

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

Regular Meeting

October 4, 2012

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday October 4, 2012 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Mitchell Congress-District 2
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Jack Cooley-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Absent: Thomas Moore, Mayor Pro Tempore-District 1
Melvin Yelverton-District 3

Department Heads:

- Police—Tommie Reese-submitted
 - Fire-Ron Few-submitted
 - Park & Recreation-submitted
 - Building Official
 - City Hall-Sam Gross
- Court
Public Works
Horticulture
Library-submitted

Mayor Mike Grayson called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with invocation by Pastor Hank Atchison followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grayson then entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Congress made the motion to amend the agenda to add the school board appointment under unfinished business. Councilman Cooley seconded the motion and the motion passed with 4 yes votes by the following roll call:

Mayor Grayson: yes Councilman Moore: Councilman Congress: yes
Councilman Yelverton: Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cooley: yes

The Council reviewed the minutes of September 18th. Councilman Cooley had a question in regard to NRC applying for a liquor license and if we had the written holds harmless agreement. Mrs. Gross stated that we did not although it was in progress. Mrs. Gross also stated the license would not be issued until we had the written agreement

Councilman Cooley made the motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Councilman Congress seconded the motion and the motion passed with 4 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes Councilman Moore: Councilman Congress: yes
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Announcements

There are no announcements.

Departmental reports

Departmental reports were submitted as indicated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Houses: Mr. Poole stated the Mayor called a meeting with the department heads regarding overgrown lots discussing a new procedure that will be implemented. City employees are reporting overgrown lots which to date total 30 to 45 lots. With the new procedure Mr. Poole will contact the police department (Steve Aultman). Mr. Aultman will then go speak to the property owner in reference to cutting/cleaning the property. If this fails then pictures will be taken and presented to the council and approved as overgrown lots. The owner will have one more opportunity to clean the property before the city hires a contractor/city employee to clean the property. If the city has to take this step then all cost will be due from the owner. The cost will be determined by the council and sent to the tax assessor's office in Linden. The cost will be added to the next year's tax assessment owner will pay cost and city will be reimbursed for any incurred cost. Mayor Grayson interjected stating the city was not trying to change any amendment or ordinance only going forward with a fair and consistent approach designed for positive results. Mayor Grayson then asked Mr. Poole the procedure when submitting information to the tax assessor's office and if it was considered a lien. Mr. Poole explained the procedure. Mayor Grayson also mentions this also pertained to dilapidated houses/buildings, abandoned cars as well as overgrown lots. Congressman Congress asked if a time element was set for the overgrown lots to be cut. Mr. Poole stated that the owner/occupant had 5 to 6 days to cut or a city employee/contractor would cut the lot and this cost would be added to the assessment at the owner's expense. Mr. Poole mentioned that he had turned in a resolution for the demolition of 606 Blacks Drive, 1814 A Street and 1012 3rd Avenue. He stated he was waiting for the counsel's approval for demolition. Councilman Congress asked how the owners were notified. Mr. Poole stated certified mail, newspaper and that he had spoke several times to the owners. Mayor Grayson stated that the approval for demolition would be added to the October 18th council meeting.

New Business

Jason Pendergrass-Airport Naming clarification: Jason Pendergrass made clarification there was a motion passed April 2, 2011 to rename the air field not the air port. The airport remains The Demopolis Municipal Airport and the air field The Julian D. (Buzz) Sawyer Air Field. Councilman Congress wanted to ensure the change would not eliminate Mr. Sawyer's name. Mr. Pendergrass states when parties are trying to locate this made it easier to locate. Councilman Congress made a motion to amend the minutes and pass with the change and Councilman Cooley seconded and the motion passed with the changes with 4 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Moore:	Councilman Congress: yes
Councilman Yelverton:	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cooley: yes

Dexter Turner-Ordinance 2012-03 Wrecker Service: Dexter Jones presented his case in reference to a letter he had received from Chief Tommie Reese relating to Ordinance 2012-03 Wrecker Service. Mr. Turner had been on the rotation list until the ordinance came into effect. The age requirement of the wrecker disqualified his service. Mr. Turner is asking the counsel to amend Section 1 regarding the age of the wrecker for his purpose. Chief Reese does not have a problem with the age of the wreckers as long as they are up to code. Mayor Grayson asked Chief Reese if he had any problems when Mr. Turner was on the rotation and Chief Reese said that he did not. Council Cooley made a motion to approve the

request to strike the age requirement of the wrecker/towing equipment and Councilman Congress seconded and the motion passed with 4 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Moore:	Councilman Congress: yes
Councilman Yelverton:	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cooley: yes

Sarah Turner Hallmark-Demopolis Historic Preservation Commission: Brian Brooker representing the Historic Preservation Committee expressed their concern of the Demopolis Water Board. Mr. Brooker stated they started expressing their concerns in 2011. The water tower that will be erected on top of White Bluff which is a 180' tower in the style of pedestal & ball was not beneficial to the historic district. They met with the Mayor and Mr. Chuck Smith although there was no quorum they heard their concerns. Their main concern is that the existing tower has significant character and to put a modern one in this area would drastically change the look of the historic district and diminish the character of this area. They would like to see a replica tower go up to maintain the character of this district. Mr. Brooker suggested that the neighbors be contacted and hear their input on the tower.

Resolution 2012-22 Surplus Property: Chief Tommie Reese asked that six vehicles to be deemed that were condemned by the Circuit Court of Marengo County be turned over to the Demopolis Police Department for surplus property. Chief Reese would like to auction through bidding. Council Meador made a motion to approve the request and Councilman Cooley seconded and the motion passed with 4 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Moore:	Councilman Congress: yes
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Resolution 2012-23 Surplus Property: Councilman Congress asked if the cars were still useable. Chief Reese stated that they were not and scrap parts had been taken from these cars and used on other cars of the Demopolis Police Department. Mayor Grayson stated he assumed these cars were not covered under insurance and Chief Reese stated they were. Chief Reese hoped to sell the cars and put toward new cars for the police department. Council Cooley was concerned the vehicles were still insured and Mayor Grayson stated they would be removed. Councilman Cooley made a motion to pass the resolution and Councilman Meador seconded and the motion passed with 4 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

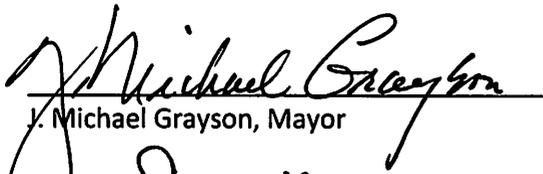
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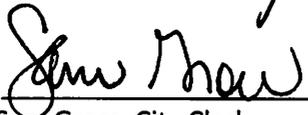
Unfinished Business

Vacancy of Board of Education: Councilman Congress stated he had spoken to Councilman Cooley and the Mayor by phone earlier. Councilman Congress would like to end the grid lock of the council and complete the vacant seat of the Board of Education. Councilman Congress made a motion to elect Conrad Murdock and Mayor Grayson seconded and the motion passed with 4 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Moore:	Councilman Congress: yes
Councilman Yelverton:	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cooley: yes

Councilman Congress made the motion to adjourn.


J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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Jack Cooley-District 5

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Mayor Grayson then entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador made a motion to approve the agenda and Councilman Congress seconded the motion and the motion passed with 4 yes votes by the following roll call:

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The Council reviewed the minutes of October 4th meeting. Councilman Congress asked to amend the minutes to include his statements in reference to the water tower erection be added to the minutes. Councilman Congress asked that his statement "We should not usurp the authority of the water department as to what tower they choose to erect" and that he was in agreement of a modern one being erected which he thought would indicate progress in the City of Demopolis.

Councilman Meador asked that a correction to Resolution 2012-22 be made in that surplus is added to 'Chief Tommie Reese asked that six vehicles to be deemed (surplus) that were condemned by the Circuit Court of Marengo County be turned over to the Demopolis Police Department for surplus property. Chief Reese would like to auction through bidding.'

Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the minutes with the corrections. Councilman Congress seconded the motion and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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Departmental reports

Departmental reports were submitted as indicated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Houses: Mr. Poole first spoke on overgrown lots. He states he has prepared 18 files and that Officer Aultman is to make the initial contact with the property owners in accordance with our newly implemented process. Mr. Poole states he will have reports at the next meeting and that he did go out and look at the properties today. He states that a couple is close but the other 16 clearly need action. Mr. Poole furnished a resolution on 606 Blacks Drive, 1814 A Street and 1012 3rd Avenue. Mr. Poole asked that they be passed to the 3 owners. The owners will be submitting proposals with time limits. Mr. Poole asked that the property owners be given an opportunity to clean up their property. Councilman Congress asked if the owners had a choice of whom they used and Mr. Poole stated that they did. Councilman Congress also asked if there was a list available providing the contractors' names being used for demolition and Mr. Poole stated he had the list. Mr. Poole stated he would provide the list if needed. Mayor Grayson stated we want action when a property is declared overgrown or dilapidated and there was not a profit margin and that the main focus was to clean up the property.

New Business

Public Assembly Application- Connie Davis, Demopolis High School DECA made a request for public assembly on November 3rd for MDA. Chief Reese was not present; although had approved. Councilman Cooley made a motion to approve the request and Councilman Congress seconded and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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Request to appear before City Council- Adrienne Nixon Dixon had concerns that her residence on First Avenue the streets and drives were not compatible where the road had been paved. Mayor Grayson said he had traveled that way and thought it was the result of a water project in progress. Charles Jones, Jr. spoke representing the Water Board Project. Mr. Jones states the project is not complete. Mrs. Dixon also expresses her concern of the bushes/trees on First Avenue and Arcola obstructing the view of on coming traffic. Barron Lankster owns the property. Mr. Lankster stated to Mrs. Dixon that he had never had anyone complain to him concerning the matter. Mrs. Dixon expressed her concern of people coming down First Avenue the wrong way and this being a one-way street. Mrs. Gross will contact Mike Baker in reference to placing proper signage (one way/speeding) on both ends of First Avenue. Councilman Meador asked the time frame of completion of the project and Mr. Jones said by Thanksgiving. Councilman Congress mentioned a visibility issue at Ash and Jackson Streets. Councilman Congress states that where Dr. Bedsole once lived the current residents are parking in the street. This obstructs traffic coming westbound and causes a disability and safety issue.

Resolution 2012-24 Budget Adjustment: Police Department received overtime pay from Sonic. The monies were received and deposited into the general account and are asking for the monies to be transferred over. Councilman Congress asked about the FY year on the resolution and was it suppose to be 2012/2013. Councilman Congress asked if there could be a budget adjustment if we did not have a budget. Councilman Meador stated we were working with last year's budget and this would be a carry over until we pass a new budget. Mrs. Gross will make the correction. Council Meador made a motion to approve the request and Councilman Cooley seconded and the motion passed with 4 yes votes and Councilman Moore abstained by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Moore: abstain	Councilman Congress: yes
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Airport Grant: Jason Pendergrass appeared before the Counsel requesting to apply for a grant for repairs and maintenance for minor upgrades at the airport in reference to an inspection by Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau. The grant will ascertain compliance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Department of Transportation governing licensed public-use within the State of Alabama. The removal of trees, reapply markings of ongoing runway paving project, repair/replace inoperative lighting. After discussion of the Airport Grant request it was the pleasure of the counsel to pass on to our new counsel. Mayor Grayson suggested at the November 5th meeting a called meeting to be announced before the November 15th deadline.

Announcements

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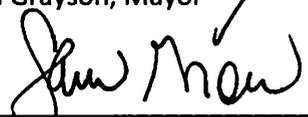
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Mayor Mike Grayson acknowledged Jack Cooley, Melvin Yelverton and Thomas Moore for their years of service on City Council. Mr. Thomas Moore received a proclamation in honor of twenty years of service.

Councilman Cooley made the motion to adjourn.



J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: 

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be a name with a surname and a first name, possibly "James [unclear]". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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**Oath of Office
Organizational Meeting**

November 5, 2012

The special called meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 1:00pm on Monday November 5, 2012 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

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

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

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| • Fire-Ronnie Few | Public Works-Mike Baker |
| • Park & Recreation | Horticulture-Barbara Blevins |
| • Building Official-Clarence Brooker, Jr. | Library-Morgan Grimes |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

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

Mayor Grayson then entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Congress made amend on item # 2 under new business should be Elect Mayor Pro-tempore. Councilman Meador made a motion to approve the agenda with the amend and Councilman Congress seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of October 18, 2012 meeting. Councilman Jones made motion to approve the minutes. 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 Congress: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Probate Judge Cindy Neilson asked the Mayor and Council to stand as she administered the oath of office as follows:

I solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alabama, so long as I continue a citizen thereof; and that I will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Elect Mayor Pro-Tempore: Councilman Nelson made a nomination for Councilman Meador. Councilman Jones made nomination for Councilman Congress. Councilman Congress stated this would be my last term. I will be retiring after this term, if not before. Councilman Congress stated that he would have to decline the nomination. Councilman Congress made a nomination of Councilman Jones.

The vote for Councilman Meador for Mayor Pro Tempore was 4 yes and 2 no votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The vote for Councilman Jones for Mayor Pro Tempore was 2 yes and 4 no votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Mayor Grayson stated that Councilman Meador would be the Mayor Pro Tempore.

Establishing time and place of regular meeting: Mayor Grayson stated this has already been established Ordinance 1984-2 and 1985-1. The regular meeting shall be held on the first and third Thursday of each month and shall be convene at 5:15pm at Rooster Hall.

