

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OZARK, ALABAMA  
TUESDAY, February 18, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Ozark, Alabama, met in Regular Session in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Complex at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. Upon roll call the following members were present:

Present: Mark Blankenship, Mayor  
Brenda Simechak, Council President, Place No. 4  
Leah Harlow, Councilmember, Place No. 1  
Les Perault, Councilmember, Place No. 2  
Winston T. Jackson, Councilmember, Place No. 3  
Stanley Enfinger, Councilmember, Place No. 5

Absent:

Also present: Chris Peters, who acted as clerk of the meeting, Director Charles Ward, Deputy Chief Michael Bryan, Joseph McNabb, Heather Cohen, Holle Smith and Joe Adams.

Councilmember Harlow gave the prayer followed by Mayor Blankenship leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Council having read the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on February 4, 2025 President Simechak asked the wishes of the Council. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 4, 2025, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Council President Simechak advised the Council that it was time to set the Agenda. Councilmember Harlow made a motion to set the Agenda with the addition of an Innovate AL Funding Agreement as item #8, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Enfinger. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Perault made a motion to approve the First and Second Reading Application 160 - Special Retail – More Than 30 Days - License Transfer – Applicant: Wiregrass Enterprises, LLC; Trade Name: Happy Times, 124 W. Court Sq. Ozark, AL 36360. Owner: Leah A. Harlow 401 Agnes Lane, Ozark, AL 36360, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Enfinger. The vote was recorded as to wit: Ayes, Councilmember Enfinger, Councilmember Jackson, Councilmember Perault. Nays, none. Abstained, Councilmember Harlow. The motion passed.

Councilmember Harlow introduced a Resolution Declaring Surplus Property in EMS and moved for its adoption, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Perault made a motion to suspend the rules to take action on Item #7, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Harlow. The vote was recorded as to wit: Ayes, Councilmember Enfinger, Councilmember Perault, Councilmember Harlow. Nays, Councilmember Jackson. After notification by City Clerk regarding Sec. 2-38 of the Code of Ordinances a discussion occurred involving the City Attorney. The City Attorney determined that the ordinance being presented was temporary in nature and did not require unanimous consent for the ordinance to be submitted for immediate consideration. Therefore, the motion passed.

Councilmember Harlow introduced an Ordinance Setting the Mayor and Council Members Salaries and moved for its adoption, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Enfinger. The vote was recorded as to wit: Ayes, Councilmember Enfinger, Councilmember Perault, Councilmember Harlow. Nays, Councilmember Jackson. The motion passed.

Councilmember Perault made a motion to suspend the rules to take action on Item #8, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Harlow. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute an Innovate AL Funding Agreement which motion was seconded by Councilmember Enfinger. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Perault made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Purchase or Sale of Property and Pending Litigation, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Enfinger. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to come out of Executive Session to discuss Purchase or Sale of Property and Pending Litigation, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Perault made a motion to amend the agenda with the addition of Item#10 to introduce and authorize the Mayor to enter into two purchase agreements for Project Evergreen which motion was seconded by Councilmember Enfinger. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Enfinger made a motion to suspend the rules to take action on Item #10, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Harlow. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Harlow made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into two contracts for the purchase of real estate under Project Evergreen which motion was seconded by Councilmember Enfinger. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Council President Simechak advised the Council that a Court Report and Financial Report were in their packets for review.

With there being no further business to come before this Regular Council Meeting of February 18, 2025, Councilmember Enfinger made a motion to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

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Council President

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City Clerk