

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

Regular Meeting

October 1, 2015

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday October 1, 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-Greg Russell-submitted | Public Works-submitted |
| • Park & Recreation-Walker Reynolds | Horticulture |
| • Building Official | Library |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson asked that the agenda be amended to add under new business item number four (4) ABC application for Demopolis chamber of Commerce. Councilman Meador made the motion to amend the agenda. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of September 17, 2015. Councilman Jones made a correction on page 2 as follows:

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

Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. 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

The bid opening for Herbert Street was on Tuesday September 29th the status at this time is an opinion from the City's attorney on how to proceed. There was a bid received that did not follow bid specification. This will be on the agenda to discuss.

Received a copy of a thank you letter from the Hale County Sheriff Jason McCrory thanking the Demopolis Police department for the service for the annual Footwash.

Reports from Departments

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Project

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated on September 17th he submitted a letter with a list of dilapidated house and properties with the addresses.

Unfinished Business

Access from Roman Alley to McNamara: City Clerk Sam Gross waiting on RFP for the possibly on connecting Roman Alley to Field Street.

New Business

Public Assembly: Rebecca Pipkins-DHS Homecoming October 9th: Mayor Grayson stated the public assembly is for Demopolis High School homecoming October 9th. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the public assembly. 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: Portia Shepherd: Ms. Portia Shepherd is the Educational and Outreach Coordinator for Turning Point. Turning Point is domestic violence and sexual assault services located in Tuscaloosa however we service 9 different counties in West Alabama. Ms. Shepherd stated for sexual assault we service Marengo county. Ms. Shepherd stated the reason for her request is to let the citizens know the services for sexual assault. We have several free services for the victims such as counseling services. Ms. Shepherd provide the Mayor and Council with booklet full of information that Turning Point provides for the citizens of Demopolis.

Request to appear: Peter Reynolds and Hugh Overmyers: Hugh Overmyer on behalf of Demopolis Area Business Council has presented a proposed ordinance on predatory lending several council meeting ago. Mr. Overmyer stated that Mr. Poole had made some edits and hoping that Mayor and Council could actually vote on it tonight.

Mr. Overmyer stated the second topic we requested to speak on is the monthly financial disclosure. The board of DABC constantly hearing from their members that would like to know more about the City's finances. Mr. Overmyer stated that a Class 7 is not required by the state statue but, would be in the best interest of the city. This would be a good management practice for the City Council at the

second meeting of every month to have the financial available for comparison. Mr. Overmyer stated this would be a great for the City of Demopolis to do this and take this under consideration.

Mayor Grayson stated the proposed ordinance that Mr. Overmyer was emailed out to everyone. Mayor Grayson asked what the council's pleasure on this is. Councilman Meador asked that it be on the next council agenda for discussion. Mayor Grayson asked City Clerk to add it to the agenda for October 15th meeting.

ABC application from Demopolis Chamber of Commerce COTR: Mayor Grayson stated the application is for the COTR Alabama State Championship BBQ Cook Off December 4th and COTR Gala at the Demopolis Civic Center December 5th. After some discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to approve 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

Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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