

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
January 15, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of Columbiana City Hall at 6:02 p.m., Tuesday, January 15, 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
Mayor Handley

Absent: Ouida Mayfield

The record reflects that a quorum was present. Mayor Handley reported that Council member Mayfield's husband Don had passed away and that a Memorial Service would be Saturday, January 19th at the Methodist church at 11:00 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes: – January 8, 2013 – Regular Meeting.

Council member Whiting moved to approve the consent agenda and Council member King seconded and the consent agenda was approved by a vote of all members of the council present.

PRESENTATION FROM SOUTH SHELBY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Donna Smelcher and Bonnie Atchison spoke to the council requesting the City's continued support of the Chamber. The vacancy of the executive director's position was discussed and both indicated that a decision was pending. The Mayor requested that Bonnie provide some information regarding the services provided by the Chamber and she provided an overview of their activities within the City and their involvement in Liberty as well as the services they provide to all the members of the Chamber.

PRESENTATION FROM THE GREATER SHELBY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Kirk Mancer briefly reviewed the five year strategic plan and their commitment to business and retail development and how that could benefit the City. He discussed workforce development, the Shelby One program, their monthly luncheons and the participation level they requested from the City and of partnership with the City.

Mayor Handley suggested that a council work session be held to discuss the two Chamber proposals and what the City would do regarding support.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Handley gave an update on Emma Lane and Eureka Acres. Bill Justice researched the court case referred to regarding Emma Lane and an easement had been granted by the judge in that case (which could not have been done if it was a City street).

The Mayor will inform the residents of the situation. He also reported that Eureka Acres is not a City street and therefore the work previously discussed in both situations could not be performed by the City.

Mayor Handley gave an update on the Highway 70 & County Road 26 development. Gary Ray indicated that the paperwork regarding the project is moving along and when the timeline was discussed, Gary indicated that it would take from a year, to a year and a half, to complete the road work.

Several people have approached the mayor about the recreation building rental fee and the possibility of decreasing it. The fee was once \$50 but is now \$200, with the changes being made by the previous administration. He would like to discuss lowering the fee at a future council meeting. Planning & Zoning Administrator Lisa Lively offered to check rates in neighboring municipalities and report back to the council.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police – Chief Lamar Vick reported on the governor’s visit and the hire of Kenneth Peavy as a full time Police Officer. Mayor Handley stated he had been involved in the interview and felt the officer was “a fine addition to the department.” Officer Peavy will serve a one-year probationary period and will be eligible for a one-step pay increase at the end of that period. Mayor Handley asked Chief Vick to describe the process he went through with hiring of officers.

Fire – Chief Johnny Howard, Jr. reported on a fire at the Recycling Unlimited property.

Waste Water – Dale Lucas state that the Highway 47 project has been delayed due to inclement weather.

Street, Sanitation and Park – Allen Reynolds reported that Lee Bryant, Lathan & Associates was at the meeting regarding the City Hall roofing bids.

Administration – City Clerk Gina Antolini advised that with the new description of the Planning & Zoning Administrator, business license cross-training was on-going. The office has been undergoing physical moving with the hire of Marketing Coordinator, Helen Dean, but things are beginning to settle down. She reported on audit progress and the budget.

Library – Director Dutcha Lawson reported on upcoming programming and the Friends of the Library Antiques & Appraisal event on May 4th-5th.

RESOLUTION 01-13-05 AFFIRMING THE INVESTMENT ACCOUNT DEPOSITORY AND CHANGING SIGNATORS ON THE ACCOUNT

Council member King introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 01-13-05

AFFIRMING INVESTMENT ACCOUNT DEPOSITORY AND DESIGNATING SIGNATORS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Columbiana, that Sterne, Agee is affirmed as the City's investment account; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVE that all warrants, drafts, and checks drawn on the account of the City of Columbiana shall be signed by two of the persons designated herein as signatories; that the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore and Council member Whiting be and they are hereby designated as signatories on the City's investment account.

THEREUPON Council member Ruston moved and Council member Moore seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote and said resolution passed by a vote of the Council members present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

RESOLUTION 01-13-06 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR SENIOR CENTER GRANT

Council member Whiting introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 01-13-06

APPLICATION FOR SHELBY COUNTY SENIOR CENTER GRANT 2012-2013

WHEREAS, the Shelby County Commission has appropriated \$26,000.00 for the Senior Center Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana has the opportunity to submit an application for a grant of up to \$2,000.00 or provide assistance to the Columbiana Senior Center in sustaining activities, services, programs and to promote health, wellness, educational, and recreational opportunities to area seniors, and there are no City matching fund requirements for this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbiana City Council, the Council hereby authorizes Donna Higgins, under the direction of Mayor Stencil Handley or City Clerk Gina Antolini, to submit an application for the 2013 Shelby County Senior Center grant.

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

RESOLUTION – 01-13-07 AWARDDING BID FOR THE ROOF AT CITY HALL

Lee Bryant, Lathan & Associates, discussed the bid process, the condition of the roof and the options that were available for the repair and the reasoning for choosing the method and the specifications developed for the bid. He also discussed the differences in the bids and then answered questions regarding the timeline for the repair and stated that the contractor had sixty (60) calendar days once the documents were executed to complete the work, excluding rain or if there was some reason they couldn't access the building due to a City event or such preventing work. He discussed warranty and the savings that should be realized due to added insulation in the new roof as well as the change in the drainage.

Council member Whiting introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 01-13-07

AWARD OF BID FOR ROOF AT CITY HALL

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama hereby awards the low bid \$87,363 to Pinkston Hollar Construction Services for the re-roofing of Columbiana City Hall in accordance with the bid documents and specifications submitted and publicly opened at 2:00 P.M., January 10, 2013, as prepared by Lathan & Associates on behalf of the City of Columbiana, pursuant to Resolution 10-12-03, adopted at the October 16, 2012 council meeting and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Columbiana authorizes the Mayor to sign any documents necessary to facilitate the completion of the work according to the bid documents and authorizes the City Clerk to make payment to the vendor in accordance with the bid documents and to Lathan & Associates, from the Capital Improvement Fund, as previously stated in Resolution 10-12-03 and to amend the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget to reflect the expenditures.

THEREUPON Council member Ruston 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 present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

DISCUSSION – INSURANCE RENEWAL

Discussion regarding the general liability insurance with respect to increasing the property values led to a consensus that property values should be increased by ten percent which the Mayor indicated would carry an additional cost of approximately \$2,000 according to George Bentley. There was discussion regarding whether that would include contents or if contents were adequately covered.

DISCUSSION – GREDE TOUR

Mayor Handley discussed the offer to tour Grede and a decision to schedule the tour for February 5th at 3:00 p.m., prior to the council meeting was made.

Mayor Handley also indicated that a work session to discuss the two chamber proposals and the budget would be scheduled and he would advise as soon as a date was determined.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council member Ruston – Reminder that baseball registration is scheduled for January 18th and 19th and February 1st and 2nd and City Clerk Gina Antolini advised that the details are posted on the City website.

Council member Whiting advised he would not be at the February 19th council meeting as his son will be home from Iraq.

City Clerk Gina Antolini reminded the council of the January 31st deadline to file the FCPA Annual report.

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 7:35 p.m.