

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
January 8, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of Columbiana City Hall at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 8, 2013. Mayor Handley called the meeting to order and asked City Clerk Gina Antolini to call roll.

Present: Leslie Whiting
Barbara Moore
Ricky Ruston
Kim King
Ouida Mayfield
Mayor Handley

Absent: None

The record reflects that a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes: – December 18, 2012 – Regular Meeting.

Council member Whiting moved to approve the consent agenda with a correction to the minutes of replacing “is” with “it” under public comment in relation to the leash law. Council member Mayfield seconded and the consent agenda was approved by a vote of all members of the council.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Handley discussed the Marketing Coordinator position briefly and recommended that Helen Dean be hired for the position, with a hire date of January 14, 2013, at Pay Grade X, Step 3 and it was noted that she will serve a one-year probationary period and the council requested that reviews performed according to the employee handbook be submitted to the council. Mayor Handley agreed to do so. Council member Ruston asked what the requirements for the position were, and the Mayor stated, a love for the City of Columbiana and someone who understands marketing and public relations. Council member Mayfield asked if the position would require a city vehicle and phone and the Mayor answered no.

Mayor Handley advised that Bill Justice submitted his resignation from the Zoning Board of Adjustment and John Jones submitted his resignation from the Planning & Zoning Commission but will continue to serve on the Industrial Development Board.

Mayor Handley provided an update on the Pitts Drive right-of-way question. City Attorney Bill Justice has sufficiently answered the question and provided the information needed for Gresham, Smith & Partners to proceed.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Library – Director Dutcha Lawson reported on upcoming programming.

Administration – City Clerk Gina Antolini reported on the audit and W-2s and the effects of the flu on the office.

Street, Sanitation and Park – Allen Reynolds reported on the newly acquired truck, surplus property and that Christmas decorations have been removed. He talked about correcting the wiring and the potential cost and was charged with providing an estimate of the cost to the City Council.

Waste Water – Dale Lucas gave an update on the new employee and also on the Hwy 47 pump.

Fire – Chief Johnny Howard, Jr. reported on cross training and the helipad (no real update) and the Mayor requested to meet with him regarding potential funding for the helipad.

Police – Chief Lamar Vick reported on counterfeit bills being circulated and advised people to exercise caution. He has interviewed for the Police Officer position and expects to report a hire at the next council meeting. Mayor Handley stated that someone had contacted him thanking the Police for increased patrols at Town Creek Apartments. He also thanked the department for the officers visiting local businesses.

RESOLUTION 01-13-01 ESTABLISHING ADDRESS OF SHELBY COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Council member Mayfield introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 01-13-01

A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING THE PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE IN COLUMBIANA

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana as home to the “Old Courthouse” has been made aware of the need to clarify or correct the actual address for the building; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana has the responsibility to ensure that all addresses located within the city limits are accurately reflected on all maps and for utility purposes,

WHEREAS, since 1981, the address of 1854 Old Courthouse has been utilized as the address for the location of the Old Courthouse.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, while in a regular session on this the 8th day of January, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., as follows:

SECTION 1. That from this day forward the Old Courthouse address shall be known as 1854 Old Courthouse Circle, Columbiana, Alabama.

SECTION 2. That the City Clerk shall be responsible for notifying Shelby County GIS and Shelby County 911 to make the necessary changes to reflect the address

change as approved by the Columbiana City Council and to facilitate notification to any other agency as needed by the Old Courthouse.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

THEREUPON Council member King moved and Council member Mayfield seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote and said resolution passed by a majority vote of the Council, with Council members Ruston and Whiting casting nay votes.

RESOLUTION 01-13-02 AMENDING THE FY 2013 BUDGET TO INCLUDE CAPITAL PURCHASE OF A TRUCK FOR STREET DEPARTMENT

Council member Whiting introduced Resolution 01-13-02, Amending the FY 2013 Budget to Include the Capital Purchase of a Truck for Street Department, and moved that all rules governing the council, which might, unless suspended, prevent the passage and adoption of said resolution at this meeting, be and the same are hereby suspended for the purpose of permitting the said resolution to be finally passed and adopted at this meeting. Council member Mayfield seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote. The results were as follows:

Yea: Council member Leslie Whiting
Council member Barbara Moore
Council member Ricky Ruston
Council member Kim King
Council member Ouida Mayfield
Mayor Stancil Handley

Nay: None

Mayor Handley declared the motion adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

RESOLUTION 01-13-02

AMENDING THE FY2013 BUDGET TO INCLUDE THE PURCHASE OF A TRUCK FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council has approved a beginning budget for FY2013, and

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council has identified the need to purchase a truck due to mechanical failure of another truck, and was able to locate a used vehicle to serve that need, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the City Council to approve a budget that is consistent with the revenue and expenditures reflecting their priorities for the City of Columbiana, and

WHEREAS, the purchase of a truck is a capital expense and requires an amendment to the capital budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council hereby amends the Fiscal Year 2013 budget to include the capital expenditure of a Ford F-150 truck in the amount of \$5,500 from Jim Stone, with the funds to be paid from the Capital Expense account and authorizes the City Clerk/Treasurer to transfer the funds from the General Fund to the Capital Expense account and to update the FY2013 budget.

