

**City Council Regular Meeting
MINUTES**

November 08, 2022, at 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Byron Sanford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:	Byron Sanford	Mayor
	Carol Langley	City Council Place #1
	Cheryl Fox	City Council Place #4
	Patricia Easley	City Council Place #5
Absent:	Casey Olson	City Council Place #2
	T.J. Wilkerson	City Council Place #3
Also Present:	Dave McCorquodale	Assistant City Administrator& Planning Development
	Nici Browe	City Secretary & Director of Administrative Services

INVOCATION

Mayor Byron Sanford gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAGS

VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:

Citizens are invited to speak for three (3) minutes on matters relating to City Government that relate to agenda or non-agenda items. Prior to speaking, each speaker must be recognized by the Presiding Officer. All speakers should approach the podium to address Council and give their name and address before sharing their comments. City Council may not discuss or take any action on an item but may place the issue on a future agenda.

James Langley – 1002 College Street, Montgomery. Mr. Langley addressed Council

Arnette Easley – 15275 N. Liberty, Montgomery. Mr. Easley addressed Council

Alisa McCorquodale – 661 Old Plantersville, Montgomery. Ms. McCorquodale addressed Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration and approval of the following:

Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting 10-25-2022

Ms. Browe pointed out that the council were provided with an updated copy as there was a typo on 2nd page. Did make a material change of the facts.

Police Chief addressed Council to clarify and confirm a misstatement by the Mayor. He wanted it to be known that he did not say certain things the mayor was stating. He also wanted it known that he advised the mayor that Mr. McCorquodale should have been issued a copy of the investigation report.

Mayor Sanford and Police Chief exchanged a few words regarding this topic.

Each Councilmember provided a brief statement, being thankful that there was no criminal activity going on. Councilmember Cheryl Fox read out a statement/letter from the School Board.

Councilmember Carol Langley made an emotional statement and applauded Mr. McCorquodale for volunteering to take on the role of Interim City Administrator and knows that during this time he has wore many hats.

Mayor conferred with legal counsel as to how to get a copy of the investigation report to Mr. McCorquodale and how to allow a response or recommendation from him.

Mayor asked if he should take a motion to adjourn Executive Session.

Alan Petrov Attorney advised that they did not go into executive Session as it was requested the item be addressed in open session.

Ms. Browe requested that she be recognized as she would like to read a statement.

Mayor Sanford recognized her.

Ms., Browe read a statement addressing retaliation and her concerns regarding unethical processes by Mayor Sanford.

At the conclusion of her statement Mayor Sanford vehemently denied her accusations and proceeded to berate her for speaking out in such manner. He then stated if she continued, she would be removed.

Ms. Browe was escorted from the meeting by the Police Chief.

Mayor Sanford inquired with legal if they could go into Executive Session to discuss the actions tonight.

Alan Petrov stated that they could not but could discuss the items on the agenda in open session.

POSSIBLE ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action taken other than acknowledge that Mr. McCorquodale will be provided a copy of the investigation report.

COUNCIL INQUIRY:

Councilmember Langley stated that she had gone to San Marcos as a representative of City of Montgomery for some Economic Development information.

Councilmember Easley requested that Council discuss at a future meeting permitting as there is a problem with permitting.

Councilmember Langley felt that it should be a closed session discussion as there is a new permit tech.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Cheryl Fox moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Carol Langley seconded the motion. Motion passed (3-0).