mr. Windham answered yes with existing and new business license. Mayor Grayson suggested that we take this a model and move on it. Mayor Grayson stated this would be placed back on the agenda for next council meeting.

Request to appear: Ben Sherrod-Sales Tax Rebate: Mr. Sherrod stated most recently the Mayor was granted the sales tax rebate. Mr. Sherrod stated that felt the tax rebates for the two (2) new businesses he brought to the city that he should get the rebate. After several discussion on if the developer or the business should receive the tax rebate Councilman Meador made the motion to table this until the next council meeting. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 4 yes votes, 1 no vote, and 1 abstained by the following roll call votes:

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

Public Assembly Application: Jeanette Johnson: Chief Reese stated this public assembly application for annual Community Breast Cancer Walk. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the public assembly application for October 17th. 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

Proposal for evaluation on floor slab at Port property: Mayor Grayson stated on several occasion we have had prospect wanting to know the floor strength. We do not have that information. Mayor Grayson stated that he has requested information from TTL to perform those test. The test can be done for \$7,700. Councilman Jones suggested finding the original specifications to see if the weight load is provided. Mayor Grayson stated doing the test can be a point of negotiation. After some discussion Councilman Jones made the motion to table this until we get more information. 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

Request to appear: Hannah Harmon and Alyssa Edwards-DTD Club fundraiser: President Hannah Harmon requested to use the barbecue field for the first Pumpkin Patch on October 17th. Vice President Alyssa Edwards stated that tickets would be sold and some of the proceeds will benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation in Alabama. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the request for the use of barbecue field on October 17th pending the availability. 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 Declare Surplus Property-Fire Department: Chief Waters asking for the resolution 2015-24 to declare surplus property on the following items:

- 1967 Ford F800 Fire Truck VIN 7663
- 1979 Ford Fire Ruck VIN 6676
- 57 air packs
- 21 SCBA and 6 in the boxes

This items are non NFPA Standard. After some discussion Councilman Jones made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-24 to declare the items listed above surplus. 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

Barbara Blevins: Barbara Blevins explained on February 1st we had some office furniture that fell through the floor in her office with two (2) gaping holes. Ms. Blevins asked the council to come up with a plan for finding her new office space. Ms. Blevins stated last Wednesday she came into work at 4:00am with a pipe busted and office was flooded. After some discussion over potential alternatives the building committee will inspect the facility and make recommendation at the next council meeting.

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
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Regular Meeting

August 20, 2015

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday August 20, 2015 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
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Absent: Harris Nelson-District 3

Department Heads:

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

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson asked that the agenda be amended to add under new business a resolution for a one time lump benefit for retirees and under unfinished business Jason Windham. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of August 6, 2015. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the minutes 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: yes
Councilman Nelson: Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole: yes

Announcements

Finance Committee have met with the department heads and now we are in the process of working on the operating expenses to give back to the department heads.

Herbert Street plans have been received from Goodwin Mills and Cawood. Mike Baker and Clarence Brooker have looked over the plans and has some concerns. Mr. Baker stated that in the plans there are no provision for an on-site inspector during the project.

Maria Murdock has resigned for the Park & Recreation board.

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated that he has submitted a written report to each one of them. If any has any questions please contact him.

Unfinished Business

Access from Roman Alley to McNamara: Mayor Grayson received email from Mr. Alejandro Perez concerning the letter that was send pertaining to Roman Alley. Mr. Perez stated that he was doing some research and would give an answer as soon as possible.

Request to appear: Andi Tuberville-Sales Tax Rebate: Mayor Grayson stated we are still in the process of developing a matrix but, our efforts from the finance committee has been on the budget. Councilman Meador stated we have discussed a matrix that would provide a sliding scale based on the number of employees and the total investment but we have not finalized it. At this time it based on the number of employees and the investment and allows the rebate to last seven (7) years. Councilman Meador stated we want to come up with a fair process and breakdown for small business. Mayor Grayson stated entry to the program it was based on the capital investment and number of employees with the minimum of 14. Mayor Grayson stated based on the numbers you gave us, you would not qualify. Ms. Tuberville stated I haven't given you the total investment information. After some discussion Councilman Meador stated we hope to have the guidelines by the next council meeting.