Order of Business: Mayor Grayson stated this too has been established Ordinance 1981-4
Timer 10:33

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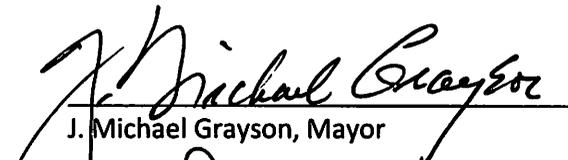
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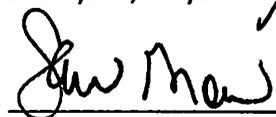
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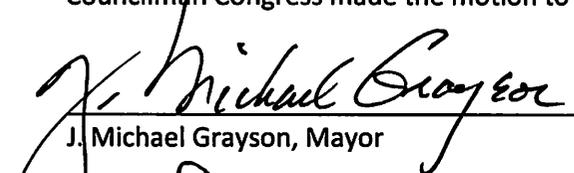
Airport Grant: Jason Pendergrass addressed the Council with an update with the current runway resurfacing that should come to a close tomorrow, the final inspection will be in the next few weeks. Mr. Pendergrass stated this project was initiated last year and at time FFA was making changes in their grants from a 95% funding and state and local carried 2.5%. That has changed to a 90% federal funding and the state stepped up and now matching 5% and that leaves the local 5%. Mr. Pendergrass stated that Mr. Sawyer initially was hopeful that the state would step up and do 7.5% and still leave the city 2.5%. Mr. Pendergrass stated that was not the case so, I'll be short on my capital improvement amount. That project was estimated at \$1.5 million currently we are at \$1.3 million about a \$200,000 under run on the project but one (1) idea that the engineer had after checking with the FFA and the State was to use some of that grant money toward the clearing and grubbing at our next grant application to get this part out of the way. Mr. Pendergrass stated a resolution has already been passed to pay the City's share. Mr. Pendergrass stated this would make my budget short approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000. Mr. Pendergrass stated that he wanted to give the new council a heads up on the status. Mr. Pendergrass stated that he would like to apply for the same kind of grant, the project would be to resurface the taxiway and widen the diagraph that is in your council packet. That would meet federal guidelines and eventual lighting the taxiway as well. Mr. Pendergrass stated this would be approximately \$1 million with a 5% match of local funds. Mr. Pendergrass stated in the diagraph the shaded area is proposed for clearing and grubbing. Mr. Pendergrass stated the biggest factor is aircrafts landing at night when you can't see the trees, particularly larger airplanes, when you can't see the trees

it's an unnerving feeling. This is a safety issue that we need to address. This is roughly \$300,000 at the same funding. The other idea is the security fencing; we have had problems for years with kids looking for a place to go. Mr. Pendergrass stated we don't have gates that can be actually closed from the parking lot. This project is roughly \$30,000. This all together totals approximately \$1.3 million. Mr. Pendergrass stated this is the total funding we would like to apply for. This would leave the City responsible for approximately \$65,500 total funding. Mayor Grayson asked about the proposed perimeter fencing in the diagram. Mr. Pendergrass stated it should be just security fencing and gates not perimeter fencing would go all the way around the entire airport to help control wild life mainly but also for security as well. That would be a project at a later date. For the immediately to give the appears for security on the airport. Mr. Pendergrass stated there are some very expensive airplanes at the airport. Mayor Grayson stated on the print out for installing security fencing and gates is \$108,000 but did I misinterpret the amount. Mr. Pendergrass stated this has been revised. Mayor Grayson stated we are only looking at the items for 2013. Mr. Pendergrass stated yes and those numbers have come down. The revised estimate for security fencing is \$37,930. The rehabilitate and widen taxiway revised estimated is \$ 976,370. The new total is estimated at \$1.3 million for 2013. Mayor Grayson stated 5% is roughly \$65,000. Councilman Jones stated that you have already made statement that you were short in capital improvement. Mr. Pendergrass stated in 2012 project I have scraped all the money and that 2012 and 2013 would use all my capital improvement money. Mr. Pendergrass stated that he is only allotted \$12,500 each year for capital improvements. Councilman Congress asked did you mention more than one (1) grant. Mr. Pendergrass stated we are currently under one (1) grant and would like to apply for another. Councilman Congress stated that this was two (2). Councilman Congress stated that he would hate for him to use all his capital improvement. Councilman Congress stated that Mayor Grayson mentioned to the previous council that we were in the black more than we expected. Councilman Congress stated one thing that the council may consider a budget adjustment from the surplus from the money we had previous administration. Mr. Pendergrass stated that would be great. Councilman Congress suggested that he make a request for the money that you would need and justify it. Mr. Pendergrass stated the only problem he had with that is the grant application has to be turned in by November 15th with a resolution. Mr. Pendergrass stated he would love for it to go back in previous level back to \$25,000. Mayor Grayson stated we are here tonight to hear your plans and request to apply for this grant and the deadline for this grant is November 15th. Mayor Grayson stated what the council is here to do is to approve the resolution in order to go ahead. Councilman Cole stated whoever does the clearing and grubbing if any money could be made off the trees that the money goes toward this project.

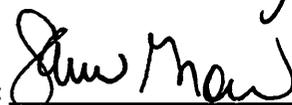
Councilman Congress made the motion to approve Resolution 2012-25. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Congress 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 15, 2012

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday November 15, 2012 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Mitchell Congress-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-Karen Broadhead-submitted |
| • Fire-Ron Few-submitted | Public Works-submitted |
| • Park & Recreation | Horticulture-Barbara Blevins |
| • Building Official-Clarence Brooker, Jr. | Library |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

Mayor Mike Grayson called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with invocation by Pastor Mickey Green followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Congress questioned under city appointment, I don't see the city attorney. Mayor Grayson stated that he is not an appointed city officer he is a contract employee. Mayor Grayson stated the list was submitted by Lori Lein from the Alabama League of Municipalities. Councilman Congress made the motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and motion passed by 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of November 5, 2012 meeting. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson presented the Council with the financial results of the month of October 2012. Mayor Grayson stated that the bottom line we took in \$685,743.73 and we spent \$643,000. We were \$42,000 to the good. If you look at the expenditure summary to be on track year to date the percentage should be 8.33%.

Mayor Grayson stated that he received an email from Public Works Mike Baker stating the potholes in alleyway behind Landmark Gallery have been taken care of.

Mayor Grayson stated we have received a letter from the State of Alabama Department of Revenue as a result producer price index the initial business license issue fee is to be adjusted from \$10 to \$12 beginning January 1, 2013.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated previously he had submitted a resolution for three (3) properties at 606 Blacks Drive, 1814 B Street, and 1023 3rd Avenue. The next step is to get bids specifically for 606 Blacks Drive and 1814 B Street. The owners of 1023 3rd Avenue are out of town and had made arrangements with Robert Jones, Sr. and had discussion with Fire Chief Few for the structure to be demolished and the debris to be put in a pit and have a controlled burn with the supervision of the Fire department. Mr. Poole stated three (3) properties have been resolved.

Overgrown Lots: Mr. Poole stated we have approximately thirty (30) properties and most have received a letter. Mr. Poole stated eight (8) of the properties have responded from the letters. Three (3) have been cleaned up on their own. Councilman Congress asked if the letters that are sent out on dilapidated/overgrown properties the letter states that they have a number for complaints from the citizens, does the letter states who made the complaints. Councilman Congress stated that he had received a letter for the weeds in my backyard on my property next to my storage shed. The letter was from Steven Alutman and that he had received a number of complaints about my yard. Councilman Congress stated that no one sees my backyard but me. Mayor Grayson encouraged Councilman Congress to see Mr. Poole after the meeting concerning this is personal thing. Councilman Congress agreed. Councilman Congress asked about the property at the corner on 2nd Avenue and Knox Circle has that property been addressed. Mr. Poole stated that work has been done in the yard but I have spoken with Ms. Motley today and told her that he was glad that some of the work had been done but still a lot work to be done. Mr. Poole stated at some point the Council would have to make a decision about the house. Councilman Congress stated the residents are absolutely terrified because of the drug dealers doing drugs and selling drugs. Councilman Congress stated we need to work on this as soon as possible. Mr. Poole stated that he hadn't gotten those kinds of complaints but would take it in consideration and inform Ms. Motley that something has to be done.

New Business

Rescheduling December 6th Council meeting: Mayor Grayson stated that he would be in Auburn at Alabama Revenue meeting. Mayor Grayson asked if this could be rescheduled. Councilman Congress stated he didn't have a problem with but we need to have an understanding that if one of the rest of the Council members have to be gone that we would do the same. Councilman Congress stated that we have a Mayor Pro-tem that would replace the Mayor in his absence. Councilman Congress knows the importance of the six (6) of us being here when we transact the City's business. Mayor Grayson stated the record shows that in the past. Councilman Nelson made the motion to reschedule December 6th meeting to December 4th at 5:15pm at Rooster Hall. 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 Congress: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Jenn Tate-COTR: Mrs. Tate stated this is the 41st Annual Christmas on the River and each year the Chamber is required to get permission from City to host the event. The dates are November 28th-December 2nd. Mrs. Tate stated she sent out a list of activities this morning to the Council. Mrs. Tate stated that the City is very gracious to help with barricades and safety coordination. Councilman Meador asked if there were any real changes in scheduling from previous year. Mayor Grayson stated no. Councilman Congress asked if the committee or Christmas on The River addressed the concerns he had last year about the private parties on the south side of the field where only invited guest could attend at the cook off. Councilman Congress stated this is a public affair. Councilman Congress stated that this is a thorn in the side of a lot of people and the attendance has dropped off. Mayor Grayson stated that he thought that this was resolved last year that private parties all for the cooking team. Mayor Grayson stated this is a state championship cook off; the party is for the cooking team, their vendors and employees or whatever. Mayor Grayson stated there are others that are open to the public. Councilman Congress stated when you pay admission to get in and then you have the same people on the same side with a white picket fence only allowing certain and on the north side field ends up allowing anyone to come in and give away food. Councilman Congress stated that it seems to me that this is racial. Mayor Grayson stated that he could guarantee that is nowhere in the equation. Mrs. Tate stated that this year the admission fee has gone down to \$5 and with the new Chairperson has asked each and every team to cook additional boston butt to give away samples to everyone. Mrs. Tate stated like the Mayor Grayson said this is a competition with money here. Mrs. Tate stated that the admission goes for free drinks and live band. Councilman Congress stated that changes the whole scenario. Councilman Meador made the motion to pass the authorization of Chamber of Commerce to host 41st Annual Christmas on the River. Councilman Congress seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2012-27 Bank Signatory: Ms. Gross stated that we had to update some of the bank accounts to take off Thomas Moore Mayor Pro Tempore and add Bill Meador Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilman Congress asked why on the Theo Ratliff Fund account Mark Pettus is a signature on this account. Councilman Congress stated that the auditor stated that there could be no departmental accounts and all monies go to City Hall for deposit and no check can be written with requisition. Mayor Grayson stated that is not a department account, all money is brought to City Hall. Mayor Grayson stated his name is on the account but it requires two (2) signatures for all checks. Ms. Gross stated that this account was set up when Theo Ratliff activity center was being built. Ms. Gross stated no checks have been written out of this account, it is only collecting interest. Councilman Congress made the motion to pass Resolution 2012-27. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Budget 2012-2013: Mayor Grayson stated that the Finance committee has worked on this and what we would like to do presented to you with the opportunity to look over and ask question and any suggestion and to vote on this December 4th meeting.

Appointment of City Officers: Councilman Jones made the motion to reinstate all city officers. Councilman Congress seconded the motion and motion failed 2 yes and 4 no votes by the following roll call votes as follows:

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

City Clerk: Councilman Meador made the motion to reappoint Sam Gross as the City Clerk. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion pass with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Fire Chief: Councilman Congress made the motion to reappoint Fire Chief Ronnie Few. Councilman Jones asked to go into executive session. Mayor Grayson asked Councilman Congress did he want to withdraw his motion. Councilman Congress withdrew his motion.

Councilman Jones asked to go into executive session for the purpose of good name in character.

At 5:41pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for general reputation and character, job performance, or compensation, with the following statement:

STATE OF ALABAMA)
CITY OF DEMOPOLIS)

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Demopolis, Alabama with a quorum being present, was conducting a regular Council Meeting on the 15th day of November 2012 the time, date, place and agenda of which were duly announced and notices of which were posted in accordance with the Alabama Open Meeting Law, Act 2005-40 (Act); and,

WHEREAS, during the course of said meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Jones for the Council to go into Executive Session for good name and character which motion was seconded by Councilman Congress; 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 Congress	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 10 minutes.

Councilman Meador made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 6:01pm. 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 Congress: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Fire Chief: Councilman Congress made the motion to reappoint Fire Chief Ronnie Few. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Grayson calls for decision. Councilman Congress stated as I have said we have been going through this for four (4) years. Councilman Congress presented a list of forty-four (44) things that Chief Few has done to his department himself. I think it would be a travesty, injustice to not reappoint Chief Few. I think he has been treated differently than any other department head in the city. He has been written up for ice cream that was from money that was donated. Chief Few has had to run back and forth to Atlanta where his mother was gravely ill for over a year and half and after she died. His son in law was gravely ill with cancer and his daughter being a young mother with two (2) young children. His father is elderly. Chief Few has moved us from a regular fire station to EMS and Haz-Mat. Councilman Congress stated he feels like there is a vendetta against Chief Ronnie Few, he has been demeaned my members of the council for four (4) years. Councilman Congress stated that he finds this racially insulted. Mayor Grayson stated that he would like to respond to that, first of all let me help you with something all department reports to the Mayor. I can tell you that there is no department head that is treated differently, your business about racially treated again I find that offensive. The only person in every decision mention is about race, skin color, or race this and that, they are the racist. I resent that. Councilman Meador stated I totally disagree with almost everything you said, and I highly resent the fact that you called me a racist. I have been on this council for four (4) years, and I have voted a number of times to do what Chief Few needed and wanted to do. Councilman Meador stated that he has made up his mind how he was going to vote. Councilman Jones stated that he called the executive session on things that I did share with you all and would like share with the public. Councilman Jones stated that he has done his back ground check and his investigation things that I have heard and when I was running for office I told everyone that there is three (3) sides to every story. I found the one (1) in the middle and Chief Few has not told me any lies. Councilman Jones stated he heard comments about the fire trucks running up and down the roads, too many stations, and too many fire fighters. Councilman Jones stated that fire station #3 was being built when Chief Few came and that was no fault of his, which was previous council. Councilman Jones stated if we as council want to shrink his budget that it's not Chief Few fight. Councilman Jones asked for administrative audit on public safety while I was running for office. Councilman Jones stated this is what the City of Northport did and this would take all the personal feeling out of this and refer it to someone who knows what we need to have. Councilman Congress asked if the taxpayer would like to speak concerning Chief Few. Mayor Grayson stated this is a council meeting not a public hearing. Councilman Congress stated that Ronnie Few has been written up. Councilman Congress agreed Councilman Meador did vote for Chief Few to get his donation money for open house. Then Chief Few uses the money to purchase ice cream for the children and then he was reprimanded. Chief Few's department did training at Rock Tenn and when other departments want to do budget adjustment its fine but then Rock Tenn wanted the money to go into the general fund and the fire department could not purchase material that they wanted. Councilman Congress asked for an imaging camera for the department to save lives and that was voted down. Councilman Congress stated everything has been against the Fire department because the face that Ronnie Few in my opinion is that this vendetta should stop tonight. Councilman Congress stated that no department head has not been more polite. Mayor Grayson allowed Chief Few to speak. Chief

Few stated I know I'm a little bit different in how I approach things, but I meant well for Demopolis. If I did something wrong someone should say. I never heard from any of you around the table. Chief Few stated that he doesn't play politics. I thought what you needed was the fire chief to do his job and do the right job. I hope I'm not leaving because of some ice cream or you saw the fire trucks out. Chief Few feels that it is injustice sometimes but I don't hold that against anyone. Councilman Congress made the motion to reappoint Fire Chief Few. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and motion failed 2 yes and 4 no votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Congress stated that he would no longer be racially insulted by the council.

Mayor Grayson stated let the record reflect that Councilman Congress left the meeting at 6:13pm.

Municipal Judge: Councilman Nelson made the motion to reappoint Woody Dinning, Jr. as City Judge. 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 Congress:
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Police Chief: Councilman Nelson made the motion to reappoint Police Chief Tommie Reese. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Mitchell Congress-1st Avenue paving & Landmark Gallery parking area: Mayor Grayson stated that Mr. Congress has left the meeting.

