

**PRATTVILLE CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018
6:02 P.M.**

The Prattville City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 6:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, Council President Striplin gave the invocation. Roll was called and all Councilors were present.

THE CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH IS THOROUGHNESS: Taking care of necessary details.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Public Hearing and City Council Meeting October 2, 2018. Councilor Strichik made a motion to adopt the minutes and Councilor Cables seconded the motion. With no discussion, the minutes were adopted (7-0).

COMMENTS FROM PERSONS PRESENT REGARDING TONIGHT’S AGENDA: None

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Gillespie requested a Point of Privilege. On behalf of the Prattville Exchange Club, the following awards were presented:

Firefighter of the Year/Prattville Fire Dept.:	Captain Matthew Porter
Officer of the Year/Prattville Police Dept.:	Investigator John Coscette
Deputy of the Year/Autauga County Sheriff’s Dept.:	Deputy George Brooks

Captain Matthew Porter has seventeen years of service with the Prattville Fire Department. Fire Chief Terry Brown accepted the award on Captain Porter. Captain Porter has been instrumental with the “Truck or Treat” events at Fire Station 3. Over 1,000 children have enjoyed this event over the past two years. This event is a partnership of the Police Department, the Sheriff’s Department, the Fire Department, and Sanitation Department. Chief Brown also thanked the Exchange Club.

Investigator John Coscette was instrumental in the arrest of several suspects involved in recent breaking and entering of vehicles. Video evidence showed these suspects as being armed when crimes were committed. Investigator Coscette processed two latent finger prints which led to the arrest of these individuals.

Deputy George Brooks noticed smoke coming from a mobile home. Deputy Brooks went to the door to wake the residents and contacted the Fire Department and medics.

Mayor Gillespie thanked the City Council, noting it takes time, tools, and talent to be able to make Prattville a safe community. The Mayor also thanked Chief Thompson and Chief Brown, and their staff.

Mayor Gillespie and Police Chief Mark Thompson presented a promotional badge to Sgt. Steve Davis. Sgt. Davis thanked the City Council, the Chief and staff, and his family for their support.

Mayor Gillespie thanked Sgt. Davis for his dedication and willingness to serve, and thanked his family for sharing him with the City.

Mayor Gillespie presented badges to Officer Erik Gunn and Officer Connor Brown. Officer Gunn and Officer Brown recently graduated from the Alabama Advanced Criminal Justice Academy. Chief Thompson stated that Officer Gunn graduated as the top gun of the class, and Officer Brown graduated as the top academic recruit and won the Marvin Stanley award.

The State will provide a helicopter on Wednesday, October 17, to take donated supplies to assist those who were affected by Hurricane Michael in southern Alabama and the Florida panhandle.

The Annual Halloween Candy Walk will be held downtown on Tuesday, October 30, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Bridge Street will be closed this week from 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in order for City crews to set up for Christmas. Work should be completed by Friday, October 19, 2018.

The City has hired Scott Stephens from Northport as the new City Planner. Mr. Stephens will begin work on November 5, 2018.

Mayor Gillespie presented several photos of recent projects, including a new arch at Pratt Park, new floating docks at Cooter's Pond Park, and ongoing improvements for the James Hardie Project and the Road and Bridge Project.

Council President Striplin thanked the Civitans and all the other civic clubs in the community for their support. Council President Striplin also thanked the Sheriff and the Autauga County Commission for their cooperation and the projects that are able to be accomplished together.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL ON SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES:

Finance Director Daniel Oakley presented the finance reports for September 2018. The General Fund Revenue report showed that year-to-date revenue was \$36,930,557.46, an increase of 4.56% in comparison to the prior year.

The Tax Breakdown Comparison report showed revenue increased by 7.93% in comparison to the prior year.

The Expenses by Department report showed that with 100% of the budget year complete, overall expenses were at 94.22%.

The Wastewater Enterprise Fund Income Statement showed a net income of \$125,967.31 for September 2018. Overall expenses and operating expenses were below budget for the year.

The Sanitation Enterprise Fund Income Statement showed a net income of \$22,819.62 for September 2018. Operating expenses were slightly over budget at 107.17%. Overall expenses were at 91.97%.

The Judicial Special Revenue Fund Income Statement showed a net income of \$6,518.70 for September 2018. Expenses were below budget at 96.12%.

The Gas Tax Special Revenue Fund Income Statement, presented quarterly for July – September 2018, showed revenue at \$280,059.94, which was 103.84% of the budgeted amount. There were very few expenses for FY2018; most projects were rolled forward to the FY2019 budget.

The Capital Projects Fund Income Statement, presented quarterly for July – September 2018, showed Lodging Fee revenue at 112.34% of budget. Many of the larger expenses for projects were rolled forward to FY2019 budget. Expenses for this quarter included the Road and Bridge project, the Industrial Access Road project, and Project Blackdog and Fairview Avenue improvements.

The Group Health Fund Income Statement showed a net income of \$292,200.25 for the year. The Group Health Fund performed well this year and no general fund supplements were required.

The Bank Balances report showed a total cash balance of \$22,694,742.45 as of September 30, 2018.

