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ORDINANCE # 2024-08

Title: Chapter 54: Occupational License Amendments

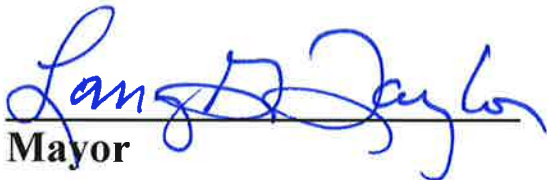
First Reading Date: August 13th, 2024

Advertising Date: August 28th, 2024 & September 4th, 2024

Public Hearing Date: September 10th, 2024

Final Reading & Adoption Date: September 10th, 2024

Signed:


Mayor

Attest & Seal:


City Clerk



ORDINANCE

Chapter 54. Occupational License: Amendments to the Municipal Code City of Alma shall be amended as follows:

(A) By deleting Section 54-3. - Deadline for payment and substituting the following:

Section 54-3. - Deadline for payment.

Each such occupational tax shall be for each calendar year. Said occupational tax shall be due and payable January 1st of each calendar year and shall be delinquent if not paid by March 31st of each calendar year.

(B) Section 54-14. - Delinquency penalty. Shall be amended by deleting said Code Section and substituting the following:

Section 54-14. - Delinquency penalty. All licenses under this chapter which are not paid for by March 31st of each calendar year or at the time of commencement of business if after March 31st, will bear penalty at the rate of ten percent of the amount due and unpaid of \$25.00, whichever is greater.

Adopted this 10th day of September, 2024

Signed:



MAYOR Larry G. Taylor

Attest:



CITY CLERK Amanda Taylor

Members present: Shannon Jinks, Bernita Lewis, Jerry Sweat, Michael Morrison, Larry Waters, Mayor Larry G. Taylor, and City Attorney Sam Edgar.

Invocation: was given by Danny Turner, EMA Director

Pledge of Allegiance: was led by Council member Larry Waters, District #5

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Council member Sweat. Seconded by Council member Morrison. Motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes: Minutes of July 9th, 2024, Regular Meeting
Minutes of July 10th, 2024, Called Meeting

Blanket motion to adopt both sets of minutes by Council member Waters. Seconded by Council member Lewis. Motion carried.

Presentation: FY 23-24 Hotel/ Motel Tax Reports:

- 1) Theatre Board- Joseph Rollins went over the Theatre Board's financial report and all the expenditures. He mentioned about upcoming expenses for equipment upgrades for the theater.
- 2) Chamber of Commerce- Lisa Sellers & Reece Turner (Presented during Work Session) Mrs. Lisa went over the Chambers Financial Reports and all the key expenditures that they used the Hotel-Motel Tax money with. The upcoming event the Chamber will host is the Fall Festival at Goldwasser Park on Halloween.

Public Hearings:

- 1) Ordinance Amendment: Chapter 10-24: Animal Quarters requirements for Animal Cage locations. The Alma Times Editor asked whether there would be any consequences if the citizen didn't comply. Mayor Taylor stated that yes there is a fine of up to \$1,000.00 and all that in detail is in the front of the chapter in the code book.
- 2) Ordinance Adoption: Chapter 66: Personnel: Establish Official City Holiday'.

Action Items:

1. **Approval: 2nd Reading & Adoption: Chapter 10- Animals and Fowl:** Ordinance to Amend Section 10-24: Animal Quarters- Requirements for Animal Cage locations. Motion to adopt the Chapter 10- Animals and Fowl Ordinance to amend sections 10-24 by Council member Lewis. Seconded by Council member Jinks. Motion carried.

2. **Approval: 2nd Reading & Adoption: Chapter 66:** Personnel Ordinance to establish Official City Holidays. Motion to adopt Personnel Ordinance to establish official City Holidays by Council member Jinks. Seconded by Council member Sweat. Motion carried.