Demopolis Water & Sewer board appointment: Mayor Grayson stated this spot has been created by Councilman Jones being on the council and no longer being appointed individual serving on the board. Councilman Jones nominated Thomas Moore. Councilman Meador stated that he was not prepared to make nomination tonight. Mayor Grayson nominated Jack Cooley. Councilman Nelson asked would this be unexpired term of Mr. Jones. Mayor Grayson stated yes. Councilman Jones made the motion to close the nomination. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Don Singleton-Airport: Mayor Grayson stated Mr. Singleton has left the meeting

Council Discussion

District 3 Councilman Nelson: Councilman Nelson statement is: The government is run by the people that show up.

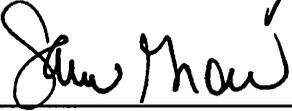
District 1 Councilman Jones: Councilman Jones stated this government is going to be run by an iron fist. Councilman Jones stated that this council is going to be as bad as previous council it's going to be worse.

Councilman Jones stated that he does not get along with Councilman Congress but there was some truth in what he said tonight.

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**

Called Special Meeting

December 12, 2012

The called special meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Wednesday December 12, 2012 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Mitchell Congress-District 2
Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Absent: Harris Nelson-District 3

Department Heads:

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

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

Mayor Grayson stated this was a special called meeting to pass budget 2012-2013. Mayor Grayson stated that in this budget would be a one-time pay adjustment for our city employees that could possibly help at Christmas time. Mayor Grayson stated that this was his motivation to have the special called meeting. Mayor Grayson stated the finance committee met again this afternoon to fine tune the budget. Mayor Grayson opened the floor for discussion.

Mayor Grayson stated it's a good budget but it's not perfect. Councilman Jones stated Mayor Grayson asked all department heads to prepare a flat line budget. Councilman Jones stated since Public Works didn't use certain personnel that are seasonal, that cut six (6) employees. Councilman Jones stated that Mr. Baker's budget has been cut short about \$100,000. Councilman Jones suggested when Mr. Baker hires the six (6) to come to the council for a budget adjustment and we will have to deal with it at that time. Councilman Congress stated that he didn't think any other department had seasonal workers but Park & Recreation department. Mayor Grayson stated that it is not actually seasonal workers. Mr. Baker has had several opening positions but if it was a grass cutter he would not hire them at this time.

Councilman Congress asked what the changes from the last proposed budget presented was. Mayor Grayson stated the discrepancy in the revenue on page 3 was a typo. Mayor Grayson stated that should have been \$2,500 and not \$25,000 on beer/wine tax. That reduced our surplus down. Mayor Grayson stated we adjusted Public Works budget by \$30,000 by what Councilman Jones described above. Mayor Grayson stated we projected a surplus of \$52,000 down to \$72.

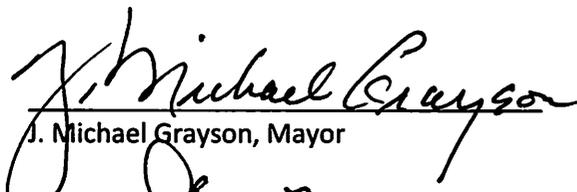
Mayor Grayson allowed Don Singleton to address the Mayor and Council concerning using Cattle Ranch inmates instead of hiring citizens. Mr. Baker stated that he has not had inmate workers in about a year. Councilman Jones stated we have those positions we need to hire three (3). Councilman Congress asked what year were the vehicles at Public Works department. Mr. Baker stated 90 models. Mayor Grayson stated in Public Works capital expenditures there is \$22,000 for any purchases such as weed eaters and vehicles. Councilman Congress stated in vehicle rep/main we have spent \$100,000 over last 4 years and if we had newer vehicles could save the City some money. Mr. Baker stated under vehicle rep/main includes repairs on major equipment. Councilman Congress would like to see in the future we would get 1 or 2 new trucks for Public Works. Mr. Baker stated that he is working on that as we speak. Mayor Grayson stated that he hoped that we would utilize the ADECA surplus.

Councilman Congress questioned the council travel/training budget. Mayor Grayson stated we kept it at \$5,000 and we noted your request and finance committee felt that it would not be appropriate for 2 departments to be cut and council travel/training not to be cut. Councilman Congress stated since we have 3 new councilmembers that training would be beneficial. Mayor Grayson stated most of the training is from the Alabama League Municipalities that would be just reimbursing mileage and 1 or 2 meals. Councilman Congress stated last year we did \$2,000 per councilmember. Councilman Congress stated that the league convention in Montgomery starts on Saturday and ends on Tuesday. The lodging and per diem would be over \$1,000 and the National League of Cities in D.C. has lot of opportunities to seek grant monies. Mayor Grayson stated that this is not a great budget but prudent to the people's money and to maximize it.

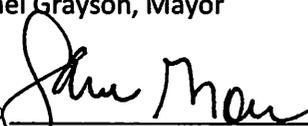
Councilman Meador stated if no further discussion he would like to make the motion to approve 2012-2013 Budget. Councilman Congress seconded the motion and motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Congress: yes
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 20, 2012

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday December 20, 2012 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: Mitchell Congress-District 2

Department Heads:

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

Mayor Mike Grayson called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with invocation by Public Works Director Mike Baker. Mayor Grayson asked for a moment of silence for Newtown Connecticut massacre and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion was passed by 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of December 4, 2012 meeting. Mayor Grayson made a correction on page 5. The following sentence should be retracted and strike from the minutes:

Mayor Grayson stated that the Horticulturist can spend what she wants.

Councilman Nelson stated correction on page 3 under Demopolis Water & Sewer board appointment vote should be the following:

Mayor Grayson: yes Councilman Jones: yes Councilman Congress: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: ~~no~~yes Councilman Cole: yes

Councilman Nelson made motion to approve the amended minutes of December 4th. 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 Congress:

Councilman Nelson: yes

Councilman Meador: yes

Councilman Cole: yes

Announcements

Mayor Grayson announced on Tuesday December 7th he made a presentation to the Marengo County Commissioner for assistance with paving for Sunset Road. The commission stated they would take it under advisement. Mayor Grayson stated that he asked for \$38,685, which is over the budget that the council had set. Mayor Grayson stated that he had contacted Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs and spoke to Jim Byard. Mr. Byard stated that he would scrape up pennies from here and there to try to help us. Mayor Grayson stated Burns Whitaker has called and stated that ALDOT has an issue with the project to be resolved.

Financial update the tax collection for the month of November, which reflects October transaction, was .18% over prior year in just tax collection. We are up over the prior year by 5.36% from last year. Overall through November sales tax stream is slow, we should be at 16 or 17% but we are at 14%.

Update on Jackson Street and Glover Street Park off street parking, on Wednesday December 12th Public Works Director, Police Chief, Park & Recreation Director, Horticulturist, and myself went and looked for options and accommodations for parking. At this time we feel we have a plan that will allow parking and have green space. At this time we are waiting for the raining season to be over.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated previously he had submitted a resolution for three (3) properties, waiting on bids from the contractor for the demolition. Mr. Poole stated that he would have bids at January 3rd council meeting for approval.

Unfinished Business

Demopolis Water & Sewer Board appointment: Mayor Grayson stated we have two (2) nominees Jay Reynolds and Dexter Jones from the last council meeting on December 4th. Mayor Grayson opened the floor for discussion. Mayor Grayson stated there being no discussion. Mayor Grayson did a roll call vote from each council member as follows:

Councilman Nelson: Jay Reynolds

Councilman Cole: voted no on Jay Reynolds and no on Dexter Jones

Councilman Meador: Jay Reynolds

Councilman Jones: Dexter Jones

Mayor Grayson: Jay Reynolds

Mayor Grayson stated that Jay Reynolds is appointed to the Demopolis Water & Sewer Board.

Hospital Board appointment: Mayor Grayson stated we have two (2) appointments that need to be made. Mayor Grayson stated Dr. Fitzgerald is ineligible for reappointment and Webb Tutt that is currently on the board and is eligible for reappointment. Councilman Cole nominated Judy Travis.

Councilman Meador nominated Jim Grantham. Councilman Jones nominated Ronnie Chu. Councilman Meador nominated Webb Tutt. Councilman Meador made the motion to close the nomination. 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 Congress:
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

New Business

Fire Chief Appointment: Mayor Grayson stated per Personnel Policy the personnel committee opened the Fire Chief position for the City employees. Mayor Grayson stated we had 5 applicants within the department but one (1) applicant withdrew their application. Mayor Grayson stated we interviewed 4 candidates and the personnel committee is prepared to make a recommendation to appoint Tommy Tate for the Fire Chief. Councilman Meador made the motion to appoint Tommy Tate for Fire Chief. 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 Congress:
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

2013 Holiday Calendar: After reviewing the holiday calendar, Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the 2013 holiday calendar. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Park & Recreation Board appointment: Mayor Grayson stated we have four (4) spots on the Park & Recreation board that are either up for reappointment or to be replaced. Councilman Jones nominated Dexter Jones. Councilman Cole nominated Jason Perryman. Councilman Nelson stated he has 4 nominates Paul Willingham, Alfred Padilla, Rob Pearson, and Martin Simmons. Councilman Jones nominated Joseph Bailey. Councilman Meador made the motion to close the nomination. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and motion passed 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

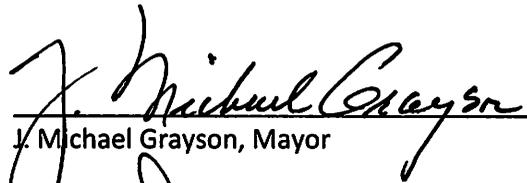
Buddy Gray-seeking clarity on several ordinances: Mayor Grayson turned the floor over to Mr. Gray. Mr. Gray asked who is the City's ADA officer. Mayor Grayson stated that he would have to get back with him on that. Mr. Gray stated that he has several discussions with several department heads. Mr. Gray stated that if the city has more than fifty (50) employees has to have an ADA officer, this is a federal statute. Mr. Gray presented the Mayor and Council with a web site with the information that pertains to this. Mr. Gray stated second question, I was planning on using the Demopolis Civic Center and my understanding for former councilman Jack Cooley stated that all bands would have to have liability insurance and on the Civic Center rental package does not state that. Mr. Gray stated that public building has braille for the blind and flashing light for deaf. Mr. Gray stated on your city ordinance it states that anyone that performs entertainment and I believe that this would be close to 100 to 150 bands that comes to Demopolis. The license is \$150.00 for each engagement. Mr. Gray stated that he thinks Demopolis is the rising star in west Alabama. Councilman Jones asked Mr. Brooker how much of this falls in your office. Mr. Brooker stated all of it. Councilman Jones stated the building committee needs to meet and includes Mr. Brooker and address some of those issues. Mayor Grayson asked City

Clerk Sam Gross to make a note that Councilman Jones would like to address this at the building committee meeting.

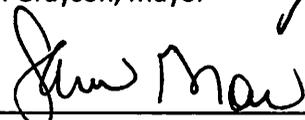
Council Discussion

No discussion at this time.

Councilman Nelson made the motion to adjourn.



J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

January 3, 2013

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

Present:

Council Members: J. Michael Grayson, Mayor
Charles Jones, Jr.-District 1
Mitchell Congress-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
 - Park & Recreation-submitted
 - Building Official-Clarence Brooker, Jr.
 - City Hall-Sam Gross
- Court
Public Works-Mike Baker
Horticulture-Barbara Blevins
Library

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

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

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of December 12th and December 20, 2012 meeting. Councilman Congress made a correction on the December 20th on page 1 as follows:

The following sentence should be retracted and ~~strike~~ **struck** from the minutes:

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

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson stated on Christmas night the City of Demopolis was hit by a tornado but for the grace of God we were not another Tuscaloosa. We were very blessed yes some properties were damaged and some people somewhat nervous but no one was killed or injured. What we saw that night was a

number of departments working together to try to make sense and clear the debris. Mayor Grayson presented certificates to the following city employees that took time away from their families to work for the citizens of Demopolis. Mayor Grayson stated that he wants to thank you for your service to the community and your service to your fellow man. On the behalf of the Mayor and Council we thank you. Mayor Grayson presented certificates to the following departments Police, Fire, and Public Works

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated when he started this process on dilapidated housing we identified five (5) properties. We have prepared resolution and discussed them in prior meetings. The progress on the following properties:

- 311 North Front-cleaned
- 1812 A Street-cleaned
- 608 Blacks Drive-cleaned
- 1012 3rd Avenue-demolition permit has been purchased

Mr. Poole stated out of the five (5) properties four (4) has been taken care of. This leaves one (1) left 1814 A Street. Mr. Poole stated that he has more candidates that I need to bring forward for council approval. The bidders told me they want more than one (1) property to bid on. Councilman Congress asked if Mr. Poole could include the property on the corner on Knox Circle and Second Avenue. Mr. Poole stated there may be a development on that.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Grayson requested to go into executive session for the purpose of good name in character.

At 5:35pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for general reputation and character, job performance, or compensation, with the following statement:

STATE OF ALABAMA)
CITY OF DEMOPOLIS)

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Demopolis, Alabama with a quorum being present, was conducting a regular Council Meeting on the 3rd day of January 2013 the time, date, place and agenda of which were duly announced and notices of which were posted in accordance with the Alabama Open Meeting Law, Act 2005-40 (Act); and,

WHEREAS, during the course of said meeting, a motion was made by Mayor Grayson 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 Congress	Yea	
4. Councilman Nelson	Yea	
5. Councilman Meador	Yea	
6. Councilman Cole	Yea	

And Presiding Officer declared that a majority of the votes were 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 6:07pm. Councilman Congress seconded the motion and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Hospital Board Appointment Nominates: Mayor Grayson stated that we would do the reappointment nominate first which would be Webb Tutt. Councilman Meador made the motion to reappoint Webb Tutt. The motion failed due to a lack of a second. Mayor Grayson stated next on the list is Dr. Judy Travis. Councilman Cole made the motion to nominate Dr. Judy Travis. Councilman Congress seconded the motion and the motion passed with 3 yes, 2 no, and 1 abstain votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Mayor Grayson stated next is Jim Granthem. Councilman Meador made the motion to appoint Jim Granthem. Councilman Congress seconded the motion and then withdrew his motion. Mayor Grayson seconded the motion and the motion passed with 3 yes and 3 abstain votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Mayor Grayson stated that this would fill the two (2) vacant spots on Hospital Board.

Park & Recreation Board Appointment nominates: Mayor Grayson stated we have two (2) eligible for reappointment which are Paul Willingham and Alfred Padilla. Councilman Congress asked if we have 4 vacancies. Mayor Grayson stated yes. Councilman Nelson made the motion to reappoint Paul Willingham. 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 Congress: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Mayor Grayson stated next reappointment is Alfred Padilla. Councilman Nelson made the motion to reappoint Alfred Padilla. 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 Congress: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Councilman Congress made the motion to appoint Dexter Jones. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the motion failed by 2 yes and 4 no votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Cole made the motion to appoint Jason Perryman. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and motion failed 2 yes and 4 no votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Nelson made the motion to appoint Rob Pearson. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed 5 yes and 1 no votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Nelson made the motion to appoint Martin Simmons. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion failed with 3 yes and 3 no votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Congress made the motion to appoint Joseph Bailey. 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 Congress: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

New Business

Demopolis Water & Sewer Board Appointment: Mayor Grayson stated that Arthur Taylor is eligible for reappointment but we are only making nominations tonight. Mayor Grayson nominated Arthur Taylor to be reappointed. Councilman Cole nominated Brian Brooker. Councilman Congress nominated Thomas Moore. Councilman Meador made the motion to close the nomination. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

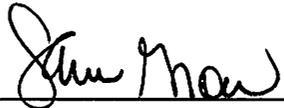
Council Discussion

Councilman Jones-District 1: On the hospital board I thought that we would go with two (2) doctors but we did not even get to Dr. Chu. Councilman Jones stated he understands the process now.

