

**PRATTVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018  
6:02 P.M.**

The Prattville City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 15, 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 AVAILABILITY:** *Willingness to change my schedule and priorities to meet a need.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Public Hearing and City Council Meeting May 1, 2018. Council President Pro Tempore Brown made a motion to adopt the minutes and Councilor Strichik seconded the motion. With no discussion, the minutes were adopted (7-0).

**COMMENTS FROM PERSONS PRESENT REGARDING TONIGHT'S AGENDA:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

May 15-19, 2018 is National Police Week, and May 15<sup>th</sup> is Peace Officers Memorial Day. President John F. Kennedy declared the first Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15, 1962. This day is to honor all peace officers who, through their courageous acts, lost their lives or were disabled in the line of duty. According to recent statistics reported for 2017, 128 law enforcement officers lost their lives in the line of duty. These officers sacrificed their lives to protect ours, Mayor Gillespie thanked all law enforcement officers for their dedication and service throughout this country and especially in the City of Prattville. Mayor Gillespie presented a Proclamation to Police Chief Mark Thompson honoring National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day.

In a point of privilege, Mayor Gillespie and Chief Thompson congratulated newly promoted Corporal Jerome Chatman. Cpl. Chatman thanked Chief Thompson, Assistant Chief Thomas, the City Council, the Mayor, and co-workers for the opportunity to move up through the ranks. Cpl. Chatman also expressed appreciation to his parents.

Mayor Gillespie and Chief Thompson recognized the following officers for completing their training to be released to duty assignments:

- Daniel Marshall
- Christopher Clark – won top honors in his Academy class
- Steven Harris
- Matthew Humphries
- Nathaniel Bennett

The VFW presented the Police Officer of the Year Award to Lt. Wayne Barlow, Firefighter of the Year Award to Captain Travis Rodie, and Paramedic of the Year Award to Sgt. Travis McGowin on May 12, 2018. Mayor Gillespie congratulated these individuals and thanked the VFW for honoring these hardworking and dedicated first responders.

The Creative and Performing Arts 2018 Honoree Dinner was held on May 5, 2018, honoring Alabama's Music Legacy. Mayor Gillespie thanked Parks and Recreation Director Kellie Cook, Special Events & Cultural Arts Coordinator Barbara Simpson, and Festival Coordinator Brittany Glenn for their hard work and effort to bring their department up to a higher standard each year.

The Chamber held a successful CityFest on May 5-6, 2018. Mayor Gillespie thanked all City staff that assisted the Chamber in making this event successful.

The Splashpad in Pratt Park is officially open for the summer.

The Mayor reported that the ADEM CDBG \$750,000 grant has been approved for the sewer infrastructure at the South Industrial Park. Mayor Gillespie expressed thanks to Governor Ivey, Senator Chambliss, and Representative Beckman for their support of this grant for additional infrastructure improvements in the City of Prattville.

The Mayor's Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2018. The bike ride will begin at 9:45 a.m. at Upper Kingston Park and finish at Pratt Park. The Touch-A-Truck event will be held at Pratt Park beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The Prattville Farmer's Market Seasonal Grand Opening will be held Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. in The Grove.

Mayor Gillespie thanked the Human Resources Director Lisa Thrash and the Human Resources Department staff for their hard work and dedication.

Councilor Cables asked for an update on the Pratt Park pavilion. Construction will begin on the pavilion on May 21, 2018, and it is hoped that the pavilion will be completed by July 3, 2018, in time for the July 4<sup>th</sup> events.

**REPORT FROM COUNCIL ON SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** None

**REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES:**

Finance Director Daniel Oakley presented the finance reports for April 2018. The General Fund Revenue report showed that year-to-date revenue was \$23,033,600.97, an increase of 2.74% in comparison to the prior year.

The Tax Breakdown Comparison report showed revenue increased by 4.86% in comparison to the prior year.

The Expenses by Department report showed that with 58.33% of the budget year complete, overall expenses were at 57.66%.

The Wastewater Enterprise Fund Income Statement showed a net income of \$220,110.01 for April 2018. Operating expenses were below budget.

The Sanitation Enterprise Fund Income Statement showed a net income of \$35,594.57 for April 2018. Expenses were slightly below budget at 55.60%.

The Judicial Special Revenue Fund Income Statement showed a net income of 38,424.92 for April 2018. Expenses were slightly below budget.