3. **Approval: 1st Reading: Chapter 94: Amend Zoning Ordinance:** Request by Southside Church of God to rezone from R1B to R2 location at 113 Crosby Road for placement of Modular

Building for Sunday School & Educational purposes, Tax Parcel #A13004035. Motion to move on to 2nd Reading at the September Council meeting by Council member Morrison. Seconded by Council member Jinks. Motion carried.

4. **Approval: 1st Reading: Chapter 54: Occupational Licenses:** Amendments are as follows:

- a) Sec. 54-3: Set the due date as January 1st of each year and shall be delinquent if not paid within 90 days of each calendar year, and
- b) Sec. 54-14: All licenses not paid within 90 days from the due date of January 1st of each year will bear a penalty at the rate of 10% of the amount due and unpaid or \$25.00, whichever is greater.

Motion to move on to the 2nd Reading at the September Council meeting by Council member Morrison. Seconded by Council member Lewis. Motion carried.

5. **Approval: 1st Reading: Chapter 82: Traffic:** Amendments as follows:

- a) Prohibit Traveling through and on-street parking in residential districts by large trucks and tractor-trailers or similar vehicles,
- b) Large trucks and tractor-trailers are to use approved state and federal routes to travel through the City of Alma,
- c) The City Council is to set the maximum penalty for violations of this ordinance.

Motion to move on to the 2nd Reading at the September Council meeting by Council member Lewis. Seconded by Council member Jinks. Motion carried.

6. **Approval:** The Project is known as the 13th Street & Taylor Road Water Line Replacement Project. It is to change the project scope of services:

- a) Reject the single bid from K-DUG Construction Co. of Patterson, GA of \$1,123,436.24 to change the project scope and meet the budgeted funds available.
- b) Roberts Civil Engineering recommends the project's scope of services be changed and re-bid.
- c) The goals are for the project to a) be constructed within the funds available (\$800,000.00), and b) attract multiple bidders.

Motion to reject a bid from K-DUG Construction Co. and change the project scope to meet budgeted funds by Council member Waters. Seconded by Council member Sweat. Motion carried.

7. **Approval:** Revolving Loan to "Sound Mind Solutions" (Medical & Mental Health Services) for \$150,000.00 at 4% for 7 years. Security is 6 acres on Carter Town Road. The business location is 204 South Dixon Street. Applicants are Brittany Turner, psychologist, and Mitzy Crosby Tyre, FNP. FNB South Bank is the loan partner.

Motion to approve the revolving loan to "Sound Mind Solutions" by Council member Waters. Seconded by Council member Morrison. Motion carried.

8. **Approval: Resolution:** Establish Building Inspection Fees for new construction and renovations in compliance with HB 461(2024 Session). Inspection fees based on square footage are not allowed as of July 1st, 2024.

- a) Residential: \$45.00 per building,

b) Commercial: \$55.00 per building,

c) Industrial: \$65.00 per building.

Motion to approve new Building Inspection Fees for new construction and renovations by Council member Lewis. Seconded by Council member Morrison. Motion carried.

For Your Information:

9. **FYI: Splash Pad Committee Appointments:**

a) Bernita Lewis, Council District #2

b) Shannon Jinks, Council District #1

10. **FYI: Cemetery Committee Appointments:**

a) Michael Morrison, Council District # 4

b) Bernita Lewis, District #2

11. **FYI: Hotel-Motel Tax Review Committee Appointments:**

a) Jerry Sweat, Council District #3

b) Michael Morrison, Council District #4

12. **FYI: New City Manager Screening Committee:**

a) Jerry Sweat, Council District #3

b) Larry Waters, Council District #5

Department Monthly Reports:

13. **Financial Report:** Mayor Taylor & City Clerk Amanda Taylor

14. **Police & City Court:** Chief Brinson

15. **Code Enforcement & Animal Control:** Arthur Outler

16. **Public Works (W/S, Streets & SW):** Richard Jones

17. **Bacon Theatre & Website:** Trina Taylor

18. **City Clerk:** Amanda Taylor (New business license report)

