

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OZARK, ALABAMA
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023**

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, June 20, 2023. 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, Chief Charles Ward, Joseph McNabb, Heather Jordan and Joe Adams.

Councilmember Enfinger 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 June 6, 2023 President Simechak asked the wishes of the Council. Councilmember Enfinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 6, 2023, 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 with the addition of Item #16 for a contingent Event Liquor license, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Agenda Item #5 failed for lack of a motion.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the First Reading Application 010 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class I: Applicant: J and J Restaurant and Lounge LLC; Trade Name: J and J Restaurant and Lounge, 858 S. US Highway 231, Ozark, AL 36360. Owner: Jermaine Hall 2410 Brookhill, Dothan, AL 36301, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Enfinger. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Harlow made a motion to approve the First Reading Application 160 – Special Retail – More Than 30 Days: Applicant: Elegant Décor II LLC; Trade Name: Elegant Décor II, 124 N. Court Square, Ozark, AL 36360. Owner: Cierra M. Berry 175 Amber Dr., Ozark, AL 36360, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Enfinger made a motion to approve the purchase of two Ferno Power Stretchers in the amount of \$49,360.00 for EMS, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Perault made a motion to accept the amended 2023 Holiday Schedule, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Harlow. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to accept the amended work schedule to a 4 day/10 hour work schedule on an initial three month trial with department head determining start date as they see fit, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Harlow. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Harlow made a motion to authorize Mayor Blankenship to execute a renewal agreement with Avenu for Alcohol, Gas Lodging, Rental and Sales & Use Tax collections and a new agreement with Avenu for Tobacco tax collections, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Enfinger. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to authorize Mayor Blankenship to execute a Growing Alabama Funding Agreement with the Alabama Department of Commerce, which was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Enfinger made a motion to authorize Mayor Blankenship to execute a Alabama Power Company Agreement for Civic Center improvements, which was seconded by Councilmember Harlow. 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.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve an Event Liquor License to Levels Bar & Grille contingent upon an acceptable application from the ABC Licensing and Compliance and approval from Public Safety Director Ward, which was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Harlow made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Good Name and Character, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

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

With there being no further business to come before this Regular Council Meeting of June 20, 2023, Councilmember Enfinger made a motion to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Council President

City Clerk