Councilman Congress 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 17, 2013

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday January 17, 2013 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: Mitchell Congress

Department Heads:

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

Mayor Mike Grayson called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with invocation by Pastor Mickey Green followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson asked to amend the agenda to add under new business # 6 for the Park & Recreation Board appointment due to Rob Pearson resignation. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed 5 yes voted by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of January 3, 2013 meeting. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed by 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson stated that he would like to recognize Youth Lead that is here tonight.

Mayor Grayson advised the Council that on Historic Preservation Commission is a Mayoral appointment. I have reappointed Brian Brooker, Anne Braxton, and Sarah Chandler Hallmark for another 3 year term effective June 2012, and Shelley Woods for another 3 year term effective October 2012.

Mayor Grayson stated on the Planning Commission which is a Mayoral appointment for 6 year term, I reappoint Max Bailey and appoint Charles Jones, Sr.

Mayor Grayson stated at the next meeting he would like a brief report from the Councilman on your board/commission that you serve on or observer.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mayor Grayson stated that he had received a call from Mr. Poole’s secretary stating that he would not be able to attend tonight due to mediation in Tuscaloosa.

Unfinished Business

Demopolis Water & Sewer Board Appointment nominations: Mayor Grayson stated if we hold true to our board appointment process, we go with the possible eligible reappointment. Mayor Grayson stated the A. R. Taylor is the first nominate for reappointment. Mayor Grayson stated that he received an email from Thomas Moore asking to be removed for nomination for this board. Councilman Meador made the motion to reappoint A. R. Taylor. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and motion passed 4 yes and 1 no votes by the following roll call votes:

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

New Business

Declare Vacancy Council District 2: Mayor Grayson received a letter of resignation from Councilman Congress effective January 17, 2013. Mayor Grayson stated according to Alabama Code we have to declare a vacancy. Councilman Nelson asked does this mean at the next meeting we can start the process in filling the vacancy. Mayor Grayson stated we have sixty (60) days to fill that vacancy sit in which they must live in that council district. If we are unable to do so then the Governor has ninety days (90) days to make appointment. If the Governor fails to appoint someone from the names submitted, the judge of probate shall call special election to fill the vacancy.

Chief Reese-Request to Apply for Motorcycle Grant: Chief Reese asked for permission to apply for Harley Davidson motorcycle grant. Chief Reese stated this would be for two (2) motorcycles that would be used for special events and for sunny days. Chief Reese stated this grant is no match. Councilman Jones asked if the motorcycles would be outfitted with all the equipment. Chief Reese stated yes. Councilman Meador asked the police officers that would drive the motorcycles would have some type of training. Chief Reese stated they would have to have eighty (80) hours of training in Selma at Trooper Academy. Chief Reese stated that he would have only two (2) trained. Councilman Meador made the motion to allow Chief Reese to apply for the grant. 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 Congress:
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Brenda Tuck- Marengo County Economic Development Agency: Brenda Tuck first started by thanking the Mayor and Council for what you do to support the Marengo County Economic Development Agency. Ms. Tuck gave a brief updated on several projects she is currently working on and waiting on announcement of a business that is located here with investments with more employees in the very near future and along with that eight (8) new prospects currently either projects or prospect that we are working on for the area that involves the port.

Proposed Ordinance 2013-01: Building Official Clarence Brooker stated this Ordinance to pertain to amended Article 111, Section 302.4 table of uses. At this time we only allow dwelling in B-2 and B-3 zone on the second floor. The proposed Ordinance is to allow dwelling unit on the first floor if the space occupied by the dwelling unit is not over 40% of the square footage of the first floor, the space used as a dwelling is located to the rear of first floor commercial use, the dwelling space is at least 30 feet from the main façade of the building and has as entrance access to the rear of the building or off a side street to the rear of the commercial use. No new additions shall be made to existing buildings for the purpose of residential use nor shall new buildings be constructed for the purpose of residential use. Any renovations for the purpose of residential use shall meet the requirements of the latest Building Code adopted by the City of Demopolis. This shall be listed as a special exception only in the B-2 Central Business or the B-3 General Business District subject to the provisions of 302.1 of the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Brooker stated Mr. William Coplin has presented a drawing to what his intend was to be done at the corner Strawberry Street and Washington Street. The Planning Commission made recommendation for the change in Ordinance 2013-01. After some discussion Councilman Jones made the motion to modify ordinance 2013-01 that dwelling on the first floor should be a combination of first and second floor as one (1) unit. Councilman Meador seconded the motion. 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 Congress:
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Jim Felder-Alabama Scenic River Trail: rescheduled until February 7th Council meeting due to the weather.

Board Appointments-Hospital Building Authority (2): Mayor Grayson stated we have two (2) members term that has expired. Mayor Grayson stated Bobby Armstead and Scott Stapp are up for reappointments or nomination for Hospital Building Authority. Councilman Cole made nomination reappoint Scott Stapp. Councilman Meador made nomination to appointed Bobby Armstead. Councilman Meador made the motion to close the nominations. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Board Appointments-Library Board (4): Mayor Grayson stated we have four (4) members that their term has expired. We have Burnquetta Johnson, Betty McCants, Catherine Meador, and Quinn Henderson and which Quinn has requested not to serve another term. Councilman Nelson made the nominations to reappoint Burnquetta Johnson, Betty McCants, and Catherine Meador. Councilman Cole made nomination replace Quinn Henderson with Buck Webb. Councilman Meador made the motion to close the nomination and 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 Congress:
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Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole: yes

Board Appointment-Park & Recreation (1): Mayor Grayson received a letter of resignation from Rob Pearson who was appointed to the Park & Recreation Board. Mayor Grayson stated that he has spoken with Dr. Chu and that he is very interested in serving on this board. Councilman Nelson nominated Dr. Ronnie Chu. Councilman Meador nominated Art Evans. Councilman Cole nominated Jason Perryman. Councilman Jones nominated Dexter Jones. Councilman Meador made the motion to close the nomination. 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 Congress:
Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole: yes

Mayor Grayson requested to go into executive session for the purpose of good name in character.

At 6:11pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for general reputation and character, job performance, or compensation, with the following statement:

STATE OF ALABAMA)
CITY OF DEMOPOLIS)

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Demopolis, Alabama with a quorum being present, was conducting a regular Council Meeting on the 17th day of January 2013 the time, date, place and agenda of which were duly announced and notices of which were posted in accordance with the Alabama Open Meeting Law, Act 2005-40 (Act); and,

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

And Presiding Officer declared that a majority of the votes were 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 5 minutes.

Councilman Meador made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 6:20pm. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

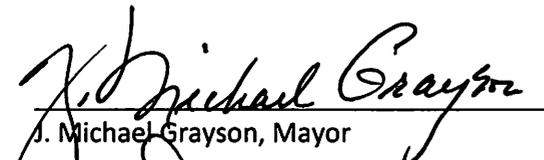
Mayor Grayson: yes	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Congress:
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Council Discussion

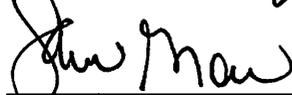
Councilman Jones-District 1: Councilman Jones stated when the tornado hit I received several calls concerning the warning sirens. Councilman Jones stated we need to install two (2) more sirens, one (1) on the west side and one (1) in Eastern Hills facing French Creek. Mayor Grayson asked Chief Fire Tate to get information on cost of two (2) warning sirens.

Councilman Cole-District 5: Councilman Cole stated that he has received feedback from his citizens in his district concerning the roads. Mayor Grayson stated as soon as we get done with Jackson Street project with the CDBG grant closed out. Then we will be able to apply again.

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 7, 2013

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday February 7, 2013 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

Department Heads:

- Police-Tommie Reese-submitted
 - 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-submitted
Library-Morgan Grimes

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson asked to amend the agenda to add Resolution 2013-03 under new business # 9. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the amended the agenda. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed 5 yes voted by the following roll call votes:

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of January 17, 2013 meeting. Councilman Meador made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed by 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson stated that the personnel committee and the three (3) voted department heads voted to work on the personnel manual will resume working on updated the personnel policy manual.

Mayor Grayson received a letter from Gordon Moore commended the Police and Fire department on his recent fire at his home.

Mayor Grayson stated that Mike Baker, and Ken Akins County Engineer met about the ATRIP grant. The County has applied for the RAMP grant that Mr. Akins would recommend including Jackson Street bridge.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole submitted resolution to demolition 1814 A Street and 801 2nd Avenue to be approved at the next council meeting.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Grayson requested to go into executive session for the purpose of good name in character.

At 5:24pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for general reputation and character, job performance, or compensation, with the following statement:

STATE OF ALABAMA)
CITY OF DEMOPOLIS)

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Demopolis, Alabama with a quorum being present, was conducting a regular Council Meeting on the 17th day of January 2013 the time, date, place and agenda of which were duly announced and notices of which were posted in accordance with the Alabama Open Meeting Law, Act 2005-40 (Act); and,

WHEREAS, during the course of said meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Jones for the Council to go into Executive Session for good name and character 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 Nelson	Yea	
4. Councilman Meador	Yea	
5. Councilman Cole	Yea	

And Presiding Officer declared that a majority of the votes were 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 35 minutes.

Councilman Nelson made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 5:48pm. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

New Business

Vacancy District 2: Mayor Grayson stated that the council would appoint someone for the vacant spot. Councilman Meador made the motion to appoint Nathan Hardy for the unexpired term of Mitchell Congress. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 abstains by the following roll call votes:

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

Jim Felder-Alabama Scenic River Trail Resolution 2013-01: Mr. Jim Felder presented Resolution 2013-01 to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Felder spoke the resource that Demopolis has with Tombigbee and Black Warrior. This resolution is help support the Alabama Scenic River Trail Association. After some discussion Councilman Cole made the motion to approve Resolution 2013-01. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Councilman Jones left the meeting at 5:55pm.

Hospital Building Authority nominates: Mayor Grayson stated we have two (2) board members Bobby Armstead and Scott Stapp that are eligible for reappointment and has previous been re-nominated. Councilman Meador made motion to reappoint Bobby Armstead and Scott Stapp. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed with 4 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Library Board nominates: Mayor Grayson stated we have three (3) board members Burnquetta Johnson, Betty McCants, and Catherine Meador eligible for reappointment and re-nominated. Quinn Henderson has asked not to be re-appointed. Mayor Grayson stated that Buck Webb was nominated for Ms. Henderson spot. Councilman Nelson made the motion to appoint all nominates. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed with 4 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Park & Recreation nominates: Mayor Grayson stated that Rob Pearson resigned due to conflict of interest. Mayor Grayson stated we have nomination for Dr. Ronnie Chu, Art Evans, Jason Perryman, and Dexter Jones. Councilman Nelson made the motion to appoint Dr. Chu. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion carried 3 yes votes and 1 abstains by the following roll call votes:

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

New Business

Librarian Morgan Grimes-Surplus of computers: Morgan Grimes asked the Council to declare surplus on 5 computers. Miss Grimes stated that the library received a grant for new ones. The Fire Department received 3 and Marengo County History and Archives Museum has expressed a need for several. Councilman Cole made the motion to declare them surplus. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed with 4 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Advanced Disposal increase: Mayor Grayson stated that Advanced Disposal has notified the City they will be increasing fees as of March 1, 2013. Councilman Meador stated with this increase and 112 that has fixed income with garbage exempt, the finance committee has recommend \$15 for residential and \$18 for commercial. Mayor Grayson stated the increase is .93 cents for residential and .63 cents for commercial. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve the increase on residential and commercial rates. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed with 4 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Tommie Reese- Resolution 2013-02: Police Chief Tommie Reese is asking if the Police department could charge for copies of pictures of accidents and so forth. Chief Reese asked that \$10 goes into a special account to benefit Police department in future upgrades of equipment and \$5 would go into the general fund. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Resolution 2013-02. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed with 4 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2013-03: Chief Tommie Reese presented the Mayor and Council with Resolution 2013-03. Chief Reese stated this resolution pertains to seized monies during arrest. Chief Reese is asking that account be set up at the bank account. Chief Reese stated at this time this money is lock in a vault at the Police Department and is liability to the City. The money will be deposit and then checks would be disburse when the court deems that it is not drug related. Chief Reese stated the league has advised that a resolution to be done. Councilman Cole made the motion to pass Resolution 2013-03. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed with 4 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Board/Committee Reports

Airport: No report

Beautification: Meet this week, but no report

Building: No report

Cemetery: opening on the Cemetery board.

Finance: Discussing things for the airport.

Historic Preservation: Meeting this coming week

Library: New computers and roof problems.

Park & Recreation: Retirement of Mark Pettus and starting interviewing for the position.

Personnel: Meet on personnel issue.

Planning Commission: No meeting

Public Safety: Meet on January 17th with several representatives to establish a relationship -Fire, Police, Air-Vac, Am Star, and 911. We were advised that the County is in the process of doing community shelters. More information later date.

Water Board: No report

Board of Adjustment: No report

Board of Education: They have hired a second Resource Officer.

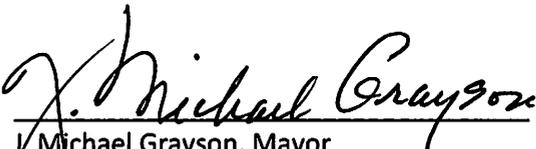
Chamber of Commerce: Annual Banquet the last Monday in February at Demopolis Civic Center.

Hospital: Did not meet this month. Last month they had some good financial numbers.

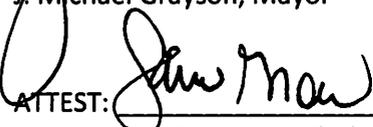
Council Discussion

Councilman Meador-District 4: Status on Jackson street paving. Mayor Grayson stated they are down to the punch list.

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 21, 2013

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday February 21, 2013 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: Cleveland Cole-District 5

Department Heads:

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

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of February 7, 2013 meeting. Councilman Meador made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed by 5 yes votes by the following votes:

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson stated that he wanted to advise the personnel committee and the elected department head that we need to start working on revising the personnel policy manual.

