

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OZARK, ALABAMA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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, September 5, 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, Director Charles Ward, Heather Jordan, and Deputy Chief Michael Bryan 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 August 15, 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 August 15, 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 tabling Item #6 the sales tax refund request from Southern Pipe and Supply as presented and add Item #11 a call to enter Executive Session, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Enfinger. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Harlow made a motion to authorize Mayor Blankenship to execute an amendment to the EMS Management & Consultants, Inc. contract to allow for LifeLine Billing Systems, LLC to provide Delinquent Account Collections services which was seconded by Councilmember Jackson. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to amend the usage of Capital Outlay funds approved in the FY23 budget to allow the purchase of new flooring for the East Gate Gym which was seconded by Councilmember Harlow. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Perault made a motion to authorize the Mayor to accept application agreement and introduced a tax abatement resolution with Ecore International, Inc. and Ozark QALICB, LLC and moved for its adoption, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Harlow. 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: Smart 005 Inc.; Trade Name: Beeline 636, 1117 S. US Highway 231, Ozark, AL 36360. Owner: Kaushik K. Patel 265 Folsom Road, Dothan, AL 36301, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Enfinger made a motion to authorize Mayor Blankenship to execute a contract with Complete Signs for the Airport Sign replacement which was seconded by Councilmember Harlow. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Harlow made a motion to adopt the proposed City of Ozark Medallion and Flag which was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Councilmember Jackson 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 Jackson made a motion to come out of Executive Session to discuss Good Name and Character, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Perault. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

With there being no further business to come before this Regular Council Meeting of September 5, 2023, Councilmember Enfinger made a motion to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Harlow. The Council voted unanimously in favor thereof.

Council President

City Clerk