Request to appear: Ben Sherrod-Sales Tax Rebate: Mr. Ben Sherrod stated that he and Ms. Tuberville came the last council meeting thinking that they would be treating just like the Mayor was. Mr. Sherrod stated it appears you are trying to back up and make new rules that make you comfortable. Mr. Sherrod stated you all need to back change it on the Mayor's. Mr. Sherrod asked who all is in these meeting discussing the matrix guidelines. Councilman Jones stated the members of the finance committee. Mayor Grayson stated the 2008 the economic incentive was given once to a developer. Mayor Grayson stated the council at that time came back in executive session stating that was mistake and should have gone to the individual businesses. After some discussion the Mayor and Council hope to have the guidelines by the next council meeting.

Chuck Smith, Board of Trustees Alabama Community College System-update on Demopolis activity: Mr. Smith was not present for the meeting.

Jason Windham: Mr. Windham stated that he was coming back due to the proposed ordinance being tabled at August 6th meeting and would there be a public hearings on the budget. Councilman Meador stated there will be a public hearing on the budget when it is time. Mayor Grayson turned the floor over

to Mr. Poole. Mr. Poole asked that he meet with Jason Windham concerning the proposed ordinance. After the meeting Mr. Poole would draft something up to present to the Mayor and Council.

New Business

Request to appear: Sharon Barkley, Marengo County Revenue Commission and Laurie S. Hall, Probate Judge- new option to renew your tags and pay property tax: Ms. Barkley informed the Mayor and Council that the county would be putting in kiosk machine at the Sweet Water State Bank branch in Demopolis. This is for the convenience for the citizens of Demopolis. Ms. Hall stated this is in addition to the online renewal as well. This will go live October 1st.

Proposed Ordinance 2015-04 Re-zoning property at 1327 Highway 80 East: Mr. Brooker stated that applicant to rezone property where the old Waffle House was located. The current zoning is BL-I Business Limited Industrial. The applicant is requesting the zone to be changed to I-I Light Industrial. The City did not have provision in the zoning ordinance concerning digital billboards. The Planning Commission had several public hearing and adopted ordinance to allow digital billboard with regulations. The Planning Committee made a favorable recommendation for the rezoning and forwarded to council. The applicant would also have to appeal to the Board of Adjustment for a variance on the square footage. If the Council approves the rezoning the applicant would still have to go the Planning Commission for a conditional use. Mayor Grayson allowed John Laney to speak. Mr. Laney reminded the Mayor and Council that the city has a master plan does not have provision for I-1 light Industrial. The appearance is what am worried about. Councilman Jones thought that is the route they took. Councilman Jones asked if we as council could amend BL-I zoning to allow digital billboards. Mr. Brooker stated that you would have to amend the ordinance. Councilman Jones stated that he would rather keep the zone BL-I and allow digital billboard. After some discussion Councilman Jones made the motion to send this back to the Planning Commission for clarification. 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:	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Request to La Tere Jones, Air Evac - Municipal Site Plan to cover every man, woman, child in the city limits of Demopolis: Mr. Jones thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to speak on the behalf of Air Evac. The Municipal Site Plan covers every man, woman, child in the city limits in the event they have to be flown. They would be cover under this plan. The way this works the city would put up amount of monies. The people that already has membership at their anniversary date the renewal amount would down to \$35.00. The cost to the City would be based on the census count would be \$29,951. After some discussion, Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Jones for the information.

Proposed Ordinance 2015-05 pertaining to an increasing the burn permit fees: Fire Chief Waters presented the Mayor and Council with an amended ordinance to increase the burn permit fee. The also a fee of \$100 for not obtaining burn permit prior to burning. Councilman Jones made the motion to repeal Ordinance 1994-8 and adopt Ordinance 2015-05. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Retirement Systems of Alabama: Mayor Grayson stated they are asking one lump payment to the retirees in the amount \$17,434. Mayor Grayson stated they come every year requesting this and since

I've been here it has not passed. Councilman Jones asked how many retirees are there. City Clerk Sam Gross stated I don't have the number but could get the information for them. After some discussion Councilman Jones made the motion to table it until the next meeting. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Council Discussion

