

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OZARK, ALABAMA
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Ozark, Alabama, met in Regular Session in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Complex at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. Upon roll call the following members were present:

Present: Billy Blackwell, Mayor
 Frank Garrett, Councilmember, Place No. 1
 Mike Barefield, Councilmember, Place No. 2
 Winston T. Jackson, Councilmember, Place No. 3
 Andy Gilland, Councilmember, Place No. 4
 Anthony Hill, Councilmember, Place No. 5

Absent: None

Melissa Robinson, who acted as clerk of the meeting, Marlos Walker, Steve Price, Steve Sherrill, Jonathan Cordell, Larry Minton, Deborah Bruggink, Denise Strickland, Frankey Peterman, Jud Steed, Stephanie Blankenship, Denise Ellis and Joe Adams.

President Gilland asked Councilmember Garret to give the prayer followed by Mayor Blackwell leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Council having read the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on April 21, 2015, President Gilland asked the wishes of the Council. Councilmember Jackson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 21, 2015, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

President Gilland advised the Council it was time to set the Agenda if there were any changes to be made. Councilmember Garrett made a motion to add the items: Street Paving Project and Executive Session to discuss good name and character to the agenda, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Barefield. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Jackson introduced a resolution honoring all living veterans and family of veterans incapacitated or who made the ultimate sacrifice at the Opening Ceremonies of the 2015 Alabama State Games XXXIII on June 12, 2015 at the Peanut Festival Fairgrounds and moved for its adoption, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Jonathan Cordell, Building Official, presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to rezone property located on Marvin Parker Road (adjacent on the north side of property of 873 Marvin Parker Road) from R-H to I-2. After a brief discussion Councilmember Barefield made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on June 2, 2015, at the 5:00 P.M. Administrative Meeting in the Municipal Complex to consider and ordinance to rezone property located on Marven Parker Road from R-H to I-2, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

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Jonathan Cordell, Building Official, presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to rezone property located on US Hwy 231 at the corner of US Hwy 231 and Camilla from R-1 to B-4. After a brief discussion Councilmember Hill made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on June 2, 2015, at the 5:00 P.M. Administrative Meeting in the Municipal Complex to consider and ordinance to rezone property located on US Hwy 231 at the corner of US Hwy 231 and Camila Ave from R-1 to B-4, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Garrett. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

President Gilland informed the Council there two (2) vacancies on the Hospital Board that needed to be filled. Mayor Blackwell informed the Council the city received a letter from the Hospital Board recommending that Dr. Ray McLaughlin be reappointed. He stated Dr. McLaughlin was currently filling an unexpired term. Mayor Blackwell also informed the Council the Hospital Board submitted two (2) names to be considered to fill the expired term of Dr. Robert McLaughlin, which were Peggy Brannon and Stanley Enfinger. He said the Hospital Board had contacted both individuals and they both agreed they would serve if selected. After a discussion Councilmember Garret made a motion to table the Hospital Board appointments, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson. After discussion Councilmember Garrett amended his motion to nominate Dr. Ray McLaughlin to serve on the Hospital Board and to table the appointment of Dr. Robert McLaughlin's replacement on the board, which motion was second by Councilmember Jackson. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

President Gilland informed the Council the city had received a Notice of Claim from Frances Jackson against the Ozark Police Department. Joe Adams, City Attorney, explained the circumstances of the claim. After a brief discussion Councilmember Hill made a motion to deny the claim, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Barefield. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Steve Price, Public Works Director, presented an emergency request to purchase a mowing tractor for the Street Department. He stated the 2006 Mowing Tractor went down last week and it was not cost effective to repair. Mr. Price said it was the beginning of mowing season and they were already behind with only two (2) mowers. After a brief discussion Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the emergency purchase of a mowing tractor for the Street Department up to twenty four thousand dollars (\$24,000.00), which motion was seconded by Councilmember Garrett. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

President Gilland informed everyone the Council that the Mayor and Council would be returning from the Alabama League of Municipalities Conference in Tuscaloosa on May 19, 2015, which is the next Regular Council Meeting date. After a brief discussion Councilmember Garrett made a motion to reschedule the Mary 19, 2015, 5:00 P.M. Administrative Meeting and the 6:00 P.M. Council Meetings to May 26, 2015, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

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Mayor Blackwell presented a request to resurface Carroll Avenue, the Streets around Eagle Stadium, the Civic Center Parking Lot, the Loop in front of Flowers Center and the Police Training Facility Parking Lot. He stated these were some of the worst streets and parking lots in the city and with the Alabama State Games using some of these facilities he thought it was important the city resurface these areas. Mayor Blackwell informed the Council that Steve Price, Public Works Director, had contacted the two asphalt companies (Wiregrass Construction and Mid South) in our area to give a quote on the project and if they could complete the project before the beginning of the Alabama State Games on June 12, 2015. He said Mid South informed Mr. Price they could not have the project finished by June 12th. After a lengthy discussion Councilmember Barefield made a motion to authorize the Mayor to negotiate the paving project to be completed by June 12th at a cost no more than one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000.00) and if the paving project could not be completed by June 12th the project would not move forward until it was bid, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Garrett. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

President Gilland informed the Council the Mayor had requested to go into Executive Session to discuss good name and character. Councilmember Garrett made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss good name and character, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Garrett made a motion to come out of Executive Session, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Barefield. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

With there being no further business to come before this Regular Council Meeting of May 5, 2015, Councilmember Jackson moved to adjourn the meeting, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Garrett. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Presiding Officer

City Clerk