

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OZARK, ALABAMA
TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021**

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, July 20, 2021. Upon roll call the following members were present:

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

Absent:

Also present: Denise Strickland, who acted as clerk of the meeting, Marlos Walker, Jason Maertens, Joseph McNabb, Ryan Campbell and Joe Adams.

Councilmember Perault 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 July 6, 2021 President Simechak asked the wishes of the Council. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 20, 2021, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Harlow. 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 as presented with the addition of Item #11 Approve attending the ALM Economic Development Academy, Item #12 Award the Bid for the Demolition of property located on Bermuda Street, Item #13 Award the Bid for a new fence at Oben Everett Park and Item #14 Executive Session to Discuss Good Name and Character, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Enfinger introduced a Resolution authorizing the sale of Surplus Real Property located on Moss Street to Curtis L. Solberg in the amount of \$800 and moved for its adoption, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Perault introduced a Resolution Declaring Surplus Property in the Public Works Department, a 2004 Tymco 600 Street Sweeper and moved for its adoption, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Jackson introduced a Group Resolution Declaring Certain Properties a Public Nuisance located at 642 Alabama Hwy 123. 284 Gunter Street, Pine Crest Drive, 290 Mark Avenue, 170 Spring Lane, a lot on Houston Court, 182 Dowling Street, 118 Belcher Avenue, 140 Belcher Avenue, 209 Heather Drive and 356 Thomas Drive and setting a Public Hearing for August 17, 2021 at 5:00 PM and moved for its adoption, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Enfinger. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Perault introduced a Group Resolution Confirming the Cost of Weed Liens located at 185 Bermuda Street \$400, 363 Willa Street \$550, 201 Foxbrier Drive \$450, vacant lot on Foxbrier Drive \$450, 240 Judson Street \$300, 400 Green Village Road \$300, 114 Shirley Drive \$300 and 104 Acker Avenue \$300 and moved for its adoption, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Harlow. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Enfinger made a motion to set a Working Budget Meeting for Monday, August 2, 2021 at 5:30 PM, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Council President Simechak advised the Council that a Financial Report was in their packet for review.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve representatives from the City of Ozark to attending the Alabama League of Municipalities Economic Development Academy, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Enfinger made a motion to award the bid for the demolition on Bermuda Street (Old Church Building) to Tri-State Land Clearing in the amount of \$18,500, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Harlow. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to award the bid for the new fence at Oben Everett Park to America Imperial Fence, Inc. in the amount of \$32,248, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Harlow. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Harlow made a motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss Good Name and Character and invite Attorney Joe Adams and City Clerk Denise Strickland in the session, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Enfinger. 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.

Councilmember Enfinger made a motion to add Item #15, a motion regarding the Ozark Police Department, to the Agenda, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Harlow stated based on sufficient evidence presented to the Council, at this time showing misconduct from Chief Marlos Walker, I move that a change of leadership is needed in the Ozark Police Department and that Chief Walker be dismissed as a Department Head effective immediately, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

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With there being no further business to come before this Regular Council Meeting of July 20, 2021, 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