Mayor Grayson presented Mayoral proclamation concerning Read Across American for March 1, 2013.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole submitted resolution to demolition 801 2nd Avenue this process began June 2012. Mr. Poole presented a prementary resolution in August 2012. This property has been monitored periodical. Mr. Poole sent Grace Motley a copy of the January 7, 2013 minutes and Ms. Motley was present but it was postpone to the first meeting in February in which Ms. Motley was not present. Mr. Poole understood that she would be here tonight but is not present. Mr. Poole stated that Ms. Motley has stated that the structure has historic interest. Mr. Poole stated that there has been some cleaning in the yard but no significant structure improvement. Mr. Poole presented pictures of the property. Mr. Poole stated that there was arrested at this location for drug activity within the last month. This resolution is in two parts that allows us to demolition the house and the second part is to allow Mr. Brooker to solicit and accepts bids. Mr. Poole stated that if Ms. Motley comes up with a plan I will supply a copy to the Mayor and Council for reconsideration but I have spoken to her on several occasion. Mr. Poole stated the resolution covers 1814 A Street declaring it a nuisance. Mr. Poole stated a resolution 2011-14 was done on November 3, 2011. Mr. Poole stated Stanley Dixon is the family representative for the property. Mr. Poole supplied the Mayor and Council with pictures of the property also. Mr. Poole stated that there has been a great deal of work done in the yard but has began to grow up again. At this point nothing has been done to improve the structure. Mr. Poole stated that the front door is open and the windows are broke out. Mr. Poole stated that 1812 A Street was declared a nuisance but the property owner Milton Page has done the demolition. Councilman Jones stated that Ms. Motley has asked to be granted until April 7th. Councilman Jones stated that he would allow Mr. Brooker to accept bids so we would be in the position to go ahead if no progress has been done. Councilman Meador asked if the Council approves the resolution would the property owners be notified. Mr. Poole stated yes. Councilman Jones stated we are only allowing Mr. Brooker to receive bids. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2013-04. 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:

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Civic Center Rental: Mike Baker addressed the Mayor and Council with concerns of the Civic Center rental fee that has not been adjusted since 1999. Mr. Baker stated that the Civic Center was built in the 50's and has aged with the deterioration on the floors, air conditioning, and boilers. Mr. Baker stated that the cost of operating the building is offset from the rental of the building is 4 to 1. Mayor Grayson went over the fees for the rental of the building and the proposed fees from the finance committee. After some discussion the council agreed to table this matter until the next meeting.

Park & Recreation board appointment: Mayor Grayson stated that Joseph Bailey has resigned from the Park & Recreation Board. Mayor Grayson stated that we need to make nomination today and vote at the next council meeting per the policy. Councilman Nelson made nominated Arthur Evans.

Councilman Jones stated since he is the only nominee what would be the point. Councilman Nelson made the motion to suspend the policy. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion and the motion carried. Councilman Nelson made the motion to appoint Arthur Evans for the unexpired term of Joseph Bailey. 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 of Adjustment appointment: Mayor Grayson stated with the appointment of Nathan Hardy to the Council we have a spot for an alternate on the Board of Adjustment. Councilman Nelson requested this to be tabled until the next meeting.

Council Discussion

Councilman Jones-District 1: This matter was brought up January 17th council meeting concerning warning sirens. Councilman Jones stated that the cost would be around \$15,000. Councilman Jones stated somewhere down the road we need to find some money to install two (2) more, one (1) on East and one (1) on West.

Councilman Hardy-District 2: No report

Councilman Nelson-District 3: No report

Councilman Meador-District 4: Status update on the paving on Jackson Street. Councilman Jones stated that the punch list has been completed. Councilman Jones stated once the retainer fee is paid we should be able to apply again.

Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn.

J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

March 7, 2013

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday March 7, 2013 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

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

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

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

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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 21, 2013 meeting. Councilman Nelson made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed by 6 yes votes by the following votes:

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson announced tonight at 6:30 at Civic Center the Canebrake Players will host Death by Desert. I would like to encourage everyone to attend.

Mayor Grayson had received a letter from Belinda Blackburn from the Office of Continuing Education at Jacksonville State. The letter is to commending us for allowing Chief Tommie Reese to attend the Alabama Chief of Police in which he has completed his 240 hours certification and received a diploma on January 31st.

Mayor Grayson asked the Council to email the top 3 boards or commission that they would like to serve on.

Mayor Grayson stated that we have three (3) board members on Industrial Development Board that their term will expire March 31st they are Diana Brooker, Freddie Armstead, Jr., and Stephen Morgan. Mayor Grayson stated we also have one (1) that has resigned from the Industrial Development Board that is Travis Burnham with the term ending March 2015. Mayor Grayson stated that nomination will be done at our next council meeting.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

The Fire Department Haz-Mat team worked in conjunction with Selma Fire Department during the Jubilee in Selma Alabama.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated we are moving forward with demolition on Resolution that was passed February 21st meeting. Mr. Poole stated that the overgrown list will be reviewed again because spring is coming. Mr. Poole stated that he has received five (5) complaints from the Beautification committee that he is working and at this time four (4) have been resolved.

Unfinished Business

Civic Center Rental: Mayor Grayson stated this was discussed at our last council meeting with the proposed fees. Mayor Grayson stated the fees would be as follows:

\$600 for profit such as charging admission.

\$500 for social function with no admission charge

\$250 Non-profit organizations with food and this would include City departments

\$100 Non-profit organization without food and this include City departments

\$75 Set up fee

\$150 Clean up fee

Councilman Jones stated that the fees will be non-refundable and I have a problem with that. Mayor Grayson stated on any policies let do that on a secondary bases. Mayor Grayson stated first of all we need to adjust the rates. Councilman Meador stated that he totally agrees with increasing the rates. At this point we cannot make any repairs must less make any improvements. Councilman Meador agrees with Councilman Jones but it needs to be on case to case bases. Councilman Meador made the motion to change the rental fees as presented tonight as recommended by the finance committee. Councilman Nelson 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

Councilman Nelson made the motion for the effective date of April 1st. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed by 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

Board of Adjustment board appointment: Mayor Grayson stated we have a vacant alternate spot on the board of adjustment due to Nathan Hardy beginning elected to serve the unexpired term Councilman Congress in District 2. Mayor Grayson stated that the board has recommended Sylvia Malone. Councilman Cole nominated Scott Stapp. Mayor Grayson stated the nomination closed and this will be voted on at our March 21st meeting.

New Business

Rosenbush building bids: Mayor Grayson stated prior administration leased the Rosenbush building part of the lease was that the City would spend \$20,000 repair to the building. Mayor Grayson stated that we have not spent any on building and we are enforcing individuals to clean up their property we need to as well. Mayor Grayson stated that he has asked Mr. Brooker to send out bids. Mr. Brooker stated originally we sent out bids in October of last year and only received one (1) bid. Mr. Brooker stated the bid we received was higher than we expect so we took things off the bid and rebid. We received two (2) bids, Eaves Construction Co, Inc. in the amount of \$34,568 and Mike Moss Construction Co, Inc. in the amount \$25,340. Mr. Brooker stated the low bidder is Mike Moss Construction Co. Inc. Councilman Jones stated on the Mike Moss bid it states that lift rental \$2,500 if any or all items selected add \$2,500 for high work except item 4 and 5, this would add \$5,000 to the bid. Mr. Brooker understanding is that it would only be \$2,500 for the lift. After some discussion from the councilman, Councilman Jones made the motion to accept the lower bidder Mike Moss Construction Co. Inc. in the amount of \$27,840. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call vote:

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

Kirk Brooker-Special Event Liquor License: Morgan Nelson spoke on the behalf of the Marengo County Historical Society seeking approval letter for a special event liquor license for wine festival on Saturday April 13th 4pm-8pm at Coplin building located at 203 East Washington Street. Ms. Nelson stated that event is open to the public over 21 years of age. Councilman Meador made motion to approve the special event liquor license for April 13th. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed with 5 yes and 1 abstain by the following roll call vote:

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

Shirley James-Speed bump on Hill Top Circle: Shirley James came before the council with complaints in the projects area. Ms. James stated they need speed bumps and the road fixed. Ms. James stated that Police officers drive in their back yards and they are not supposed to be riding in the back yards or grass at all. Ms. James stated that Officer Reese came by her house yesterday and I told him the same thing. Mayor Grayson asked Ms. James if there were speed bump that now. Chief Reese stated there are 5 speed bumps already. Ms. James stated that she has a petition to get speed bumps like they have a Crossgates Apartments. Mayor Grayson stated Public Works Director Mike Baker stated that there is specification on the height of the speed bumps. Chief Reese stated that he and Mr. Baker would go and look at them to see if they have worn down some. Mayor Grayson told Ms. James that they would look into the issue and if they could increase the speed bumps we would certainly do it.

Fire Department Budget Adjustment: Fire Chief Tate requested that budget amendment to move money \$1,617 from equipment/tools account to technology account. After some discussion Councilman Cole made the motion to amend the budget. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion and motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Police Department Budget Adjustment-Resolution 2013-05: Chief Reese is requesting \$9,921.16 for police security to be put into his overtime budget. Chief Reese stated this money has been turned into City Hall. Councilman Meador made the motion approve Resolution 2013-05. 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

Demopolis Cemetery board appointment: Mayor Grayson stated there is spot due to the resignation of Linda Burnham. Mayor Grayson stated that he had spoken with Chairperson Kitty Eddins and they haven't come up with a recommendation. Mayor Grayson suggested that this be tabled until March 21st meeting. Everyone agreed.

Council Discussion

Councilman Jones-District 1: Would like to see progress on Fire Station #2.

Councilman Hardy-District 2: No report

Councilman Nelson-District-3: no report

Councilman Meador-District-4: no report

Councilman Cole-District-5: Councilman Cole addressed handicap accessible to public building.

Mayor Discussion

Mayor Grayson requested to go into executive session for the purpose of good name in character and financial matter.

At 6:07pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for general reputation and character, job performance, financial matter, or compensation, with the following statement:

STATE OF ALABAMA)
CITY OF DEMOPOLIS)

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Demopolis, Alabama with a quorum being present, was conducting a regular Council Meeting on the 7th day of March 2013 the time, date, place and

agenda of which were duly announced and notices of which were posted in accordance with the Alabama Open Meeting Law, Act 2005-40 (Act); and,

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

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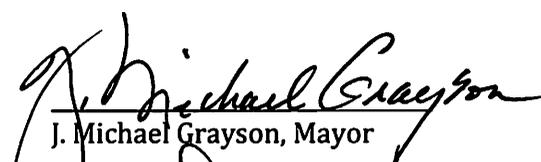
	Yeas	Nays
1. Mayor Mike Grayson	Yea	
2. Councilman Jones	Yea	
3. Councilman Hardy	Yea	
4. Councilman Nelson	Yea	
5. Councilman Meador	Yea	
6. Councilman Cole	Yea	

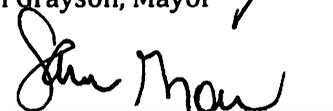
And Presiding Officer declared that a majority of the votes were in favor of the motion, that such motion had therefore passed and the Council would forthwith recess into Executive Session for the purpose as stated in said motion and no other purpose, in accordance with the Act and Council for approximately 30 minutes.

Councilman Meador made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 6:40pm. 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

Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn.


 J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: 
 Sam Gross, City Clerk

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Present:

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Bill Meador, Jr.-District 4
Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

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

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of March 7, 2013 meeting. Councilman Meador made correction on page 1 bottom paragraph should read as follows:

Mayor Grayson had received a letter from Belinda Blackburn from the Office of Continuing Education at ~~Jack~~ **Jacksonville** State.

Councilman Meador stated on page 3 under new business second paragraph should read as follows:

Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed with 5 yes and 1 ~~absent~~ **abstain** by the following roll call vote:

Mayor Grayson: ~~absent~~ **abstain** Councilman Jones: yes Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole: yes

Councilman Cole made correction on page 4 under council discussion should read as follows:

Councilman Cole-District-5: Councilman Cole addressed handicap accessible to public ~~building~~ **buildings**.

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

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

Announcements

Mayor Grayson handled out an updated the list of the boards/committees that the council serves on and or observer.

Congresswoman Terri Sewell will be at the Demopolis Civic Center on Wednesday March 27th at 10am for a town hall meeting. Mayor Grayson would encourage everyone to attend.

Personnel Policy committee will meet tomorrow March 22nd at 10 a.m.

Mayor Grayson requested a meeting with the personnel committee following the council meeting along with City Clerk.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated only one (1) bid received for 1814 A Street and 801 Second Avenue. Mr. Poole stated that he would get with Mr. Brooker to see if we are expecting anymore bids. Mr. Poole stated anyway He would present a Resolution to choose between the bids or just go with the one (1) we have.

Unfinished Business

Industrial Development Board Appointments: Mayor Grayson stated that he has spoken with the ones whose terms are up at the end of the month; Diane Brooker, Freddie Armstead, Jr., and Stephen Morgan. Each is willing to serve another term. Mayor Grayson stated that we need a nomination for the unexpired term of Travis Burnham. The IDB has requested Gary Pinault to serve. Councilman Meador made the motion to reappoint Diane Brooker, Freddie Armstead, Jr., and Stephen Morgan. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Grayson opened the floor for the unexpired term of Travis Burnham. Councilman Meador made the motion to nominate Gary Pinault. Councilman Cole made the motion to waive the nomination policies and vote tonight. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Grayson stated that Gary Pinault will serve the unexpired term of Travis Burnham that would expire on March 2015.

Board of Adjustment board appointment: Mayor Grayson stated we have nominations of Scott Stapp and Sylvia Malone from the last council meeting. Councilman Hardy asked if we could postpone until the next council meeting to vote and would like to add a nomination. After a brief the discussion the council agreed to allow another nomination. Councilman Hardy nominated Shawn Lomax.

Demopolis Cemetery Board Appointment: Mayor Grayson stated that he has had numerous discussions with Kitty Eddins and members of that board and they have not come up with a name but their only request is that we appoint a male. Nomination will be at the next meeting.

New Business

Ben Sherrod-Christmas on the River building: Mr. Ben Sherrod stated that he has been involved with Christmas on the River for many years. At that time we were building the floats in his front yard and since then the City has built the building that we use now and we have out grown it. Mr. Sherrod stated that he has a bid with the addition. Mr. Sherrod is asking the City to pay approximately \$60,000 for the addition. Mayor Grayson asked Mr. Sherrod to drop off the bids at City Hall.

Resolution 2013-06 Opposing HB 257 and SB217: Ms. Gross stated that Resolution 2013-06 is opposing business license tax on rental of residential real estate per unit. Ms. Gross stated at this time we are charging per property. The HB 257 and SB 217 is to amend and prohibit the imposition of a business license tax by municipality on the rental of residential real estate on a per basis unit unless the tax imposed before January 1, 2013. After some discussion the Mayor and Council will vote on this at the next Council meeting on April 4th.

Resolution 2013-07 Agreement for Specialized Training: Chief Reese presented the Mayor and Council with a proposed Resolution. Chief Reese stated that Demopolis has always has been a training ground for Police officers. Chief Reese stated some get specialized training from different agencies and leaves City of Demopolis will the bill and no officer to fill. Chief Reese stated he hopes that this is something that the Fire department could use on specialized training also. After some discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to adopt Resolution 2013-07 with the amended percentage as follows:

- c) If the Officer leaves one (1) year but within two (2) from the date of the completion of the specialized training program, the reimbursement shall be 50% 75%.

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

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

Committee/Board Reports

Airport: No report

Beautification: City wide clean-up will be last week in April.