The City Wide Accounts Payable and Debt Balances report show total debt at \$58,174,586.33 as of September 30, 2018. The total non-enterprise debt was \$24,869,960.74. This balance reflects the call of 2013 warrants, which were paid off in September.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. RESOLUTION: To Authorize the Mayor to have Various Weeded Lots Abated per Title 11, Chapter 67 of the *Code of Alabama, 1975*, as Amended. (Sponsored By: Councilor Starnes)
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2. RESOLUTION: To Declare Various Weeded Lots to be a Public Nuisance, Order Their Abatement and Set a Public Hearing per Title 11, Chapter 67 of the *Code of Alabama, 1975*, as Amended. (Sponsored By: Councilor Starnes)
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3. RESOLUTION: To Re-Appoint Louis C. Colley as Municipal Court Judge. (Sponsored By: Council President Striplin)
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4. RESOLUTION: To Authorize the Mayor to Sign Contracts for Services for Community Initiatives and City-County Services as Allocated in the FY2018-2019 Budget. (Sponsored By: Council President Pro Tempore Brown)
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5. RESOLUTION: To Affix the Cost of Demolition of the Dangerous and Unsafe Structure at 742 Cranbrook Drive (File #017-001305). (Sponsored By: Councilor Boone)
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6. RESOLUTION: To Surplus One KIP 700M Plotter from the Engineering Department. (Sponsored By: Council President Pro Tempore Brown)
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7. RESOLUTION: To Surplus Various Office Furniture from the Executive Department. (Sponsored By: Council President Striplin)
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8. RESOLUTION: To Surplus Various Office Furniture and Equipment from the Finance Department. (Sponsored By: Council President Striplin)
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Council President Pro Tempore Brown made a motion to place Items #1-8 on a consent agenda and Councilor Starnes seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the items were placed on a consent agenda (7-0). Councilor Boone made a motion to adopt the consent agenda and Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the consent agenda was adopted with the following results:

AYES	:	STRIPLIN, JACKSON, BROWN, STARNES, CABLES, STRICHIK, BOONE	7
NAYS	:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED	:	NONE	0
ABSENT	:	NONE	

AGENDA:

1. RESOLUTION: To Award Bid No. 018-015 to Jordan Excavating, Inc. for South Industrial Park Wastewater Improvements for the Wastewater Division at a Cost of \$2,124,282.00. (Sponsored By: Council President Striplin)
RESOLUTION BOOK 2018-A, PAGE 161

Councilor Jackson made a motion to adopt the resolution and Council President Pro Tempore Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the resolution was adopted with the following results:

AYES	:	STRIPLIN, JACKSON, BROWN, STARNES, CABLES, STRICHIK, BOONE	7
NAYS	:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED	:	NONE	0
ABSENT	:	NONE	

2. RESOLUTION: To Release Funds for the Purchase of One (1) Type I Custom Series Chevrolet CK3500 Ambulance through the HGAC-Buy Purchasing Cooperative from Southern Emergency Consultants, LLC for the Fire Department at a Cost Not to Exceed \$177,680.00. (Sponsored By: Councilor Strichik)

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Councilor Strichik made a motion to adopt the resolution and Councilor Starnes seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the resolution was adopted with the following results:

AYES	:	STRIPLIN, JACKSON, BROWN, STARNES, CABLES, STRICHIK, BOONE	7
NAYS	:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED	:	NONE	0
ABSENT	:	NONE	

3. RESOLUTION: To Authorize the Mayor to Enter into a Supplemental Agreement with the State of Alabama for Transportation Alternatives Program Project No. TAPMN-TA14(902)S1 for Pedestrian Walkways at Cooter’s Pond Park at an Additional Net Cost Not to Exceed \$16,751.00. (Sponsored By: Council President Pro Tempore Brown)

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Council President Pro Tempore Brown made a motion to adopt the resolution and Councilor Cables seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the resolution was adopted with the following results:

AYES	:	STRIPLIN, JACKSON, BROWN, STARNES, CABLES, STRICHIK, BOONE	7
NAYS	:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED	:	NONE	0
ABSENT	:	NONE	

4. RESOLUTION: To Authorize the Mayor to Enter Into an “Amendment to the Project, Development, and Cooperation Agreement” Between the Historic Prattville Redevelopment Authority, Pratt Cotton Gin Mill, LLC, and the City of Prattville. (Sponsored By: Council President Striplin)

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Councilor Cables made a motion to adopt the resolution and Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the resolution was adopted with the following results:

AYES	:	STRIPLIN, JACKSON, BROWN, STARNES, CABLES, STRICHIK, BOONE	7
NAYS	:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED	:	NONE	0
ABSENT	:	NONE	

5. RESOLUTION: To Authorize the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Fontenot Benefits & Actuarial Consulting for GASB Statement 75 Actuarial Services at a Cost Not to Exceed \$5,000.00. (Sponsored By: Council President Striplin)
RESOLUTION BOOK 2018-A, PAGE 165

Councilor Boone made a motion to adopt the resolution and Councilor Strichik seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the resolution was adopted with the following results:

AYES	:	STRIPLIN, JACKSON, BROWN, STARNES, CABLES, STRICHIK, BOONE	7
NAYS	:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED	:	NONE	0
ABSENT	:	NONE	

COMMENTS FROM PERSONS PRESENT:

Jon Lee Finnegan, 211 Deer Trace, addressed the Council regarding the need for a crosswalk at the bridge across Autauga Creek. Ms. Finnegan recently noticed a mother with a stroller, a small girl, and another lady trying to cross this road. With the walking trails, there needs to be some place to cross. Ms. Finnegan also suggested the need for a short sidewalk at the steep portion of Deer Trace near Quail Run. Ms. Finnegan also suggested that citizens have input on paving locations if additional funding is available, including Pletcher Street.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

Council President Striplin thanked all attending the meeting.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilor Starnes made a motion to adjourn and Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned (7-0) at 6:43 p.m.

APPROVED:

Cathy Dickerson
City Clerk

Albert Striplin, President
Prattville City Council