**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALABAMA, ON MARCH 13, 2025.**

 **The Mayor and Council Members of the City of Cordova, Alabama met in a Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday March 13, 2025, at the Cordova City Hall.**

**Lawrence Sides delivered the Invocation.**

 **Mayor Pate led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

 **Upon roll call the following members were present:**

 **Mayor Jeremy Pate, and**

 **Council Members: Brett Dawkins, Ed Earp, Jane Mitchell, and Velda Pettit.**

 **Absent: Larry Sides**

 **Mayor Pate opened the Public Hearing concerning the re-zoning of 625 Amory Ave. He asked if anyone from the community had any comments or concerns. After nobody responded, Mayor Pate entertained a motion to re-zone 625 Amory Ave. from R-2 to R-3. Councilmember Earp made a motion to approve the re-zoning, which was seconded by Councilmember Dawkins. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 5. Motion carried.**

 **Mayor Pate closed the Public Hearing and opened the meeting for the transaction of business.**

**Mayor Pate presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 11, 2025. Councilmember Earp made a motion to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitchell. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 5. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Pate presented the accounts payable list. Councilmember Mitchell made a motion to approve the accounts payable as given, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Pettit. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 5. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Pate made a motion for consideration for Ordinance 04-2025. Councilmember Earp made a motion for consideration of Ordinance 04-2025, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Dawkins. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 5. Motion carried.**

 **Mayor Pate gave a reading of Ordinance 04-2025, an Ordinance to adopt a Code Enforcement Manual. Mayor Pate entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance 04-2025. Councilmember Earp made a motion to adopt, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Dawkins. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 5. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Mayor Pate presented Resolution 02-2025, a Resolution to authorize retention of council to file and prosecute a claim against the Ralph and Della Haskett Memorial, Integrative Family Medicine, LLC, Universal Cosmic Medicine Inc, Dr. Scott Twilley, and/or responsible parties. Councilmember Earp made a motion to approve Resolution 02-2025, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Dawkins. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 5. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Pate presented Resolution 03-2025, a Resolution establishing the use of electronic vote counting devices for the upcoming municipal elections. Councilmember Dawkins made a motion to approve Resolution 03-2025, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Earp. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 5. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Pate gave a reading of a Proclamation to recognize April 18, 2025, as Two Lights for Tomorrow Day to honor and commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation.**

**Mayor Pate entertained a motion to appoint himself as the voting delegate for the Annual Convention of the Alabama League of Municipalities. Councilmember Earp made a motion to appoint Mayor Pate as the voting delegate, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Dawkins. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 5. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Pate requested approval to issue a Request for Quote to bid out work for the RAISE Grant. Councilmember Earp made a motion to approve RFQ for RAISE Grant, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitchell. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 5. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Pate entertained a motion to hire Denise Vance as a part-time administrative assistant at $12.00 an hour pay. She will be working on Mondays and filling in for Courtney while she is out on maternity leave. Councilmember Earp made a motion to hire Denise Vance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitchell. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 5. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Pate recommended Billy Nalls to fill the vacancy on the CEIDA Board. Councilmember Mitchell made a motion to appoint Billy Nalls to the CEIDA Board, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Earp. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 5. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Pate entertained a motion to approve entering into a contract with ML&H Group for property development. Councilmember Dawkins made a motion to approve entering into a contract with ML&H Group, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitchell. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded, yes – 5. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Pate gave a Public Works update. Councilmember Earp requested a port-o-potty be installed at the Reservoir ballfields since there is not a working restroom there.**

**Dean Harbison gave a Fire Department update.**

**Chief Culverson gave a Police Department update.**

**Renee Sides gave a CEIDA update.**

**Lawrence Sides gave a Planning and Zoning update.**

**In other business, City Clerk, CaSara Laing, informed the Council that along with completing the SEI forms, a training video must be watched as well.**

**It was ascertained there was no other business to come before this meeting. Upon motion made and seconded, the meeting was duly adjourned.**

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 **Mayor Jeremy Pate**

**ATTEST:**

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**CaSara Laing**

**City Clerk/Treasurer**