Building Committee: No meeting. Still looking at something to do on Fire station # 2

Cemetery: No report.

Finance:

Historic Preservation: Waiting on the national historic register for the District expanded map. The dilapidated structure list should be forward to Historic Preservation so that we are sure it's not a historic structure.

Library: No report

Park & Recreation: Promoted Walker Reynolds to the Director.

Personnel: No report

Planning Commission: No report

Public Safety: Had a very good meeting with the various emergency personnel and will be on a regular basis. Discussing plans for a natural disaster to response more effectively.

Water & Sewer Board: Accepted bids on the new water tank and water lines to run to the tank. Also bids to paint the Highway 80 West and the Jefferson Road. We are trying to move toward with the logo on all water tanks. Board is considering the bond that they would like to pay off.

Board of Adjustment: No report

Board of Education: April 6th at 2pm the Superintendent Al Griffin will be hosting a public hearing to discuss some of things that are going on the state level.

Hospital Board: Two (2) new board members Dr. Judy Travis and Jim Grantham. They have elect new officers Anne Braxton is the new chair, vice chair Tom Perry, and secretary/treasurer Charles Singleton.

Chamber of Commerce: Annual chamber banquet has been held for this year. They are in the planning stages of the July 4th events. The chamber is working with the Lauderdale County tourist to host a song writer festival in July at the end of the 4th of July festival on 5th and 6th. Song writer will be at Marengo Café and Foscue House patio and on Saturday by the river.

Council Discussion

Councilman Jones-District 1: Signage north and south corridor.

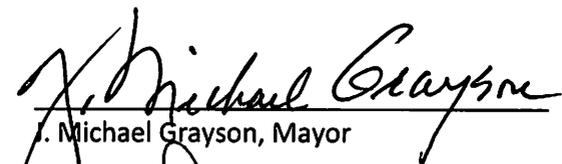
Councilman Hardy-District 2: No report

Councilman Nelson-District-3: No report

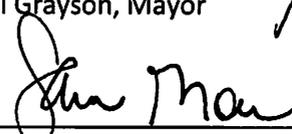
Councilman Meador-District-4: Paving

Councilman Cole-District-5: Stray dogs and enforce the leash law

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

April 4, 2013

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday April 4, 2013 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

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

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

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

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of March 21, 2013 meeting. Councilman Jones made correction on page 4 as follows:

Accepting bids on the ~~new water tank and water lines to run to the tank.~~ We are trying to move ~~toward~~ **forward** with the logo on all water tanks.

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

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

Announcements

Status on Sunset road paving project design phase is completed and has begun working on the construction phase. They are partially completed with the storm water permit for this project.

Mayor Grayson signed a contract with Mike Moss to begin repair work at the Rosenbush building.

Mayor Grayson received a letter from the Alabama State Parks regards to the closing Chickasaw Park due to decline in revenue.

Mayor Grayson requested to go into executive session dealing with financial matters after the conclusion of the department heads report.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

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

At 5:22pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for purpose financial matters, 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 4th day of April 2013 the time, date, place and agenda of which were duly announced and notices of which were posted in accordance with the Alabama Open Meeting Law, Act 2005-40 (Act); and,

WHEREAS, during the course of said meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Meador for the Council to go into Executive Session for 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 were 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 5:47pm. 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

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mayor Grayson stated that Mr. Poole will be unable to attend.

Unfinished Business

Board of Adjustment board appointments: Mayor Grayson stated there are three (3) nominates Sylvia Malone, Scott Stapp, and Shawn Lomax. Mayor Grayson stated around the table with their votes. The votes as follows:

Councilman Meador: Shawn Lomax
Councilman Jones: Shawn Lomax
Councilman Cole: Scott Stapp
Councilman Hardy: Shawn Lomax
Councilman Nelson: Shawn Lomax
Mayor Grayson: Sylvia Malone

Mayor Grayson stated that Shawn Lomax is appointed as alternate on the Board of Adjustment.

Demopolis Cemetery board appointment: Mayor Grayson stated the Cemetery board made recommendation for Mark Dollar. Councilman Cole made a nominated Marvin Johnson. Councilman Meador made the motion to close the nomination. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion and motion carried.

Resolution 2013-06 Opposing HB257 and SB217: Mayor Grayson stated that he is conflicted on how this would affect us. Councilman Jones stated in his research this is provided taxes breaks for developers in inner cities in the larger cities. Councilman Jones stated he doesn't think this bill will affect us. After some discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to table this matter. 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

New Business

Demopolis School board appointment: Mayor Grayson stated the board appointment up for re-appointment is Jim Stanford. Mayor Grayson stated the School Superintendent Al Griffin has recommend reappointment of Jim Stanford. Councilman Jones made the motion to reappoint Jim Stanford. 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 2013-08 Budget Adjustment: Police Chief Reese requested a budget adjustment to replenish is overtime that has been paid to the City for security at Sonic's. Councilman Nelson made the motion to pass Resolution 2013-08. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2013-09 Budget Adjustment: Public Works Director Mike Baker requested a budget adjustment this is scrap metal that has been sold. Councilman Hardy made the motion to pass Resolution 2013-09. 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 2013-10 Budget Adjustment: City Clerk Sam Gross stated this Resolution 2013-10 is for a totaled police vehicle that has been stored at the Public Works parking lot. Chief Reese gave authorization to Ms. Blevins to do so. After some discussion Councilman Meador made a motion to pass Resolution 2013-10. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by following roll call votes:

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

Council Discussion

Councilman Jones-District 1: Nothing at this time.

Councilman Hardy-District 2: Nothing at this time.

Councilman Nelson-District 3: Nothing at this time.

Councilman Meador-District 4: Nothing at this time.

Councilman Cole-District 5: Councilman Cole stated concerns about golf carts on the roads due to summertime coming. Chief Reese stated that this year the carts will be tow to the station and the parents will have to pay the towing bill to pick it up.

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

April 18, 2013

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday April 18, 2013 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

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

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

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

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson made the motion to amend the agenda to add under new business # 4 resolution on dilapidated housing and also # 5 hospital lease. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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 8, 2013 meeting. Mayor Grayson made a correction on page 3 under Resolution 2013-06 Opposing HB257 and SB217 as follows:

Mayor Grayson stated that he is ~~conflictive~~ **conflicted** on how this would affect us.

Councilman Meador made the motion to approve minutes as corrected. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call vote:

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

Announcements

National day of prayer will be Thursday May 2nd at Confederate Park.

Revenue results through the end of March are revenue should be 50% we are running ahead at 62%. The important thing is our expense on right on track at 53%.

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

At 5:20pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for purpose financial matters, 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 18th day of April 2013 the time, date, place and agenda of which were duly announced and notices of which were posted in accordance with the Alabama Open Meeting Law, Act 2005-40 (Act); and,

WHEREAS, during the course of said meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Cole for the Council to go into Executive Session for financial matter which motion was seconded by Councilman Nelson; 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 were 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 Jones made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 5:54pm. 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

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Dean Harris addressed the Mayor and Council concerning a fire at her apartment on Tuesday. Ms. Harris wanted to thank the Demopolis Fire and Rescue Department and Demopolis Police Department for the professional and courtesy she received. She said that there was a sense of compassion.

Mayor Grayson wanted to thank Mike Baker, Brooks McCants, and Barbara Blevins with the help at New Era.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated that he would defer to # 4 under new business.

Unfinished Business

Demopolis Cemetery board appointment: Mayor Grayson stated we have two (2) nominates for the Mark Dollar and Marvin Johnson. Mayor Grayson stated around the table with their votes. The votes as follows:

Councilman Cole: Marvin Johnson
Councilman Hardy: Marvin Johnson
Councilman Nelson: Marvin Johnson
Mayor Grayson: Mark Dollar
Councilman Meador: Marvin Johnson
Councilman Jones: Marvin Johnson

Mayor Grayson stated that Marvin Johnson is appointed to Demopolis Cemetery Board.

Resolution 2013-06 Opposing HB257 and SB217: Mayor Grayson stated that this was tabled from the April 4th meeting. Councilman Cole made the motion to table this again. The motion failed for a lack of second. Councilman Jones made to the motion to vote no on the resolution. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

New Business

Library roof bids: Mayor Grayson stated a bid was sent out for reroofing of the Demopolis Library. Librarian Morgan Grimes stated the roof is 25 years old. The roof is leaking in one section on the second floor. We have placed plastic and blocked off the section since February. The City sent out bids and received 3 back. After some discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to accept the bid from J & M Construction in the amount \$48,530.00. 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

Authorizing to apply for Cops Grant 2013: Chief Tommie Reese came before the Mayor and Council asking for authorization for him to apply for the COPS hiring grant. Chief Reese stated the grant is 75% of an officer salary with 25% match. They are concreting on hiring vets and school resource officers. Chief Reese stated that he had spoken to Superintendent Dr. Griffin about them paying the 25% match. Dr. Griffin said he would get back to me. Councilman Nelson asked how many years would this be for. Chief Reese stated three (3) years. Councilman Jones asked how many officers are you we trying to apply for. Chief Reese answered two (2). Councilman Meador asked if this would be for SRO officers. Chief Reese stated yes if the Demopolis School board could do the match. Councilman Cole made the motion to allow Chief Reese to apply for grant. 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

Premier Holding, LLC-State Trooper Property: Mayor Grayson stated the Premier Holding, LLC has made offer on the former State Trooper office property. Mayor Grayson stated we need to vote on the sale of the property. Councilman Cole made the motion to sale the 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

Mayor Grayson stated we need to vote on the economic incentive package to Premier Holding, LLC. Councilman Meador made the motion to offer the economic incentive. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2013-11 Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated a copy of Resolution for the demolition to dilapidated structures at 1814 A Street and 801 Second Avenue. Mr. Poole stated we have been working on this for several months. Mr. Poole stated that we have received bids from Eaves Construction and Laneville Rock and Backhoe. The bids as follows:

Eaves Construction submitted \$3,905 for each property with the total of \$7,810.
Laneville Rock and Backhoe submitted \$4,790 for 1814 A Street and \$3950 for 801 Second Avenue with total of \$8,740.

Councilman Hardy asked how the city could recoup the cost of this. Mr. Poole stated this cost would be added to the tax assessment. Mr. Poole stated at the time the property tax are due the cost of the demolition would be added and the fee of demolition would come back to the City. In case that the property tax are not paid the property would be sold at auction and City may get some or all of the money back. Councilman Jones asked if the City could put a lien on the property. Mr. Poole stated this is a tax lien. Councilman Cole made the motion to go with Eaves Construction bid. 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

Hospital Lease: Mayor Grayson stated that this lease with Tombigbee Health Healthcare has been negotiated by City Attorney Bill Poole and the Hospital Attorney Woody Dinning. Councilman Cole made

the motion to approve the lease. 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

Committee/Board reports:

Hospital Board: Hospital is taken over the chemo portion and oncology in house starting July 1st.
Hiring physician Jenna Phillips-physical therapy and rehab injuries.
Labor and Delivery is back on the burner for closing.

Water Board: Did not meet but things that are being done, working on the project at New Era and flushing fire hydrants have started.

Building Committee: No report

Finance Committee: No report

Personnel Committee: No report

Airport Committee: No report

Planning Commission: No report

Board of Adjustment: approved a variance of a zero line setback on a sign for Blackbelt Truck and Tractor.

Library: Dealing with issues on roofing and air conditioning. Circulations are up. The hours of operation have changed to Monday thru Friday 9am-5pm and closed on Saturday.

Historic Preservation: No report

School Board Observer: Discussing a 2nd School Resource Officer. The approval the school calendar for the school year 2013-2014. The School board is still working with Shelton State College with the portion of the New Era building.

Cemetery Board: No report

Chamber of Commerce: In the process of the Taste of Home cooking in May. Planning stage of the Freedom on the River for the 4th of July and adding the songwriter's festival on July 5th and July 6th.

Council Discussion

Councilman Jones-District 1: Nothing at this time

Councilman Hardy-District 2: Nothing at this time.

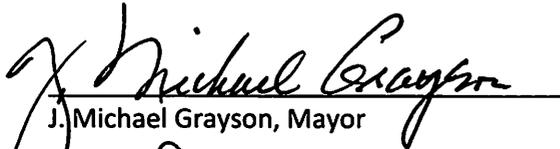
Councilman Nelson-District 3: paving of the streets.

Councilman Meador-District 4: Nothing at this time.

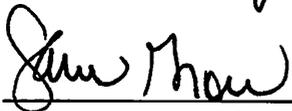
Councilman Cole-District 5: Revisit MAD Campaign and take pride in our community.

Mayor Grayson thanked everyone who attended the Town Hall meeting last night concerning downtown. We will be setting another meeting again in the near future.

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 2, 2013

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

Present:

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

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

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| • Police | 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-submitted |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

Mayor Mike Grayson called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with invocation by Pastor Mickey Green followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson would like to amend the agenda to include the COPS grant and discussion on Fire Station # 2 under new business items 7 and 8. Councilman Cole made the motion to amend the agenda. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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 18, 2013 meeting. Councilman Meador made to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call vote:

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

Announcements

Sunset Road paving project is 85% or 90% completed.

Status on the Jackson Street Domino Park parking is completed. Mayor Grayson thanked Public Works, Park & Recreation, Horticulturist, and Water Department for getting this project done.

Goodwyn Mills & Cawood have begun drawing up plans for Shelton State for New Era building. Councilman Jones stated that post-secondary should have funds available to help with the renovation.

Mike Moss should begin Rosenbush building exterior renovation next week.

Personnel manual policy meeting has not been set up at this time.

Beautification committee will be Monday May 6th at 4pm at City Hall conference room.

Shelton State and the local schools will meet Thursday May 9th at 10am.

Downtown meeting part two (2) will be Wednesday May 15th at 5:15pm at Rooster Hall. Mayor Grayson encouraged the Councilman and department heads to attend.

Finance committee meeting Thursday May 16th at 1:30pm.

Alabama League convention will be May 19th-21st in Montgomery.

Warrior Tombigbee Waterway Association meeting be May 23rd-24th with Mayor Grayson making a presentation about the Port of Demopolis.

Memorial Day holiday will be Monday May 27th.

On July 5th and 6th will be the first Highway 80 Songwriters festival.

Mayor Grayson and Councilman Meador attended the Southeast CID meeting in Montgomery. Councilman Meador stated the training was extensive with visioning, branding, networking, industry development, community grants, and technology. Mayor Grayson stated this three (3) year commitment.

Misc. status report from Mr. Poole. Mr. Poole followed up with dilapidated housing with writing a letter to environmental testing company on what exactly needs to be done.

