**M2022-09**

**September 19, 2022**

**Regular Meeting**

The Town Council of the Town of Berlin met in regular session on this date and time following publication and posting pursuant to Alabama law.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Patrick Bates on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at the Berlin Town Hall.

Invocation - Councilman Donald Gunter.

Pledge of Allegiance - Mayor Patrick Bates.

Roll call by Town Clerk Keirstyn Montgomery. Councilman Don Bates, not present.

Mayor Patrick Bates asked for public comments. There were none.

Approval of minutes from August 15, 2022, Regular Meeting & August 26, 2022, Special Meeting. Motion to approve made by Councilman James Sanford. Second made by Councilman Donald Gunter. Approved 5-0.

Mayor Patrick Bates presented Council with RESOLUTION NO. R2022-006, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-007-ACT 2011-676, and RESOLUTION NO. 2022-008 . Motion to join Retirement Systems of Alabama, adopt RESOLUTION NO. R2022-006, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-007-ACT 2011-676, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-008, and the Town of Berlin to pay $10,371 into Retirement Systems of Alabama for previous time of the Clerk made by Councilman James Sanford, second made by Councilman Tony Duke. Approved 5-0.

Mayor Patrick Bates presented annexation request from Cheryl Hawkins.

Councilman Tony Duke made motion to suspend the rules and accept the Annexation Petition of Cheryl Hawkins by ORDINANCE # 2022-005. Second made by James Sanford. Roll-Call Vote: Mayor Patrick Bates- Yes, Councilman Donald Gunter – Yes, Councilman James Sanford – Yes, Councilman Tony Duke – Yes, Councilman Keith Hardman – Yes. Approved 5-0.

Councilman James Sanford made motion to accept the Annexation Petition of Cheryl Hawkins. Second made by Councilman Tony Duke. Roll-Call Vote: Mayor Patrick Bates- Yes, Councilman Donald Gunter – Yes, Councilman James Sanford – Yes, Councilman Tony Duke – Yes, Councilman Keith Hardman – Yes. Approved 5-0.

Mayor Patrick Bates presented annexation request from Ruby Evans.

Councilman James Sanford made motion to suspend the rules and accept the Annexation Petition of Ruby Evans by ORDINANCE # 2022-006. Second made by Tony Duke. Roll-Call Vote: Mayor Patrick Bates- Yes, Councilman Donald Gunter – Yes, Councilman James Sanford – Yes, Councilman Tony Duke – Yes, Councilman Keith Hardman – Yes. Approved 5-0.

Councilman James Sanford made motion to accept the Annexation Petition of Ruby Evans. Second made by Councilman Tony Duke. Roll-Call Vote: Mayor Patrick Bates- Yes, Councilman Donald Gunter – Yes, Councilman James Sanford – Yes, Councilman Tony Duke – Yes, Councilman Keith Hardman – Yes. Approved 5-0.

Motion to convert intersection of County Road 747 & County Road 1616 into 4-way stop made by Councilman Tony Duke. Second made by Councilman James Sanford. Approved 4-1.

Mayor Patrick Bates presented quotes for business license software. Councilman James Sanford made motion to purchase business license software from Civic Review in the amount of $4,500 for annual subscription fee plus $1,000 one-time set up fee. Second made by Councilman Donald Gunter. Approved 5-0.

Mayor Patrick Bates presented FY2023 General Fund, Road Fund, and Capital Fund budgets. Motion to adopt 2023 General Fund, Road Fund, and Capital Fund budgets made by Councilman Tony Duke. Second made by Councilman James Sanford. Approved 5-0.

In other business, Mayor Patrick Bates informed Council that the rates for Local Government Health will increase starting January 2023 by 6%.

Councilman Tony Duke made motion to adjust the salary of the Town Clerk to $3,432 following the first full month of receiving the CMC designation with the University of Alabama. Second made by Councilman James Sanford. Approved 5-0.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman tony Duke, second made by Councilman James Sanford. Approved 5-0.

Adjourned at 7:27 PM.

The next meeting of the Berlin Town Council will be October 17, 2022, at the Berlin Town Hall at 7:00 PM.

ATTEST:

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Mayor Patrick Bates Keirstyn Montgomery, Town Clerk