Discussion ensued and Council member Mayfield moved that said resolution, 01-13-02 Amending the FY 2013 Budget to Include the Capital Purchase of a Truck for Street Department, be finally passed and adopted as introduced. Council member Whiting seconded the motion. Mayor Handley put the question of final passage and the adoption of said resolution to vote of the council and on call of the roll the results were as follows:

Yea: Council member Leslie Whiting
Council member Barbara Moore
Council member Ricky Ruston
Council member Kim King
Council member Ouida Mayfield
Mayor Stancil Handley

Nay: None

Mayor Handley announced the results of the vote and declared the resolution passed.

RESOLUTION – 01-13-03 DECLARING STREET/SANITATION SURPLUS PROPERTY

Council member Mayfield introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 01-13-03

**A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SURPLUS PROPERTY –
SANITATION/STREET DEPARTMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana, Alabama, has certain items of personal property which are no longer needed for public or municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-43-56 of the Code of Alabama of 1975 authorizes the municipal governing body to dispose of unneeded personal property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the following personal property owned by the City of Columbiana, Alabama, is not needed for public or municipal purposes:

1999 Ford F-150 Extended Cab - Street
VIN#1FTRY17W5XNB52228

2005 GMC W5500 Diesel 6 Yard Garbage Truck-Sanitation
VIN#J8DE5B16857902513

GRADALL-G3WD Four Wheel Drive - Street

VIN#44788363

SECTION 2. That the city clerk be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to dispose of the personal property owned by the City of Columbiana, Alabama, described in Section 1 above, by sale via bid by posting on GovDeals or by appropriate destruction of such property, whichever best serves the City of Columbiana, based on the value of the listed property.

THEREUPON Council member Whiting moved and Council member King seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote and said resolution passed by vote of all members of the Council, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

RESOLUTION 01-13-04 – SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Council member Ruston introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 01-13-04

AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA IN THE 2013 SALES TAX HOLIDAY FOR SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS ITEMS

WHEREAS, the State Legislature of Alabama passed and the Governor of Alabama has signed into law House of Representatives Bill 436 (HB 436) of the 2012 Regular Session granting municipal governments authority to provide for the exemption of certain covered severe weather preparedness items from the payment of municipal sales tax during a period commencing at 12:01 a.m. Friday, February 22, 2013 and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday, February 24, 2013 under the same terms, conditions and definitions as provided for the state sales tax holiday for such covered items, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Columbiana, Alabama wishes to participate in the State of Alabama Sales Tax Holiday for Severe Weather Preparedness Items beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 22, 2013 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 24, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama as follows:

Section 1. That approval is granted for the exemption of certain covered severe weather preparedness items from the payment of municipal sales tax for the period commencing at 12:01 a.m. Friday, February 22, 2013 and ending at twelve midnight

Sunday, February 24, 2013 under the same terms, conditions and definitions as provided for by House Bill 436 of the 2012 Regular Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the Council will consider participation in the State of Alabama Sales Tax Holiday for Severe Weather Preparedness Items on an annual basis.

THEREUPON Council member Whiting moved and Mayfield seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by vote of all members of the Council, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

DISCUSSION – PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S POSITION

Mayor Handley reported that the Policy Committee had met prior to the meeting, at 5:30 p.m. and recommended the job description provided to the Council as the new duties of the Planning & Zoning Administrator. Discussion ensued and Council member Ruston questioned the difference in duties of this position vs. the Marketing Coordinator. There was significant discussion regarding the position, the elimination of the Ordinance Enforcement duties/re-assignment to the Police Department and the need for two positions (Marketing Coordinator and the Planning & Zoning Administrator). The council came to the decision to take the following action:

Council member King moved to retain the Ordinance Enforcement Officer position, re-classifying the job, duties and title, and to re-assign the ordinance enforcement duties only, to the Police Department, effective immediately. Council member Mayfield seconded and the motion passed by a majority vote, with Council members Leslie Whiting and Ricky Ruston casting nay votes.

DISCUSSION – STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON EMMA LANE AND EUREKA ACRES

Mayor Handley discussed potential improvements on Emma Lane, with regard to installing pipe to assist with drainage, and Eureka Acres, with regard to re-surfacing. Mayor Handley stated that the work would cost approximately \$3,500 and would utilize City crews. Discussion ensued with the question regarding the status of the where the work would be performed and if it was private/public. Mayor Handley will check with the city attorney regarding the legality of performing the work and report back at the next council meeting. The council was in agreement that the areas were in severe need of attention but wanted to make sure that the City didn’t incur any unnecessary liability.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Handley commented on the City’s insurance renewal with Rux Carter and the need expressed for increasing the City’s building values and therefore the coverage as well as cyber-liability coverage. City Clerk Gina Antolini indicated that this was discussed at the last renewal. Mayor Handley advised that he would provide all the council with a list of the coverage and the council would look at increasing the coverage

at the next council meeting. Mayor Handley also expressed that the renewal documents needed to be completed within two weeks in order to assist in obtaining the best price.

Mayor Handley provided two dates for the Council to tour Grede, January 22 or February 5 and said he would check with them at the next council meeting so he could set up the tour with Tom Walton.

Fire Chief Johnny Howard, Jr. addressed marking of houses and mentioned that an ordinance had been considered to require homes and businesses to be identified. Lisa Lively offered to work with him and present something back to the council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council member Ruston moved that the meeting be adjourned, Council member Whiting seconded and the motion passed by vote of all members of the council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.