Mr. Poole reported that the lease with City and Tombigbee Healthcare Authority has been signed.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Mayor Grayson introduced new police officer Dion Pritchett to the Council.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole reported in the announcement section on the minutes.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Tammy Jones-Public Assembly application: Ms. Jones asked for permission for closure of the roads for the walk-a-thon for Anna Coleman Yelverton. All proceeds will go for Anna Coleman Yelverton’s fund. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the public assembly application for May 18th. 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

Cecil Williamson-Public Assembly application: Mayor Grayson stated this public assembly application is for Relay for Life for May 10th. Mayor Grayson stated this is the previous route that has been used in the past. 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

Lakeisha Smith-Public Assembly application: Mayor Grayson stated this is a block party of the Buzzy Bees daycare. Councilman Jones stated that he has spoken with Ms. Smith and Chief Reese concerning this application. There are only two residences in this block. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the public assembly application for May 25th. 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 Education wanting to lease property from Park & Recreation: Mr. Poole stated that he had received a call from the Board of Education attorney Alex Braswell concerning renting a small field that is on the east side of the Middle School. Mr. Poole understands that both parties are in agreement with this but would like the Mayor and Council to have knowledge of this before they go forward. Walker Reynolds, Park & Recreation Director stated that he just wanted the understanding that the Board of Education would maintain the field in the lease. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the Park & Recreation board to enter in negotiation the lease with Board of Education. 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

Quotes for the air conditioning for the Library: Morgan Grimes-Allen presented two (2) quotes to Mayor and Council for one (1) of air conditioning unit at the Library. One of the quotes is to replace the blower and the other one it to replace the unit. Morgan stated that this unit is 24 years old and that Anderson’s has advised to replace it. Councilman Jones asked if she had this in her budget. Morgan stated no. Councilman Hardy stated on one of the quotes it stated a \$1,000 for a rental of a boom truck is a little high. After some discussion the Council was in agreement that we need other quotes. Mayor Grayson asked that this be tabled until May 16th meeting to get more quotes.

ABC license transfer at 605 North Walnut Avenue: City Clerk Sam Gross explained to the Mayor and Council this ABC license transfer from Elks Food Mart LLC to Demopolis Shell LLC at 605 North Walnut Avenue. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the transfer. 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

COPS Grant: Mayor Grayson stated that Chief Reese briefly explained to me is he would like authorization to apply for the COPS grant. In the past this has been used to hire officers but this is for police equipment. Councilman Jones made the motion to allow Chief Reese to apply for the grant with the stipulation that there is no match. 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

Fire Station #2: Mayor Grayson stated at this time we have four (4) options for the Fire Station # 2. The last estimate was from Ellis Architect was \$750,000 construction to renovate the existing location that does not include any environmental testing. We are in process with TTL to test for asbestos and lead paint at this time. The second option is to move across Cedar Street behind the Municipal Complex and redesign building that would be include housing for two (2) fireman and two (2) bay doors in the range of \$400,000 to \$500,000. The third option is to abandon the existing building and or demolish the building and convert it to a green space or sell like it is. The fourth option is not to do anything and that is not option. Mayor Grayson stated that he is open for suggestion. Councilman Jones stated that the current building is not salvageable in his professional opinion. Councilman Jones stated that if we make it a green space the City would still have to worry about the environmental aspect. Councilman Jones stated that he was not in the agreement with the two (2) bays. There is a potential that in the near future that a boat would be housed there and the ladder truck needs to be at this location due to the higher building downtown. Councilman Jones in vision more than two (2) bays. Councilman Jones stated that he would like all chief's to be downtown. Councilman Jones would like a public safety sector to be downtown. Councilman Meador stated in his opinion not sure if we need three (3) stations. Councilman Meador stated this building is historic building and if we could save it a minimum cost. Councilman Meador stated if we are not going to save the building we need to sell it. After some discussion the Mayor and Council move to a different matter.

Committee/Board reports: Reported on 2nd meeting of the month

Chief Reese arrived at 6:10pm.

Councilman Jones asked Chief Reese do we need to take action on the request by email concerning PSN grant. Chief Reese stated it is a Project Safe Neighborhood grant that the department was reward last year in the amount of \$5,000. Chief Reese stated this grant application for this year is due May 1st. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve Chief Reese to apply for the grant with no match. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Council Discussion

Councilman Jones-District 1: Nothing at this time

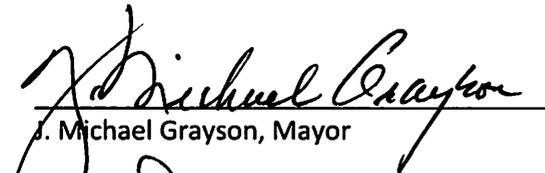
Councilman Hardy-District 2: concerns from residences at Sunset Road concerning water standing in the ditches.

Councilman Nelson-District 3: Library is having the Star Wars show "May the Force be With You" Saturday at 6:30 at Theo Ratliff Center. .

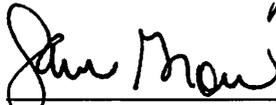
Councilman Meador-District 4: Nothing at this time.

Councilman Cole-District 5: Nothing at this time.

Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn.



J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

May 16, 2013

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday May 16, 2013 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

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

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

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

Mayor Mike Grayson called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with invocation by Pastor Frank Stiff 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 carried.

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 2, 2013 meeting. Councilman Meador made to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call vote:

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

Announcements

Thanked Council, department heads, and the concerned citizens for attending the downtown revitalization meeting.

Taste of Home May 21st at the Demopolis Civic Center.

Small Business Seminar at the Demopolis Chamber of Commerce on May 22nd.

Freedom on the River July 4th
Highway 80 Songwriter festival July 6th

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Police Chief Tommie Reese introduced two (2) new officers Paul Johnson Code Enforcement Officer and Chase Courtney.

Police Chief Reese stated on the PSN grant was approved for \$10,000 that would be used to purchase cameras in the patrol cars.

Mayor Grayson asked to go into executive session for the purpose of good name in character and financial matter for the City.

At 5:21pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for general reputation and character, job performance, or compensation, with the following statement:

STATE OF ALABAMA)
CITY OF DEMOPOLIS)

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Demopolis, Alabama with a quorum being present, was conducting a regular Council Meeting on the 6th day of May 2013 the time, date, place and agenda of which were duly announced and notices of which were posted in accordance with the Alabama Open Meeting Law, Act 2005-40 (Act); and,

WHEREAS, during the course of said meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Meador for the Council to go into Executive Session for good name and character 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 15 minutes.

Councilman Cole made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 5:53pm. 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 Congress: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole reported that he is still learning about the regulation and registered with the State concerning asbestos and lead paint.

Unfinished Business

Air conditioning at Library: Mayor Grayson asked that this be tabled until the first meeting in June.

New Business

Public Assembly application-Stephanie Oates: Police Chief Reese stated this request is to block off B Street and Lee Street for the New Quarter reunion on July 13th. After some discussion Councilman Jones made the motion to approve the public assembly application with police security provide. 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 2013-11 Budget Adjustment: Police Chief Reese stated this Resolution is for overtime for security that has been paid back to the City. Councilman Hardy made the motion to approve the Resolution 2013-11. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2013-12 Budget Adjustment: Police Chief Reese stated this Resolution 2013-12 is for School Resource Officer salary that Demopolis School Board has reimbursed the city. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Resolution 2013-12. 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

Committee/Board reports: Reported on 2nd meeting of the month

Airport- Councilman Cole stated no report at this time.

Beautification- Councilman Hardy stated there are several work orders out pertaining to potholes and several ditches they are working on.

Building- Mayor Grayson stated that Councilman Jones and Councilman Nelson will meet on Wednesday May 22nd 10am.

Cemetery- Councilman Hardy stated will meet on May 21st.

Finance- Mayor Grayson stated they meet today and the information was given in the executive session.

Historic Preservation- Councilman Nelson stated no report as this time.

Library- Councilman Cole stated no report at this time other than the air conditioning.

Park & Recreation- Councilman Nelson stated the damage from the Christmas tornado is completed.

Personnel- Councilman Meador stated no report at this time.

Planning- Councilman Cole stated no report at this time.

Public Safety- Councilman Hardy stated we will meet on May 31st.

Water- Councilman Jones stated they have begun bill payments on line.

Board of Adjustment- Councilman Cole stated no report at this time.

Board of Education- Councilman Nelson stated the Board of Education is continuing to work with area Higher Ed further along our Higher Ed Center. Mayor Grayson stated there was a meeting this past week with Shelton State, the Superintendents from Demopolis, Linden and Marengo County and also Marengo Academy regarding technical training.

Hospital- Councilman Meador stated no report at this time but they voted to keep Labor and Delivery open.

Chamber- Mayor Grayson stated they meet this past Monday and preparation already in place for Christmas on the River and looking for volunteers. Mayor Grayson stated they are also working on the Taste of Home and the Songwriter Festival.

Council Discussion

Councilman Jones-District 1: Road improvements even if we have to drip into our reserves. We need to give back to the Citizens of Demopolis. Grass cutting issues the fire plugs on the fire hydrants.

Councilman Hardy-District 2: Sunset Road is 85% to 90% complete.

Councilman Nelson-District 3: Nothing at this time.

Councilman Meador-District 4: Nothing at this time.

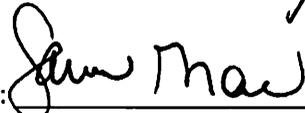
Councilman Cole-District 5: Overgrown lots.

Councilman Meador made the motion to adjourn at 6:08pm.

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J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Sam Gross in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

June 6, 2013

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday June 6, 2013 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

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

Department Heads:

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

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Grayson requested that the agenda to be amended to included air conditioning under unfinished business. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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 16, 2013 meeting. Councilman Jones made to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call vote:

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

Announcements

Finance committee will begin the budget process next month. The proposed schedules will be sent out.

May 30th Senator Jeff Session was in town and visited the Port and was greatly impressed.

Highway 80 Songwriter Festival is coming together.

Sunset Road is progressing but few things that still need to be addressed.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: No report at this time due to Mr. Poole being on vacation.

Unfinished Business

Air conditioning at Library: City Clerk Sam Gross informed the Mayor and Council that the air conditioning has been repaired and the Friends of Library reimburse the City for half of the invoice.

New Business

Jenn Tate-Request to host Freedom on the River event: Ms. Tate stated the Chamber of Commerce is hosting Freedom on the River on July 4th and requesting permission to use the city landing area along with blocking off several streets for Children’s Patriotic parade. The fireworks display will be that night at the City landing. Ms. Tate also requested permission to host 2013 Songwriter Festival on July 6th from 6pm until 10pm. The areas requested to use is the downtown park and the parking lot behind the Mustard Seed. There will be several street blocked for the festival. Councilman Nelson made a motion to give permission for Demopolis Chamber of Commerce to host those events. 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

Tarlee Brown-Request to rename Kaufman Alley and Elmore Drive: Mr. Brown presented the Mayor and the Council with plat map of these streets. Mr. Brown stated that this was his father dream to make the community better. Mr. Brown stated that his intent is to build affordable housing on Kaufman and Elmore. Mr. Brown requested the Kaufman Alley be change to Abe Brown Court and Elmore Drive to be changed South Ash Street. Mr. Brown stated that the Ash Street comes up to Jackson Street and dead end at our front door and picks back up behind our house on Pettus Street. After some discussion Councilman Meador made the motion to change Kaufman Alley to Abe Brown Court. 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

Mayor Grayson suggested that Mr. Brown to speak with the resident that opposes on Elmore Drive and the Mayor and Council will consider this at a later date.

Mayor Grayson and Councilman Meador-Request to rename South Industrial Street: Councilman Meador stated that Buddy Griffith-Griffith Packing had been in Demopolis for a long time and has employed dozens if not hundreds of people. Councilman Meador stated we have a road in the South Industrial Park that is named South Industrial Road. Councilman Meador stated we need to think of name the road in honor of Mr. Griffith. Councilman Meador stated that he has not finished all his

research on this but he would like the Mayor and Council to think about this. Councilman Jones stated that we need to get input from the industrial that is located out there. Mayor Grayson requested this to be put on unfinished business for June 20th Council meeting.

Resolution 2013-13 Alabama Department of Transportation: City Clerk Sam Gross stated the Alabama Department of Transportation is requesting to change the truck route three (3) blocks of Cedar Avenue and one (1) Fulton Street. In order for this to happen the City would have to pass this Resolution. Mayor Grayson stated that Cedar and Fulton was not constructed for heavy traffic. The state is to improve and maintain the truck route. Councilman Jones voiced his concerns about placing a truck route in a residential area (Martin Luther complex). Councilman Cole made the motion to approve the Resolution 2013-13. 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 approval for lease equipment for Park & Recreation department: Park and Recreation Director Walker Reynolds stated that bids were sent for 3 year lease for Ravine equipment. Councilman Meador asked after the lease does the City purchases the equipment. Mr. Reynolds stated no at that point the equipment is not worth purchasing. Councilman Cole made the motion to accept the bid for Jerry Pate Turf and Irrigation. 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

Re-scheduling July 4th Council meeting: Mayor Grayson stated we need to reschedule July 4th council meeting. Councilman Cole made the motion to reschedule for Monday July 1st 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

Committee/Board reports: Reported on 2nd meeting of the month

Council Discussion

Councilman Jones-District 1: Painting of fire hydrants.

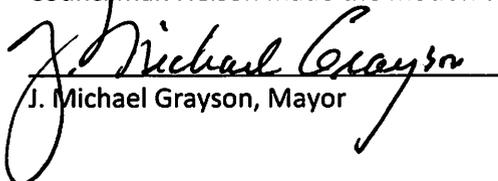
Councilman Hardy-District 2: Nothing at this time.

Councilman Nelson-District 3: Nothing at this time.

Councilman Meador-District 4: Nothing at this time.

Councilman Cole-District 5: Overgrown lots and paving.

Councilman Nelson made the motion to adjourn.


J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: Sam Gross
Sam Gross, City Clerk

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

Regular Meeting

June 20, 2013

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday June 20, 2013 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

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

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Absent: Cleveland Cole-District 5

Department Heads:

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

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of June 6, 2013 meeting. Councilman Nelson made to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call vote:

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

Announcements

No announcements.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Public Works Director Mike Baker asked that the citizens be patient with us with the debris pick up from the storm on Monday.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated several months ago the Mayor and Council passed Resolution to demolish structure at 801 2nd Avenue and 1814 A Street since then a determination has been that 1814 A Street has asbestos in the wall board. In the prior Resolution the Mayor and Council agreed to pay the bid amount but that did not include the asbestos removal. Mr. Poole stated an environmental contractor would have to remove the asbestos wall board and his bid is approximately \$3,300. So, at this time the bid has doubled for 1814 A Street. Mr. Poole stated a new Resolution would be ready at the next council meeting with this added to it. Mr. Poole stated according to the overgrown lots the Code Enforcement Officer Paul Johnson has written several letters. Mr. Poole stated that Code Enforcement Officer will begin fining individuals with a \$50 fine at the Municipal Court for overgrown properties.

