

LWV of East Alabama — Observer Corps Report

Agency: Opelika City Council Meeting (Council Chamber, 204 S. 7th St., Opelika)

Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Type of meeting: Regular

Staff present: City Manager

Media coverage? Yes

of Audience Members: 6–12

Facilities ALL OK

FEATURE EVALUATED	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Did meeting start on time?	X		
Were all members present?		X	Councilor Smith and Mayor Fuller absent. Mayor on out-of-town City related business trip
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		
Did agenda items clearly describe what was to be discussed?	X		Of the items on the Agenda, only zoning change, CDBG Grant Application, and website policies were posted. Bids, and other items on Agenda were not posted. Total pages on website: 22 vs Auburn's 178 pp.
Was there adequate opportunity for public input?	X		
Was there the appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?		X	
Was background information available to public?		X	See above comments re posting items on Agenda to website 24 hours prior to meeting

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

NONE; however, see above for items actually posted on website and below for concerns regarding incomplete posting of documents for viewing by the public and other interested parties.

Do you recommend local League action on any of these issues? Yes

Encourage Opelika to post all documents listed on the Agenda on City's website for viewing by the public and other interested parties.in advance of meeting.

Observer: BOU

Date Submitted: April 4, 2018

Report should be emailed to lwveastal@gmail.com along with the URL of the meeting's agenda and supporting documents. Thank you!