19. **DDA & Economic Development:** Kevin Ellis

20. **City Attorney's Report:** (None)

21. **City Manager's Report:** (None)

Mayor & Council Issues:

None

Citizen Comments:

(Please Limit Remarks to 3 Minutes)

None

Executive Session:

(For Litigation, Personnel or Land Acquisition)

Motion to enter Executive Session by Council member Lewis. Seconded by Council member Jinks. Motion carried (7:00 pm) (Regarding Land Acquisition- No action to be taken)

Motion to close executive session and open regular session by Council member Lewis. Seconded by Council member Morrison. Motion carried (7:20 pm)

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting by Council member Jinks. Seconded by Council member Lewis. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Regular Meeting: 6:00pm, Tuesday, September 10th, 2024, at the Mayor & Council Meeting Room. (Including Bid Award for Old Town Sewer Project)

Calendar of Events:

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| 9:00, Thursday, August 22 nd : | City-County Retreat: Update Project List "Plan Our Work, Work our Plan" Jenny Robbins, Facilitator, Satilla REMC |
| 10:00, Tuesday, August 27 th : | Bid Opening, Old Town Sewer Project |
| Monday, September 2 nd : | Labor Day: City Hall Closed |
| 8:00, Thursday, Sept. 12 th : | Wake Up with Bacon: FNB Sponsor |
| Fri-Sat, Sept. 21 st -22 nd : | 100 th Anniversary Celebration for Cohen's of Alma Dept. Store |
| Monday, October 14 th : | Columbus Day |
| 5:00, Thursday, Oct. 31 st : | Fall Festival (Halloween), Chamber sponsored |

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Mayor & Council Meeting

6:00 pm, Tuesday, September 10, 2024
Council Meeting Room

A G E N D A

Invocation: **Danny Turner**

Pledge to the Flag: **Shannon Jinks, District # 1 Council Member**

Adoption of the Agenda:

Adoption of Minutes: **Minutes of August 13, 2024**

Guest Speaker: **John Hughes, Public Works Issue**

Public Hearings:

- 1. Zoning Ordinance Amendment:**
- 2. Ordinance to regulate Truck Traffic in Residential Districts:**
- 3. Ordinance to set the Delinquency Due Date and Penalties for all Occupation Licenses:**

Action Items:

- 1. Approval: 2nd & Final Reading: Chapter 94: Amend Zoning Ordinance: Request by Southside Church of God to rezone from R1B to R2 location at 113 Crosby Rd for temporary placement of Modular Building for Sunday School & Educational Purposes, Tax Parcel # A 13004035.**

2. **Approval: 2nd & Final Reading:** Chapter 82: Traffic:
Amendments are as follows:
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 - b. Large trucks and tractor-trailers are to use approved state and federal routes to travel through the City of Alma,
 - c. The City Council is to set the maximum penalty for violations of this ordinance.
3. **Approval: 2nd & Final Reading:** Chapter 54: Occupational Licenses:
Amendments are as follows:
 - a. **Sec. 54-3:** Set the due date as January 1 of each year and shall be delinquent if not paid within 90 days of each calendar year, and
 - b. **Sec. 54-14:** All licenses not paid within 90 days from the due date of January 1st of each calendar year will bear a penalty at the rate of ten percent (10%) of the amount due and unpaid or \$25.00, whichever is greater.
4. **Approval:** Rename Mercer Street to Nathan Cohen Way from West 11th Street to West 4th Street. This is in honor of Nathan Cohen where he resided and as the founder of Cohens of Alma department store.
5. **Approval:** Old Town Sewer Rehab Bid Award: The lowest responsive bidder K-DUG Corporation of Patterson, GA for \$ 1,041,404.00. This is based upon the original bid plus Change Order # 1. Funding is from the 2023 CDBG Grant of \$1,000,000 plus required local matching funds. The Project is scheduled to begin in 2024 and be completed about the end of June 2025.
6. **Approval:** Teresa Estates agreement between TL Jordan Construction Co., LLC, and the City of Alma, for One GA Development Loan. (City Attorney is preparing the Agreement)
7. **Approval:** 24-25 SRO Agreement between the Bacon County Board of Education and the City of Alma. This agreement provides for each school to have an SRO Officer assigned by the Alma Police Department.
8. **Approval:** A Zoning Variance is recommended by the Planning Commission to allow a replacement trailer at 108 Poplar Street. The