Councilman Hardy asked about the status on the traffic signal on Pettus. Councilman Jones stated it wasn't bad when there was an officer at the intersection, but now the officer is no longer there. Councilman Jones stated that he has checked and Chief Reese has checked with Anderson. They have told me that they would have to test the light for thirty (30) days and now it's the time lapse on the bid and approving it. Mayor Grayson stated he his last conversation that he had with Anderson concerning the traffic signal was they are trying to get a donated piece of equipment from ALDOT. The piece of equipment is no longer available. Councilman Jones stated that he would like to go back and see the bids again. I thought we approved to buy the new light. Mayor Grayson asked this to be on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Councilman Cole asked when we were going to come up the solution for Horticulture and Public Works building. Mayor Grayson stated they are working on it in the budget.

Councilman Cole asked about the status on Fire station downtown. Councilman Jones stated that Mayor Grayson and Chief Waters are working on another option.

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

September 3, 2015

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday September 3, 2015 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-Tim Soronen | Court |
| • Fire-Vernon Waters-submitted | Public Works-Mike Baker-submitted |
| • Park & Recreation | Horticulture |
| • Building Official | Library |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of August 20, 2015. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the minutes 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

Announcements

City of Demopolis was awarded \$148,675.00 in the BP settlement and placed in CD.

Tax revenue for June 2015 in comparison with the June 2014 is up 10.73%. For this fiscal year we are up 6.86%.

The Finance Committee have come up with tentative budget that was distribute out to the rest of council in hopes to vote on it at the next council meeting.

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated at the last he circulated a letter with a list of properties.

1. 505 East Capitol speaking with eras trying to get it cleaned up.
2. 300 North Front lot was cleared
3. 303 North Front has a house that needs some attention
4. 707 Elmwood Drive the grass has been cut

Councilman Meador would like to add Heritage Motel on Highway 80 East.

Unfinished Business

Access from Roman Alley to McNamara: Mayor Grayson had met with Alejandro Perez and Gary Pinault from Cemex they are not in favor in extending Roman Alley to McNamara. They feel this would be a safety issue. After several options discussed Councilman Meador stated they requested speed bumps but I don't think that would help the situation. Councilman Jones asked if we have looked at the possibly to connect it to Field Street. Mayor Grayson stated that was one (1) of the options. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve some engineering and explore the possibly to connect Roman Alley to Field Street. Councilman Cole made the motion to install temporary speed bumps and pursue other areas that Roman Alley could possibly connect with. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 no vote by the following roll call votes:

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

Discussion on Sales Tax Rebate application and guidelines: Mayor Grayson stated the finance committee has put forth in written basely what we have done through the years. There is a matrix in terms of number of employees and capital investment. Mayor Grayson stated this application would come before the finance committee would review the numbers and then make a recommendation to the council. Councilman Nelson stated that he like the program but we need to address the two (2) that have requested the rebate. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve Andi Tuberville and Ben Sherrod because they came in before the guidelines were established. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes but the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Jones made a motion to have a public forum at the next council meeting concerning the guidelines before voting. 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

Retirement Systems of Alabama-Resolution for one time lump sum payment for retirees: Mayor Grayson stated the amount would cost the City \$17,434.00. Councilman Meador made the motion reject the resolution. The motion failed for a lack of second. Councilman Cole made the motion to

approve the resolution. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and the motion failed with 2 yes votes and 2 no votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Traffic Signal at Pettus, Front, and Arcola: Mayor Grayson stated at this time we have stop signs at this location and have had minor traffic accidents. Mayor Grayson stated that Anderson's has been working with the State hoping for them to donation the parts that would keep the traffic signal operable. The problem that we have is the traffic signals are so outdated and difficult to find the parts to repair them. Councilman Jones stated on February 19, 2015 minutes the bid stated the scope of work to repair existing traffic signals due to outdated controller. Work includes a new cabinet and electrical components, pole and hardware, LED retrofit signal heads, paint the eight (8) existing signal head lights, two (2) loops cut in the asphalt (Front and Arcola). The equipment has to be installed and tested. Councilman Jones stated that he was impression that we were getting a new light. Councilman Jones stated that he has witnessed children trying to cross and it is only a matter of time. Mayor Grayson asked for authorization to contact Anderson to get this done. Councilman Nelson made the motion to purchase the parts that we voted on per the bid. 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

