**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALABAMA, ON APRIL 8, 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: Larry Sides, Jane Mitchell, and Velda Pettit**

**Absent: Brett Dawkins and Ed Earp**

**Mayor Pate opened the meeting for the transaction of business.**

**Mayor Pate presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 13, 2025. Councilmember Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Pettit. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 4. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Pate presented the accounts payable list. Councilmember Sides inquired about the Piggly Wiggly amount being so high. Mayor Pate explained that the Park & Rec has begun ball season and had to purchase food. Councilmember Mitchell made a motion to approve the accounts payable as give, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Pettit. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 4. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Pate presented an update on the USDA loans that were taken out in 2014 to repair the sewer system. He encouraged the Councilmembers to notice that the interest has been paid, and future payments will be applied to the principal balance. Mayor Pate asked if there were any questions. When there were no questions, he suggested moving on to the next item of business.**

**Mayor Pate entertained a motion for unanimous consideration for Ordinance 07-2025, Cordova’s proposed business license ordinance. Councilmember Mitchell made a motion for unanimous consideration, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Pettit. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 4. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Pate gave a reading of Ordinance 07-2025. Councilmember Sides inquired about price changes. Mayor Pate explained there were no price changes, only changes in more categories, so businesses could be labeled correctly. Councilmember Mitchell made a motion to adopt Ordinance 07-2025, which motion was seconded by councilmember Pettit. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 4. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Mayor Pate made a motion for unanimous consideration for Ordinance 08-2025, a Zoning Ordinance. Councilmember Sides made a motion for consideration for Ordinance 08-2025, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitchell. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 4. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Mayor Pate gave a reading or Ordinance 08-2025. Councilmember Mitchell made a motion to adopt Ordinance 08-2025, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Sides. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 4. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Mayor Pate presented Resolution 04-2025, a Resolution to establish a Debt Management Policy. Councilmember Sides made a motion to approve Resolution 04-2025, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Pettit, upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 4. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Pate read a Proclamation on Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention and declared April Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention month.**

**Mayor Pate entertained a motion to hire Genesis Wallace as a part-time dispatcher at $12.50 an hour. He explained she was an emergency hire and had been in training to fill the vacancies for part-time dispatch. Councilmember Sides made a motion to approve the hire of Genesis Wallace, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Pettit. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 4. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Pate announced there are two Housing Board appointments for approval. He suggested appointing Councilmember Pettit and Annie Stacks to the vacancies on the Housing Board. Councilmember Sides made a motion to approve Councilmember Pettit and Annie Stacks to the Housing Board, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitchell. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 3. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Pate gave a Public Works update.**

**Dean Harbison gave a Fire Department update. He requested approval from the Council to apply for 3 grants. The first grant would be from Firehouse Subs in the amount of $16,556 with no match.**

**Mayor Pate entertained a motion to approve Mr. Harbison to apply for the Firehouse Subs grant. Councilmember Mitchell made a motion to approve applying for the grant, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Sides. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 4. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Harbison requested approval to apply for the Gary Seinise Grant of $32,990 with no match. Councilmember Sides made a motion to approve the application for the Gary Sinise Grant, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Pettit. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes – 4. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Harbison requested approval to apply for another CAWACO grant of either $10,000 or $5,000 with no match for training equipment. Councilmember Mitchell made a motion to approve the application for the CAWACO grant, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Sides. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes - 4. Motion carried.**

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

**Renee Sides gave a CEIDA update.**

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

**In other business, Councilmember Side requested an update on having street lights installed in Crestview Heights. Mayor Pate explained that he had requested this from his contact at Alabama Power but would reach out to her again for an update.**

**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**

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**City Clerk/Treasurer**