

# LWV of East Alabama — Observer Corps Report

Agency: Loachapoka Town Council

Date: Monday, April 2, 2018

Type of meeting: Regular

Staff present: N/A

Media coverage? Yes

# of Audience Members: 6–12

Facilities ALL OK

FEATURE EVALUATED	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Did meeting start on time?	X		Next Meeting is May 7, 2018, beginning at 5:30 p.m. CDT
Were all members present?	X		One Council Seat is vacant
Were members attentive?	X		
Did the members appear to have done their "homework"?	X		
Were members courteous to each other and the public?	X		
Was the agenda online at least 24 hrs. before?		X	According to Council members, City does not have internet service; any postings by Councilors and Mayor's, personal delivery systems
Did agenda items clearly describe what was to be discussed?		X	No published agenda available
Was there adequate opportunity for public input?	X		Extensive discussions between attendees throughout the meeting, not just at citizen input designated time.
Was there the appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?		X	Bids and other documents in sealed envelopes were opened and discussed during the meeting
Was background information available to public?		X	Any and all items on the Agenda were discussed openly among Councilors and Mayor. Any member of the public could provide comment on items of interest to them.

### Were any issues on the agenda relevant to any LWV state or local positions or programs?

Extensive discussion held on Emergency disaster preparedness. Of concern was the matter of availability of approved shelters, particularly given the number of mobile homes in the area. Apparently, neither the School nor the Community Center are approved shelters. It was thought that the Auburn University Library was the nearest approved shelter.

### Do you recommend local League action on any of these issues? Yes If "yes" what action do you recommend?

Loachapoka Councilors are working with Emergency Management agencies in the search for approved shelters. LWV awareness of the issue and member assistance in time of disaster(s) is encouraged.

**Other Concerns:** None. It should be noted that Loachapoka Councilors and the Mayor are working with a number of different entities in an attempt to provide uninterrupted internet service to the Community. A comment was made that such service issues should be remedied within the next five (5) years.

Observer: BOU

Date Submitted: April 4, 2018

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