Park & Recreation Board appointment: Mayor Grayson stated this appointment would be for the resignation of Maria Murdock. Councilman Nelson made the motion to table this until next council meeting. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

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

September 17, 2015

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday September 17, 2015 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-Vernon Waters-submitted
 - Park & Recreation-Walker Reynolds-submitted
 - Building Official
 - City Hall-Sam Gross
- Court-submitted
Public Works-Mike Baker
Horticulture-Barbara Blevins
Library

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador made the motion to amend the agenda to add executive session for good name and character under new business # 1. 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 approve the amended agenda. 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

The Council reviewed the minutes of September 3, 2015. Councilman Nelson 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

Mayoral Pardon for Lepolean Peterson III.

Mayoral appointment to reappoint Jo Willie Jones to the Demopolis Housing Authority Board.

Mayor Grayson received email from Burn Whitaker, Almon Associates the bids for Herbert Street will be opened at 2pm on September 29th.

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mayor Grayson stated Mr. Poole submitted a letter with varies dilapidated house and properties with the addresses.

Unfinished Business

Access from Roman Alley to McNamara: Mayor Grayson stated that we voted at the last meeting to install a speed bump. Mayor Grayson stated we need to determine which way we want to go either a cul-de-sac or the city purchase property and cut through neighborhood. Councilman Meador stated in the request they only ask for speed bumps. Councilman Hardy stated the issue is the narrow of the street and not being able to turn around. Councilman Jones stated that he made a motion at the last council meeting was to connecting Roman Alley to Field Street along with Councilman Cole making a motion to install the speed bumps and in look into the possibility to connect the streets. Mayor Grayson asked if the Council asking him to send out request for proposal. Councilman Hardy stated yes so we would know the cost. Mayor Grayson stated this would be in the process tomorrow.

Discussion on Sales Tax Rebate application and guidelines: Mayor Grayson stated the purpose of the sale tax rebate was to encourage new business to come to Demopolis and existing business to expand. This would be only be on the 3% sales taxes that the City collects on sales taxes. Mayor Grayson opened the floor for discussion. Councilman Meador stated that we add the business owners name on application and the request for reimbursement. Councilman Nelson requested that the business license number to be added also. Councilman Nelson stated we need to clarify when the payments will be made, right now it on quarterly bases. Mayor Grayson stated the first step is for the business owner to fill out the application and then the finance committee would interview the business owner. After the finance committee completes the interview the recommendation would be sent to the council. Councilman Jones stated this does not address the developers. Mayor Grayson stated on page two (2) it states if the developer is not the business that is hiring and paying the employees, he may certainly try and work out receiving all or a portion of the rebate with that business. Councilman Jones asked what would be the penalty if someone failed to follow the guidelines. Councilman Nelson stated this guidelines somewhat covers that problem. Councilman Nelson stated this is for the whole city but would like some different incentive for someone to open business in the downtown area. After some discussion the floors was opened to the public. Hugh Overmyer asked several questions concerning the payroll records being submitted and the number of hours that this considered full time. Councilman Meador stated this is on the application. Mr. Overmyer stated it states the business agrees to make available the employee tax record if requested, this should be attached to the application for each quarter. City Clerk Sam Gross asked if they fail to submit the employee tax record. The council agreed

not to pay them until you receive it. The requested has to be submitted by the next following quarter. Mayor Grayson asked when these goes into effect. Councilman Nelson stated he would like it to be in effect as soon as we vote on it. Councilman Meador stated on the guidelines if you fall between two (2) brackets you would receive the greater of the two (2). Mayor Grayson read over all the changes as follows:

The program is for new or expanding businesses

Existing business baseline shall be determined from the prior 3 years sales tax average.

New business baseline shall be \$0

The rebate is only for Demopolis city sales tax. NOT county or state tax.

The maximum term of the rebate shall be 7 years (84 months).

The maximum amount of rebate is capped at 50%.

