

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OZARK, ALABAMA  
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 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, June 16, 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:

Also present: Deborah Bruggink, who acted as clerk of the meeting, Marlos Walker, Steve Sketo, Steve Price, Steve Sherrill, Larry Minton, Denise Strickland, Ryan Campbell, Jonathan Cordell, Tim Hicks, Frankey Peterman, Stephanie Blankenship, Denise Ellis and Joe Adams.

Councilmember Hill gave 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 June 2, 2015, President Gilland asked the wishes of the Council. Councilmember Hill moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 2, 2015, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Garrett. 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 Jackson made a motion to set the Agenda with the addition of Executive Session to discuss Economic Development Surplus Property as item number 7, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Barefield introduced a resolution Declaring Properties with Excessive Weed Growth, 196 Miranda Ave. Councilmember Barefield then made a motion to approve the Resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Garrett. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Garrett introduced a resolution Declaring Surplus Property, EMS Department, 2010 Chevrolet Express Van (ambulance). Tim Hicks, Police Captain, informed the Council the ambulance was totaled in an accident and the ambulance would be salvaged for parts to repair remaining ambulances in the fleet when needed. Steve Sketo, Fire Chief, informed the Council the equipment inside the ambulance, except for the stretcher, would be placed in a replacement ambulance. Councilmember Garrett then made a motion to approve the Resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

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Councilmember Jackson made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development Surplus Property, The Ozark Square Shopping Center, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Garrett made a motion to close the Executive Session, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Jackson introduced a resolution Declaring Surplus Property, Economic Development, The Ozark Square Shopping Center. Councilmember Jackson then made a motion to approve the Resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

President Gilland informed the Council that a request had been made to allow the Mayor to execute a contract for the sale of the Ozark Square Shopping Center for \$1,200,000.00. Councilmember Garrett made a motion to allow Mayor Blackwell to execute a contract for the sale of the Ozark Square Shopping Center, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Mayor Blackwell presented a request to solicit quotes from local banks for possible purchase of Police, Public Works and EMS vehicles. Marlos Walker, Police Chief, and Tim Hicks, Police Captain, informed the Council the proposed purchase of 12 police cars would start a replacement plan to upgrade the patrol vehicles. At the end of the proposed financing another 12 police cars would be requested. Steve Price, Director of Public Works, informed the council of the need for another automated garbage truck. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the request, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Mayor Blackwell presented a request for permission to purchase two (2) new ambulances for the EMS Department. Mayor Blackwell informed the council the urgency for the placement of the order for the ambulances was in part due to notification of a \$22,000 increase for each ambulance due to a new federal standard going into effect July 1, 2015. Councilmember Hill then made a motion to approve the request, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Mayor Blackwell presented an update on Job Descriptions and/or Pay Grades in the Administrative Office. Mayor Blackwell informed the council that seven job descriptions in the Administrative Department reflect revisions to job duties and several contained pay grade changes. The revisions reflect reassigned duties and responsibilities since the retirement of the former City Clerk and will have an estimated saving of \$30,864 for FY 2015-16. Councilmember Barefield made a motion to approve the Job Descriptions and Pay Grades, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Garrett. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Mayor Blackwell presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Troy University's Corporate Partnership Program. Tara Ryals, Troy University, informed the council of the Corporate Partnership Program. The program offers the City of Ozark full time employees, a tuition discount of 10%, a waiver of application fees to Troy locations and e-Troy. The program also allows Troy University no less than 2 on-site sessions for recruiting and informing city employees. One session could occur at an annual benefits meeting. There is no cost to the City. Councilmember Garrett made a motion to approve the partnership with Troy University, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Barefield. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

President Gilland informed the Council that there was a vacancy on the Downtown Redevelopment Board. Councilmember Jackson recommended that the appointment be tabled until the July 7, 2015 City Council Meeting, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

President Gilland informed the Council that there was a vacancy on the Tree Board. Councilmember Jackson recommended that Ryan Campbell be re-appointed to the Tree Board, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

President Gilland informed the Council there was a copy of the monthly Court Report in their folders for their review

With there being no further business to come before this Regular Council Meeting of June 16, 2015, Councilmember Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Garrett. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

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Presiding Officer

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City Clerk