Unfinished Business

Industrial Development Board Chair Diane Brooker-renaming of a street: IDB Chair Diane Brooker addressed the Council with the requested to rename the South Industrial Park Drive. Ms. Brooker stated several weeks ago the IDB was approached with interest to renaming of South Industrial Park Drive to Buddy Griffith South Industrial Park Drive. After some discussion the IDB agreed that this would be a great idea and recommend that we name the road in front of Prystup to be name Buddy Griffith North Industrial Park Drive. Ms. Brooker stated on the request to the council was to repair the road at this location. Ms. Brooker stated that if the Council agreed to rename the road the IDB would not like to honor Mr. Griffith with road condition as it is now. Ms. Brooker distributed pictures of the road. Ms. Brooker stated as you turn into the South Industrial Park the convert has a hole. Ms. Brooker stated that she has a price estimate from H & M Construction to replace the three (3) section of convert and widen the turn on the North side. The estimate is \$15,121 but would like to add addition curb and gutter to where Jerry Gaddy just installed and this would be for each 25' it would \$2,530. Mayor Grayson asked Ms. Brooker what would be the bottom line figure. Ms. Brooker said approximately \$25,000. Ms. Brooker stated that she was going to approach the County for financial support. Councilman Meador made the motion to rename South Industrial Park Drive to Buddy Griffith Drive North and Buddy Griffith Drive South. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion and the motion carried 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:

Mayor Grayson asked that the road repair be deferred to executive session under financial matter.

New Business

Resolution 213-14 Sales Tax Holiday: City Clerk Sam Gross stated this Resolution is for sales tax holiday begin this first full weekend starting Friday August 2nd 12:01a.m until Sunday August 4th at 12:00a.m. Midnight. Ms. Gross stated must of the item pertains to back to school. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2013-14 Sales Tax Holiday. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Grayson: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes

Councilman Jones: yes
Councilman Meador: yes

Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Cole:

Committee/Board reports: Reported on 2nd meeting of the month

Water & Sewer Board-Councilman Jones stated the Cedar Cove water line is about 75% complete. The contractor has about 30 days to get the line tied into the water tower.

Hospital Board-Councilman Meador stated begins some IT work.

Chamber of Commerce-Mayor Grayson stated working on Freedom on the River and the Songwriter Festival.

School Board-Councilman Nelson stated they have passed a 2% raise across the board and moved principal around.

Cemetery Board-Councilman Hardy stated no reports.

Council Discussion

Councilman Jones-District 1: Nothing at this time.

Councilman Hardy-District 2: Overgrown lots.

Councilman Nelson-District 3: Concerned about the Fendley house on Pettus Street.

Councilman Meador-District 4: This is not in my district but what about Newton Tire. Chief Reese stated the building has been released. Chief Reese stated a letter will be sent out the Tom Perry's office inform them the building has been released.

Councilman Cole-District 5: Complaints about the city landing lighting. Mike Baker stated there are two (2) lights that were turned off because of the river walk lights.

Mayor Grayson asked to go into executive session for the purpose of good name in character and financial matter for the City.

At 5:46pm the Mayor and Council moved into Executive Session, for general reputation and character, job performance, or compensation, with the following statement:

STATE OF ALABAMA)
CITY OF DEMOPOLIS)

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Demopolis, Alabama with a quorum being present, was conducting a regular Council Meeting on the 20th day of June 2013 the time, date, place and agenda of which were duly announced and notices of which were posted in accordance with the Alabama Open Meeting Law, Act 2005-40 (Act); and,

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

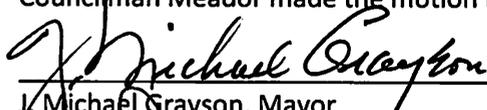
	Yeas	Nays
1. Mayor Mike Grayson	Yea	
2. Councilman Jones	Yea	
3. Councilman Hardy	Yea	
4. Councilman Nelson	Yea	
5. Councilman Meador	Yea	
6. Councilman Cole		

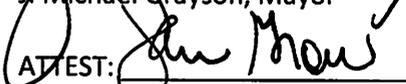
And Presiding Officer declared that a majority of the votes in favor of the motion, that such motion had therefore passed and the Council would forthwith recess into Executive Session for the purpose as stated in said motion and no other purpose, in accordance with the Act and Council for approximately 32 minutes.

Councilman Meador made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 6:14pm. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

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

Called Council Meeting

June 25, 2013

The called Council meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 4:00pm on Tuesday June 25, 2013 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

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

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Absent: Cleveland Cole-District 5

Department Heads:

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

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

New Business

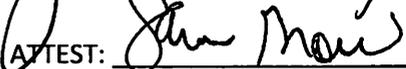
Employee pay raises: Mayor Grayson started off with asking the Council if they were in favor of giving raises. All Councilmen presented agreed to the employee raises. Councilman Meador stated that the finance committee would like to recommend raises starting in July this year. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the recommendation from finance committee to begin employee raises in July 2013. 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 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

July 1, 2013

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Monday July 1, 2013 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

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

Department Heads:

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

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes 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 20th and June 25th. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve June 20th and 25th minutes. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

Thursday July 4th Freedom on the River

Saturday July 6th Songwriter Festival

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: No report due to Mr. Poole absence.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Aliquippa Allen-Proposed Resolution to change truck route to Cedar and Fulton: Ms. Allen approached the Mayor and Council with a petition with approximately 350 signature opposing Resolution 2013-13 to reroute the truck route from the current zoning which is general business district to a residential district. Ms. Allen stated in the minutes and the local newspaper stated that Alabama Department of Transportation requested the reroute of truck route. Ms. Allen informed Mayor and Council that there are children that play in the streets, people travel on motorized scooters, and sidewalks only on one side of the road. Ms. Allen stated that the residence should know who initiated the request, was there a traffic count done by the City or the State that would validate the need to reroute the trucks. Ms. Allen stated in the current City Zoning Ordinance, which governs land use in this city. Ms. Allen also asked the following questions that pertain to the zoning. Has a proposal been submitted to the Board of Adjustment to rezone or conditionally rezone Cedar Avenue and Fulton Street? If so, was a public hearing held and was notifications sent via postal service to the residents affected, 15 days prior to the public hearing. If it was done has the Board of Adjustment submitted to the city council an approved request to rezone the area of Cedar Avenue and Fulton Street? Ms. Allen asked the Mayor and Council to withdraw this Resolution. Mayor Grayson stated the truck route was at this location for approximately 30 years until 2008 or 2009 and moving it to the current truck route due to road damage at Cedar and Fulton. Mayor Grayson stated at time of rerouting the truck route there were no public hearing concerning that. Councilman Meador thanked Ms. Allen for attending and bringing her concerns. Al Garrett, Robertson Bank addressed the Mayor and Council when the truck route was change to the current route Robertson Bank protested due to the safety issues and needless to say we are glad to see that it was a possible to change it back. Mr. Garrett stated there are 44 employee works downtown so that means it could be up to 176 times per day crossing the street. Mr. Garrett stated the back parking lot and the front of bank is used for customers. Mr. Garrett stated the north side is the drive thru window that opens up to the truck route and onto Walnut Avenue. Mr. Garrett stated last the month at the drive thru and ATM machine there were 2,840 transactions. After some discussion from Mayor and Council, Councilman Jones made the motion to rescind the Resolution 2013-13. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion and the motion failed with 2 yes votes and 4 no votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Council Discussion

Councilman Jones-District 1: Address what needs to be done with truck route.

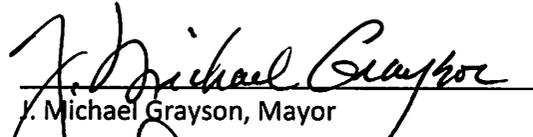
Councilman Hardy-District 2: Nothing at this time.

Councilman Nelson-District 3: Nothing at this time.

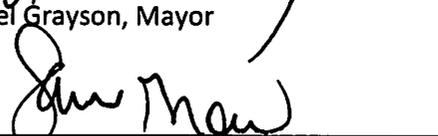
Councilman Meador-District 4: Nothing at this time.

Councilman Cole-District 5: Nothing at this time.

Councilman Nelson made the motion to adjourn.



J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Sam Gross, City Clerk

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MINUTES OF THE DEMOPOLIS COUNCIL
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Regular Meeting

July 18, 2013

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday July 18, 2013 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

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

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

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

Mayor Mike Grayson called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with invocation by Pastor Hank Atchison followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes 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 1, 2013. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve July 1st minutes. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Announcements

Brenda Tuck- Marengo County Economic Development Authority first presented copies to the Mayor and Council with objectives 2012-2013. Ms. Tuck thanked the Mayor and Council for their continuing support to the MCEDA. Ms. Tuck gave a brief updates on several projects she is currently working on.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole stated in April the Council approved a Resolution to accepting bids from Eaves Construction on the demolition on 1814 A Street and 801 Second Avenue. Since that time we had an issue with asbestos, both properties have been checked and 1814 A Street does have asbestos in the wall board. Ms. Poole stated that Mr. Brooker submitted bids and the only one received was for H & M. This bid is for \$3,450 to remove the asbestos wall board. Ms. Poole stated that he has prepared a resolution to supersede the April 18th resolution 2013-11. Mayor Grayson asked would the city recoup this expense. Mr. Poole stated this would be added to the property tax as a lien. After some discussion from the Council, Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2013-19 with Eaves Construction to demolition on 1814 A Street and 801 Second Avenue and H & M Construction removal of asbestos. Councilman Cole seconded 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 instruct Mr. Poole to place a lien or the proper language for the recoup of the total cost on 1814 A Street and 801 Second Avenue. 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

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Resolution 2013-15 Budget Adjustment: City Clerk Sam Gross stated this is a reimbursement for expenses that accrued from a chainsaw safety class that was held by Auburn University. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve resolution 2013-15. 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

Resolution 2013-16 Budget Adjustment: Mayor Grayson stated this budget adjustment is for the Horticulturist department. Attached to the resolution is a check from Rowley Recycling for scrap metal. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve resolution 2013-16. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

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

Resolution 2013-17 Budget Adjustment: Mayor Grayson stated this budget adjustment is for the Horticulturist department. Attached to the resolution is a check from Collins Communication for support for America in Bloom. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve resolution 2013-17. 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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Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole: yes
Resolution 2013-18 Budget Adjustment: Mayor Grayson state this budget adjustment is for the Horticulturist department. Attached to the resolution is a check from Bill Mackey & Associated for support for America in Bloom. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve resolution 2013-18. 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 Notice of Transfer: City Clerk Sam Gross stated the transfer would be the same owner just changing name from BMW-Demopolis LLC to Rods C Store Inc. located at 1301 Highway 80 West. Chief Reese has no objection to this transfer. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the ABC transfer. 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

Dan England- Animal Control Policy: Dan England stated few nights ago that he was basically attack by a dog. Mr. England stated he has some concerns about the leash law. Mr. England stated the owner of the dogs knows when the Animal Control office is closed. On weekends there are dogs out that are never out. Mr. England stated that Broughton Rogers was attacked by a pit bull about two (2) weeks ago. Mr. England explained several occasion that this had happen to him or his family. After some discussion Chief Reese stated that Paul Johnson Animal Control has visited with the dog owner and that stated that the dog stay in the carport. Chief Reese stated that the dog did growl at Mr. Johnson but did not leave the carport. Chief Reese stated that he was working on changing the dog catcher's hours to help the situation. Chief Reese asked the media to let people know if your dog is out it would be picked up. Mayor Grayson stated the City does have a leash law that will be enforced.

Resolution 2013-20 Lease agreement with Tombigbee Healthcare Authority: Mr. Poole stated this resolution is from the Tombigbee Healthcare Authority is the City adopted. Mr. Poole stated this hospital is purchasing equipment and refinancing something and the reason for the resolution is the City owners a portion of the land under the hospital. In the years the City has maintained its presents to be consulted due to owning that portion. Mr. Poole stated the Tombigbee Healthcare Authority is asking for the lease to be renewed in this resolution. Councilman Meador stated one of the items that we were discussing with them was the term to end coincides with the ending of the bond. After reading the resolution the lease terms end April 1, 2043. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve resolution 2013-20. 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

Committee/Board Reports: 2nd meeting of the month

Airport: Councilman Cole reported that bids will be sent out for clearing around the runway.

Beautification: Councilman Hardy- no report.

Building Committee: Mayor Grayson stated meets as need.

Cemetery: Councilman Hardy- no report.

Finance Committee: Mayor Grayson currently working on the budget for 2013-2014.

Historic Preservation: Councilman Nelson- no report.

Library: Councilman Cole- no report.

Park & Recreation: Councilman Nelson- no report.

Personnel: Mayor Grayson- no report

Planning Commission: Councilman Cole- no report.

Public Safety: Councilman Meador- met Tuesday for the bimonthly meeting. The Fire Department and Air-Evac has done some training together.

Water Board: Councilman Jones- continuing to tie in the lines to the new tank and taking bids on painted the remaining 3 tanks.

Board of Adjustment: Councilman Cole- no report

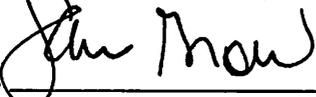
Board of Education: Councilman Nelson- no report

Hospital: Councilman Meador- no report

Chamber of Commerce: Mayor Grayson- just completed Freedom on the River and Hwy 80 Songwriter's Festival. They are in full swing with Christmas on the River.

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 1, 2013

The regular meeting of the Demopolis City Council convened at 5:15pm on Thursday August 1, 2013 at Demopolis Rooster Hall.

Present:

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

Department Heads:

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

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

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes 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 18, 2013. Mayor Grayson made the following recommendation as follows on page 3:

Resolution 2013-18 Budget Adjustment: Mayor Grayson ~~state~~ stated this budget adjustment is for the Horticulturist department.

Dan England- Animal Control Policy: Dan England stated few nights ago that he was basically ~~attack~~ attacked by a dog.

Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the minutes with the correction for July 18th. 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

Personnel committee needs to schedule a meeting to continue on the revising the personnel manual.

Jonathan Sommers with Demopolis Police Department graduated from the police academy who received 3 out of 5 rewards.

Reports from Department

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects

Dilapidated Housing: No report.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Board Appointment-Board of Adjustment: Mayor Grayson stated the City had received sad news on Reverend Robert Shepherd passed away. Mayor Grayson stated Mr. Shepherd was a board member on the Board of Adjustment. In situation like this the senior alternate Blair Parr would move up to this position. Mayor Grayson stated at our next meeting we need to have recommendation for nominates for the alternate position.

Proclamation-National Night Out: Police Chief Reese presented the Mayor and Council for National Night Out for August 6th at the Demopolis Middle School stadium from 5pm – 9pm. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the proclamation. 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

Committee/Board Reports: 2nd meeting of the month

Council Discussion

District 1- Councilman Jones: Councilman Jones requested next council meeting have two (2) from each district.

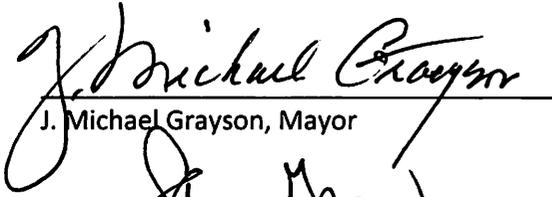
District 2- Councilman Hardy: no report

District 3-Councilman Nelson: no report

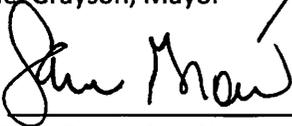
District 4- Councilman Meador: no report

District 5-Councilman Cole: no report

Councilman Nelson made the motion to adjourn.



J. Michael Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Sam Gross, City Clerk

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