Is based on the number of jobs created. It must create 10 new jobs. The existing business must create 50% increase of the workforce. Must have capital investment in new building or refurbish existing building minimum to be considered is \$150,000. Machinery maybe included in capital investment but not inventory. Individual business owners may apply but no group pooling. Application must be filled out prior to opening/start up. Business that are sold/transferred/taken over would not qualify. No retro-active payment. Contingency on items 1, 2, and 3, the council has discerption on case by case bases on the maximum amount, length, or percentages for the program.

The matrix is a sliding scale.

If the business and/investor shall add

From 5 – 10 full time employees they may get 3 years and up to 50% tax break

From 11 - 15 full time employees they may get 5 years and up to 50 tax break

From 16 full time employees and up they may get 7 years and up to 50% tax break

Two part time employees shall equal one full time employee

If the business shall spend/invest the following sums of money and create the above jobs, they may qualify for tax rebates as well.

\$150,000 - \$300,000 may get 3 years and up to 50% tax break

\$301,000 - \$750,000 may get 5 years and up to 50% tax break

751,000 and up may get 7 years and up to 50% tax break

On the sales tax rebate application

Date of request of sales tax rebate

Business owner's name

Business Name

Business Location and Type

Have you requested tax rebate previously (if so when)
Number of current employees (if not a new business)
Number of new employees to be added
 Full time (over 30 hours/week)
 Part time (under 30 hours/week)
Capital Investment (amount)
 Property/Buildings
 Upgrades
 Equipment/Machinery

The payroll tax records must be attached and filed within the following quarter. This program is effect immediately.

Mayor Grayson asked if anyone had any corrections. John Laney asked if a business is seasonal and you are maxi out on the week before the form is due. How will this be accounted for? Councilman Nelson stated this would be the average of hours during the quarter requested. Councilman Jones stated the Department of Industrial Relations would show how employees worked and how many hours they worked. Mayor Grayson stated that would be corrected as follows:

The Department of Industrial Relations report must be submitted and filed the sales tax rebate request for reimbursement within the following quarter.

Councilman Meador stated if anytime the business fails to meet the hiring guidelines to create the jobs, would they drop down to different tier on the time or percentage rate.

Councilman Jones made the motion approve the sale tax rebate as amended. 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

Traffic Signal at Pettus, Front, and Arcola: Mayor Grayson stated there has been some progress on this.

Park & Recreation Board appointment: Mayor Grayson stated the appointment of the unexpired term of Maria Murdock on Park & Recreation Board. Mayor Grayson made the nomination of Hugh Overmeyer. Councilman Jones made the motion to close the nomination. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the 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 Jones made the motion to suspend the rules and vote tonight to appoint Hugh Overmyer. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the 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

Executive Session: Councilman Meador Mayor Grayson requested to go into executive session.

At 6:05pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for general name and character, 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 September 2015 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 financial matter which motion was seconded by Councilman Jones; 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 6:36pm. 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

Budget 2015-2016: Mayor Grayson opened the floor for council discussion. Councilman Jones stated we received a letter for Jason Pendergrass concerning his budget being cut. Mr. Pendergrass requested that it be restored back to original amount of \$75,000 under Buzz Sawyer Aviation. Mayor Grayson stated the budget amount for overtime in the Fire Department has been corrected. Councilman Meador would like under the revenue summary line item transfer from reserves we will need to put \$685,000 there per the auditors. To allow a 10% cushion from revenues to expenses. Councilman Meador made

the motion to adopt the amended budget 2015-2016. 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: Mary Gracie-concerns about the sewer system: Ms. Gracie stated she lives at 1104 East Field she has been there since 1969. She stated that she found out couple of years of ago that she doesn't have a separate sewer line. It is running downhill to her neighbor's house. After discussion Mayor Grayson stated that he would talk to Water Works & Sewer board concerning her problem.

Results on the bids for Resolution 2015-14: City Clerk Sam Gross received one (1) bid on 1967 Ford F800 Fire Truck VIN # 7663. The bid is for \$2,500. Councilman Nelson stated in the bid he is expecting on it running. Interim Fire Chief stated it would run and can be driven off the lot. Councilman Jones made the motion to accept the bid for 1967 Ford Truck of \$2,500 as is. 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 Jones made the motion to re-advertise for 1979 Ford Fire truck VIN 6676. 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

Councilman Jones made the motion to surplus for scraps the remaining items on Resolution 2015-24. 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

Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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