

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 7:21 PM in the Council Chamber of the Auburn Public Safety Building at 141 North Ross Street.

City Manager Crouch said the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore were absent from the meeting and the Council should nominate a presiding officer for the regular City Council meeting.

Councilperson Smith nominated Tommy Dawson to be the presiding officer.

Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

City Manager Crouch said Tommy Dawson would be the presiding officer of the regular City Council meeting.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Councilperson Dawson.

Councilperson Dawson called the meeting to order.

2. **ROLL CALL.**

The following Councilpersons were present: Tommy Dawson, Steven Dixon, Kelley Griswold, Jay Hovey, Bob Parsons, Brett Smith and Connie Taylor. Absent: Mayor Ron Anders and Beth Witten. Also present was City Manager Crouch.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE.**

Councilperson Dawson invited all present to stand and join the Council in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and in observing a moment of silence after the Pledge.

4. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS.** Councilperson Dawson.

- a. Committee of the Whole.

Councilperson Dawson stated that at the Committee of the Whole meeting previously held the Council approved the minutes from the January 18 Committee of the Whole meeting and were provided a briefing on the 2021 Redistricting Plan.

- b. Announcements.

Councilperson Griswold said that as of December 31, 2021, Councilperson Dixon's lawsuit has cost the city \$55,428.91.

5. **AUBURN UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

AU SGA Director of City Relations Anna Coker updated the Council about events at Auburn University.

6. **CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS.**

None.

7. **CITY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS.** City Manager Crouch.

None.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

City Manager Crouch asked if any items should be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

There were no items removed from the consent agenda.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA (cont).**

Councilperson Parsons moved that the items on the consent agenda be adopted.
Councilperson Hovey seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
Councilperson Dawson declared the consent agenda items adopted.

- a. Minutes. January 4, 2022. **APPROVED**
- b. Contracts and agreements.
 - (1) Broadview Mitigation Bank. Purchase 1,039 stream mitigation credits. Webster Road Connector Project. \$103,900. **Resolution No. 22-007**
 - (2) D & J Enterprises, Inc. Public Safety Training Facility – Phase 1 Project. \$499,200.25. **Resolution No. 22-008**
 - (3) EFACO III, LLC. Development agreement. Update entity name. Donahue Ridge Phase 8. **Resolution No. 22-009**
 - (4) First Team Construction Co., Inc. Auburn Soccer Complex Project. \$7,975,949. **Resolution No. 22-010**
 - (5) McLemore Mitigation Bank. Purchase 0.38 wetland mitigation credits. Webster Road Connector Project. \$15,960. **Resolution No. 22-011**
 - (6) SHI International Corp. Purchase a Rubrik R6410se Brick appliance with hardware and software support and 70 terabytes of cloud storage. \$250,951. **Resolution No. 22-012**
 - (7) Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions (ALSBOM). Wright Street Parking Deck Project. Temporary space reimbursement. \$148,033.79. **Resolution No. 22-013**

9. **ORDINANCES.**

- a. Annexations. Unanimous consent necessary.
 - (1) J. Torbit and Nancy T. Henry. Approximately 10.51 acres. Property located on the east side of Lee Road 958, approximately 0.35 miles south of Moores Mill Road.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes approximately 10.51 acres.

Councilperson Dixon introduced the ordinance.

City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.

Councilperson Dixon moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.

Councilperson Hovey seconded the motion.

Councilperson Dawson asked if there was an objection to the ordinance being considered on its first reading.

Hearing no objection from the Council, Councilperson Dawson declared unanimous consent granted and the ordinance ready for adoption.

Councilperson Griswold asked questions about plans for extending water and sewer service to the area.

Water Resource Management Director Eric Carson answered the questions.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Dawson, Dixon, Hovey, Parsons, Smith and Taylor. Voting nay: Griswold.

Councilperson Dawson declared the ordinance adopted.

Ordinance No. 3355

- (2) Blake Rice on behalf of McWhorter Properties – Society Hill Estates, LLC. Approximately 48.5 acres located on the north side of Society Hill Road, near the intersection of Society Hill Road and Moores Mill Road.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance annexes 48.5 acres.

Councilperson Dixon introduced the ordinance.

City Manager Crouch read the ordinance by title.

Councilperson Dixon moved that unanimous consent be granted to consider the ordinance on its first reading.

Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion.

Councilperson Dawson asked if there was an objection to the ordinance being considered on its first reading.

Hearing no objection from the Council, Councilperson Dawson declared unanimous consent granted and the ordinance ready for adoption.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Griswold, Dixon, Hovey, Parsons, Smith, Taylor and Dawson. Voting nay: None.

Councilperson Dawson declared the ordinance adopted.

Ordinance No. 3356

- b. 2021 Redistricting Plan. Federal decennial census. Reapportion Council districts. Public hearing required. Postponed from January 4, 2022.

City Manager Crouch said this ordinance amends adopts the 2021 Redistricting Plan. She added that a public hearing was required. She added that the item was postponed at the January 4, 2022 City Council meeting.

Councilperson Dawson opened the public hearing.

The following individuals spoke about redistricting:

- Tabitha Isner (439 White Acres Road, Montgomery, AL)
- Terra Foster (809 Hwy 72 West, Athens, AL)
- Elizabeth Hill (274 Bragg Avenue)
- Laticia Khalif (2262 Heritage Ridge Lane)
- Bill Lee (1652 St. Andrews Lane)
- Herbert Walter Denmark, Jr. (412 Opelika Road, Apt. 111)
- Dr. Joanna Abram (206 Timberdale Court)
- Joe Davis (311 Lancaster Avenue)
- John Sophocles (530 Lee Road 115, Opelika, AL)
- Leah Billye Welburn (112 N. Debardeleben Street, Apt. 5)

There being no further comments from the audience, Councilperson Dawson closed the public hearing.

The Council asked questions about the Redistricting Plan.

City Manager Crouch and City Attorney Davidson answered the questions.

9. **ORDINANCES (cont).**

Councilperson Smith motioned to postpone the item until Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Councilperson Dixon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Councilperson Dawson declared the item postponed until a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

10. **RESOLUTIONS.**

- a. Vacation. N.P. Alabama Investments, LLC. Property located at 114 East Veterans Boulevard. Public hearing required.

City Manager Crouch said this resolution vacates an unneeded drainage and utility easement located at 114 East Veterans Boulevard. She added that a public hearing was required.

Councilperson Dawson opened the public hearing.

There being no comments from the audience, Councilperson Dawson closed the public hearing.

Councilperson Smith moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion all members voted aye.
Councilperson Dawson declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 22-014

11. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

12. **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM.**

Linda Lee (1652 St. Andrews Lane) spoke about redistricting.

Leah Billye Welburn (112 N. Debardeleben Drive, Apt. 5) spoke about redistricting.

Robert Wilkins (261 Denson Drive) spoke about short term rentals.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilperson Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion, and all members voted aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager