

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OZARK, ALABAMA
TUESDAY, January 16, 2024**

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, January 16, 2024. 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, Lt. Cody Evans, Joseph McNabb 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 January 02, 2024 President Simechak asked the wishes of the Council. Councilmember Enfinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 02, 2024 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 Jackson made a motion to set the Agenda as presented, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The vote was recorded as to wit: Ayes, Councilmember Jackson; Nays, Councilmember Enfinger, Councilmember Harlow, Councilmember Perault. The Motion failed.

Council President Simechak advised the Council that an Agenda was still needed. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to set the Agenda with the addition of Item #10 a request to amend the accounting policy to allow for a 5% benefit/preference to local bidders on projects, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Perault made a motion to re-appoint Winston Jackson and Jason Maertens to the E911 Commission; to appoint Whitney Gardner to the Industrial Development Board; to re-appoint Carlton Holbrook to the Public Building Authority; to appoint Todd Coughlin to the Leisure Services Board upon Fred Steagall's expiration on 2-15-2024; to re-appoint Adrian Holman to the Airport Advisory Board and appoint Mark Nowell to the Airport Advisory Board upon the expiration of both on 3-7-2024 and moved for its adoption, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Enfinger. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Harlow made a motion to approve a job description in the Fire Department, for an Administrative Assistant, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the First and Second Reading Application 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only): Applicant: Ishan Inc; Trade Name: Fast Trip, 1233 S. Union Ave., Ozark, AL 36360. Owners: Manishaben P. Patel 8107 Wynlakes Blvd, Montgomery, AL 36117 and Dimpalbahen Patel 7172 Wynlakes Blvd Montgomery, AL 36117, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Harlow. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Harlow made a motion to approve the First and Second Reading Application 011 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package): Applicant: Ishan Inc; Trade Name: Fast Trip Package, 1231 S. Union Ave., Ozark, AL 36360. Owners: Manishaben P. Patel 8107 Wynlakes Blvd., Montgomery, AL 36117 and Dimpalbahen Patel 7172 Wynlakes Blvd., Montgomery, AL 36117, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Enfinger made a motion to appoint Barbara Wade as presiding judge and Rick Hollingsworth, Jr. as prosecutor for Ozark Municipal Court case #MC24-0000009, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The vote was recorded as to wit: Ayes, Councilmember Enfinger, Councilmember Harlow, Councilmember Perault; Nays, Councilmember Jackson. The Motion passed.

With there being no further business to come before this Regular Council Meeting of January 16, 2024 Councilmember Jackson made a motion to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Council President

City Clerk