The Bank Balances report showed a total cash balance of \$25,290,126.59 as of April 30, 2018.

The City Wide Accounts Payable and Debt Balances report show total debt at \$61,877,408.57 as of April 30, 2018.

**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)  
**RESOLUTION BOOK 2018, PAGE 066**

**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)  
**RESOLUTION BOOK 2018, PAGE 067**

**3. RESOLUTION:** To Declare the Accessory Structure Located at 227 Clubview Drive (Citizen Serve File No. 018-000280) to be Unsafe and a Public Nuisance. (Sponsored By: Councilor Boone)  
**RESOLUTION BOOK 2018, PAGE 068**

**4. RESOLUTION:** To Set a Public Hearing to Grant a Restaurant Retail Liquor License to HOA Restaurant Holder, LLC d/b/a Hooters of Prattville. (Sponsored By: Councilor Starnes)  
**HELD UNTIL JUNE 19, 2018**

Councilor Boone made a motion to place Items #1-4 on a Consent Agenda and Councilor Cables seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the items were placed on a Consent Agenda (7-0).

Councilor Starnes made a motion to hold Item #4 until June 19, 2018 and Council President Pro Tempore Brown seconded the motion. Councilor Cables asked why this item would be held. Chief Thompson explained that one of persons on the ABC license application has pending charges in Florida, but will not be on premises in the Prattville location. There being no further discussion, Item #4 was held until June 19, 2018 with the following results:

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

Councilor Strichik made a motion to adopt Items #1-3 on the Consent Agenda and Councilor Cables seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Items #1-3 were adopted with the following results:

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

**AGENDA:**

**1. ORDINANCE:** To Establish Stormwater Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Procedures in Compliance with the City of Prattville’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) Permit. (Sponsored By: Council President Striplin)  
**ORDINANCE BOOK 2018, PAGE 007**  
**HELD FROM MAY 1, 2018**

This Ordinance was introduced at and held over from the May 1, 2018 City Council meeting. Councilor Brown made a motion adopt the Ordinance and Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the Ordinance was adopted with the following results:

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

**2. ORDINANCE:** To Establish Post Construction Stormwater Management Procedures in Compliance with the City of Prattville’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) Permit. (Sponsored By: Council President Striplin)  
**ORDINANCE BOOK 2018, PAGE 008**  
**HELD FROM MAY 1, 2018**

This Ordinance was introduced at and held over from the May 1, 2018 City Council meeting. Councilor Jackson made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilor Boone seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the Ordinance was adopted with the following results:

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

**COMMENTS FROM PERSONS PRESENT:**

Jon Lee Finnegan, 211 Deere Trace, addressed the Council again regarding a crosswalk from Doster Street across Selma Highway. Ms. Finnegan shared an article from Montgomery Advertiser, USA Section, regarding the perils of walking in the United States. Ms. Finnegan noted that it has been 10 ½ months since the City has had a webmaster. Ms. Finnegan added that the meeting with the Prattville-Autauga School Committee was advertised as a Public Hearing, but mid-stream changed to a Question & Answer session.

Marty Roney, 1038 Wright Street, addressed the Council regarding the weeded lot located behind his house. Last week the City had a crew cut the weeded lot, and Code Enforcement Officer Brandon Johnson had the crew return and clear tree stubs left on the property. Mr. Roney thanked the City for having the lot cleared.

Dr. Jerry Cimis, 141 Chestnut Street, reiterated Ms. Finnegan’s comments regarding the Public Hearing with the Prattville-Autauga School Committee. A public hearing is an opportunity for the public to speak in the allotted time. At the break, the meeting was changed to a Question & Answer format.

Council President Striplin announced that the Council needed to enter Executive Session to discuss economic development. City Attorney David McDowell had provided the City Clerk with a letter of explanation for the Executive Session. That letter is made part of the official record.

Council President Pro Tempore Brown made a motion to enter into Executive Session and Councilor Strichik seconded the motion. With a vote of (7-0), the Council entered Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. Council President Striplin announced that the Executive Session should last approximately thirty minutes.

The Council exited the Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Session at 7:08 p.m.

**CLOSING COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilor Strichik made a motion to adjourn and Councilor Cables seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned (7-0) at 7:09 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Cathy Dickerson  
**City Clerk**

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Albert Striplin, President  
**Prattville City Council**