

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
Tuesday, March 1, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of Columbiana City Hall at 6:32 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2011. Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order and asked that the record reflect that all Council members were in attendance and declared a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes: February 15, 2011 – Pre-Council; Regular Meeting.

There being no objections, Mayor Lowe declared the consent approved as presented, with an amendment to the Pre-Council Minutes from February 15, 2011.

PROCLAMATION – CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

Mayor Lowe issued the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, every child is a blessing and deserves to live in a safe, permanent, caring family, receiving love, protection, and nurturing; and prevention remains the best defense against child abuse.

WHEREAS, children who are victims of child abuse represent every racial, religious, and socio-economic group, and the suffering they endure poses a threat to our families and to our society. Abused and neglected children often carry the effects of their experiences into and throughout adult life.

WHEREAS, children are our link to the future and our hope for a better tomorrow.

WHEREAS, keeping children safe is a community responsibility. By working together, we can put hope in our children's hearts and ensure healthy and safe lives for them. During the month of April, our community and its people re-affirm our commitment to make a difference in ending child abuse and neglect, and we acknowledge that prevention remains the best defense against child abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, The Honorable Allan Lowe, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2011 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the City of Columbiana, Shelby County, Alabama and call upon and encourage all citizens in the City of Columbiana to join together to support strong families, protect our children, neglect, and maltreatment and make our county a model place for others, taking action to make our own community a healthy place where children can grow and thrive.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL SAFE PLACE WEEK

Mayor Lowe issued the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, “National Safe Place Week” will be celebrated across the nation during the week of March 20-26, 2011;

WHEREAS, all young people deserve to feel safe and protected in their communities and families to be assured that their children are safe;

WHEREAS, youth need a safe haven from various negative influences such as child abuse, substance abuse and crime, and they need to have resources readily available to assist them when faced with circumstances that compromise their safety;

WHEREAS, the Safe Place program is committed to protecting our city’s most valuable asset, our youth, by offering short-term “safe places” at neighborhood locations where trained volunteers are available to counsel and advise youth seeking assistance and guidance;

WHEREAS, Safe Place is often the first step to immediate help and safety, businesses including fast food restaurants, convenience stores and movie theaters and community buildings such as fire stations, libraries and community centers are designated as locations where youth can get help;

WHEREAS, Family Connection, Inc. operates Safe Place in the city of Columbiana with the help of businesses and volunteers making their facilities available, who have helped youth in crisis situations;

WHEREAS, Safe Place combines the efforts of the private sector and non-profit organizations to reach youth in the early stages of crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the week of March 20-26, 2011 is officially proclaimed as

“National Safe Place Week”

In the City of Columbiana all citizens are encouraged to support the Safe Place program, recognize the efforts of adult and youth volunteers, and continue to guarantee the safety and protection of all children.

RESOLUTION 02-11-01 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH RDS FOR BUSINESS LICENS DISCOVERY/RECOVERY AND SALES TAX COLLECTION

Council member Seale introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 02-11-01

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH PRA GOVERNMENT SERVICES, LLC D/B/A AS RDS FOR BUSINESS LICENSE DISCOVERY/RECOVERY AND SALES TAX COLLECTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Columbiana as follows:

1. That the City enter into a contract with PRA Government Services, LLC d/b/a RDS for business license discovery and recovery services, and for remittance processing for sales and use taxes, which contracts are before this council;
2. That the contracts be executed in the name of the City, for and on behalf of the City, by its Mayor.
3. That the contracts be attested by the Clerk and the seal of the City affixed thereto.
4. That RDS will receive an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of business license revenue collected by RDS and an amount equal to \$1.75 per business license application mailed or faxed to the City
5. That RDS will receive an amount equal to two dollars and sixty eight cents (\$2.68) per account per transaction or 1.9% of gross revenues collected, whichever is lower, for providing remittance processing services and revenue analysis services.
5. That the agreement is for a period of one (1) year from the effective date unless terminated by either party.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the contract by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept on file by the City Clerk.

THEREUPON Council member Handley moved and Council Strickland 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 03-11-01 – DECLARING 1992 VEHICLES SURPLUS PROPERTY
– STREET AND WASTE WATER**

Council member Handley introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 03-11-01

**A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE STREET DEPARTMENT 1992 FORD
EXPLORER AND 1992 CHEVROLET L-30 PICK UP TRUCK AS SURPLUS
PROPERTY**

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:

1 - 1992 FORD EXPLORER SU VIN #1FMDU34X3NUA64575 STREET DIVISION

1 - 1992 Chevrolet L-30 PU VIN #1GCHK33N7NJ322500 SEWER DIVISION

SECTION 2. That the Public Works Director is hereby authorized and directed to dispose of the personal property owned by the City of Columbiana, Alabama, described above, by receipt of sealed bids or via use of GovDeals, whichever will provide the best result to the City, and to provide the City Clerk with documentation indicating the disposition of the property.

THEREUPON Council member Mayfield moved, and Council member Abrams 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Lowe-Advised that the Collie Club of Alabama requested a waiver of business license for the use of the exposition building for May 27-30, 2011. City Clerk Gina Antolini will follow up regarding clarifying non-exempt business license requirements. He reported that he met with the governor and Bill Palatucci (CEC) and Mike Hill regarding continued funding of the facility. He also reported that Rescue 88 had requested a waiver of all utilities charged (water, garbage, and sewer). Mayor Lowe requested that Council member Seale request of the Water Board that the meter be removed at the building and that service be provided at no charge to Rescue 88.

Council member Seale-Reported the census figures for Columbiana, an increase from 3,316 to 4,197 (2010 census), a 27% increase. He also reported that the Liberty Day logo design is in the works and he has secured a title sponsor and is working on a fireworks sponsor.

Police Chief Vick answered questions regarding the working conditions of the weather sirens and stated he is working on batteries for those that aren't functional.

Council member Strickland updated the council on the complaint at Magnolia Meadows, regarding the residents at Magnolia Parc. A new net has been ordered and the owner is working to resolve the problem.

Council member Handley updated the council on Farmer's Market and stated that Randy Glenn will be managing it and they will be in the same location. Council member Handley also advised that Cowboy Day was a success and he expressed his thanks to Police Chief Vick and to the Public Works crew who worked the event: Larry Joiner, Michael Smith, Kevin Degginger and Allen Reynolds.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council member Abrams moved that the meeting be adjourned, Council member Strickland seconded and the motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Lowe declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.