property owner Jafet Aguirre proposed to remove the dilapidated trailer and replace it with a trailer that meets the construction codes.

Department Monthly Reports:

9. Financial Report:

10. Police & City Court:

11. Code Enforcement & Animal Control:

12. Public Works- Water & Sewer- Solid Waste:

13. Bacon Theater & Website:

14. DDA & Economic Development Highlights:

15. City Clerk- Business License Report

16. City Attorney's Report:

17. City Manager's Report:

Mayor & Council Issues:

Citizen Comments:

(Please Limit Remarks to 3 Minutes)

Executive Session

(For Litigation, Personnel or Land Acquisition)

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at the Mayor & Council Meeting Room

Calendar of Events:

8:00, Thursday, Sept. 12th	Wake-Up Bacon, TDB, FNB South Bank
Fri-Sat, Sept 20th-21st	Cohens of Alma, 100th Anniversary
6:00, Thursday, Sept. 19th	Splash Pad Advisory Committee- Initial Meeting
8:30-12 noon, Thursday, Sept. 26th	Retreat at Lions Club Building
Saturdays, October 5th & 12th	City Wide Clean Up & Tire Amnesty

Members present: Shannon Jinks, Bernita Lewis, Jerry Sweat, Michael Morrison, Larry Waters, Mayor Larry G. Taylor, and City Attorney Sam Edgar.

Invocation: was given by Danny Turner, EMA Director

Pledge of Allegiance: was led by Council member Shannon Jinks, District #1

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with tabling action items #6 & #7 by Council member Sweat. Seconded by Council member Waters. Motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes: Minutes of August 13th, 2024, Regular Meeting
Motion to adopt minutes of August 13th, 2024, by Council member Lewis. Seconded by Council member Jinks. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker: John Hughes, Public Works Issue (issued resolved-no show)

Public Hearings: Public Hearing opened at 6:10 pm and closed at 6:15 pm (sign-in sheet attached to minutes- no citizen comments/complaints)

- 1) Zoning Ordinance Amendment.
- 2) Ordinance to regulate Truck Traffic in Residential Districts.
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Action Items:

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Motion to adopt Chapter 82: Traffic ordinance with the edit of dropping the penalty wording by Council member Waters. Seconded by Council member Lewis. Motion carried.

3. **Approval: 2nd Reading & Adoption: Chapter 54: Occupational Licenses:** Amendments are as follows:

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Motion to adopt the amendments for Chapter 54: Occupational Licenses ordinance by Council member Sweat. Seconded by Council member Morrison. Motion carried.

4. **Approval:** Rename Mercer Street to Nathan Cohen Way from West 11th Street to West 4th Street. This is in honor of Nathan Cohen where he resided and as the founder of Cohens of Alma department store. Motion to approve the rename of Mercer Street to Nathan Cohen Way only if the City was able to get all the residents on Mercer Street approval by Council member Jinks. Seconded by Council member Waters. Motion carried. (Waiting on the City Manager for all documentation regarding the renaming of Mercer Street- this action item will be tabled for the next meeting if the city doesn't have all proper documentation).

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Street Sweeper is down and being worked on
13. **Bacon Theatre & Website:** Trina Taylor
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15. **DDA & Economic Development:** No report: Kevin Ellis- not present

16. **City Attorney's Report:** (None)

17. **City Manager's Report:** (None)

Mayor & Council Issues:

None

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