

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
Tuesday, March 15, 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 15, 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: March 1, 2011 – Pre-Council; Regular Meeting.
- B. Approval for Revenue Office Joanna Seale to use the city credit card for meals and accommodations while in attendance at the Alabama Municipal Revenue Officer Certification Institute (for re-certification) in Tuscaloosa, April 5-8, 2011, not to exceed \$450.00.

There being no objections, Mayor Lowe declared the consent approved as presented.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN

Mayor Lowe and Police Chief Vick presented Sonya Parsley with a letter recognizing her citizenship in reporting an issue of concern regarding public safety.

PROCLAMATION – DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AWARENESS

Mayor Lowe issued the following proclamation:

IN RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities are conditions which affect more than 7 million Americans and more than 121,000 Alabamians and their families, and

WHEREAS, public awareness and education enhance a community's understanding of the issues affecting children and adults with cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, children and adults with cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities can be vital and vibrant members of our communities, improving the quality of life for all of us; and

WHEREAS, the month of March has been designated National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, with more than 100, 000 members and 900 chapters of The Arc of the United States and more than 4,000 members and 31 chapters of The Arc of Alabama, including The Arc of Shelby County, undertaking public awareness, educational, and fundraising initiatives; and

WHEREAS, The Arc of the United States is the leading national volunteer-based membership organization and The Arc of Alabama is the leading state volunteer-based

membership organization working to include all children and adults with cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities in every community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor J. Allan Lowe, do hereby proclaim March 2011, as

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

In The City of Columbiana, Alabama and urge that the citizens of Columbiana, Alabama give full support of efforts towards enabling all children and adults with cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives of inclusion in our communities.

RESOLUTION 03-11-02 REPAIR OF AIR CONDITIONING UNIT AT SOUTHEAST SHELBY RESCUE

Council member Seale introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 03-11-02

REPAIR OF AIR CONDITIONING UNIT AT SOUTHEAST SHELBY RESCUE BUILDING

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana owns and maintains the building occupied by Southeast Shelby Rescue, and

WHEREAS, repairs were needed to the air conditioning system due to burned out motor windings, necessitating the purchase and installation of a new compressor; and

WHEREAS, R&R Mechanical was contracted to provide such repairs to the building, and

WHEREAS, such expenditures were not included in the approved budget for fiscal year 2011,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Columbiana authorizes the payment to R & R Mechanical, in the amount of \$1,430.00, as indicated in the invoice attached, and authorizes the City Clerk to amend the 2011 Fiscal Year budget to include this expense.

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

RESOLUTION 03-11-03 2011 PAVING PROJECT

Council member Mayfield introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 03-11-03

2011 PAVING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Columbiana is desirous of resurfacing two streets in the City of Columbiana identified as: (1) Depot Street, from Main Street to Alabama Highway No. 25 (Bypass); (2) Columbiana Cemetery Loop and,

WHEREAS, the Shelby County Highway Department has agreed to include these two streets in their 2011 paving program for letting to contract and,

WHEREAS, the City Council understands that the estimated cost for resurfacing Depot Street is approximately \$54,000 which is available from Gasoline Tax Funds and the estimated cost for resurfacing Cemetery Loop is approximately \$12,000 which is available from the Columbiana Cemetery Fund.

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

The Public Works Director of the City of Columbiana is hereby authorized and directed to submit to Shelby County the required information for the inclusion of these two streets in the Shelby County 2011 paving contract; and that the City Clerk be authorized to amend the 2011 Fiscal Year budget to include the expenditures by the allocation of fund balance in the accounts as indicated above.

THEREUPON Council member Strickland 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 Mayor declared the same passed.

**RESOLUTION 03-11-04 PITTS DRIVE SIDEWALK PROJECT EXTENSION
(CONTRACT EXTENDED TO JANUARY 17, 2013)**

Council member Handley introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 03-11-04

PITTS DRIVE PROJECT EXTENSION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to a Transportation Enhancement project with partial funding by the Federal Highway Administration, which agreement is before this council;
2. That the agreement be executed in the name of the City, for and on behalf of the City, by its Mayor.
3. That it be attested by the Clerk and the seal of the City affixed thereto.

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

THEREUPON Council member Seale moved, and Council member 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council member Mayfield presented a request from the Merchants and Professionals Association regarding sharing in the cost of Music on Main Street, at a level of \$200-\$1,000. The cost has been shared by the Merchants at varying levels of contribution to meet the cost of the entertainment provided. Council member Seale directed the City Clerk to determine if money is available in the current budget and report back to the council at the next regular meeting. Council member Handley spoke in favor of the City supporting the request. Music on Main is held from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. on Friday nights during the summer. Council member Mayfield also advised that the Columbiana Christmas Parade will be Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The City Sign (electronic) is still not functional. The modem and controller aren't communicating and the situation is continuing to be addressed.

Council member Handley advised that the Farmer's Market will re-open in mid-April (definitive date is not known).

Council member Abrams advised that the Columbiana Neighborhood Watch will be cleaning the cemetery on Old Highway 25 on March 26, 2010.

Mayor Lowe advised that Revenue Officer Joanna Seale has been researching the feasibility and legality of a business incubation license, as requested by Diane Moore, and is still trying to obtain some direction from other municipalities.

City Clerk Gina Antolini advised that the administrative members of the Liberty Day Committee would be meeting March 16, 2010.

Library Director Jane Bailey talked about the Summer Reading Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Bacon, representing the Birmingham Kennel Club, requested a refund of the business license fee paid (\$210.00) because he felt that they should not have to pay a business license, as a non-profit, for the use of the Exhibition Center. City Clerk Gina Antolini addressed him, advising that as the department head over Revenue, she had already been in contact with the city attorney to clarify non-profit use of the Exhibition Center, whether it was exempt from the license fee, and was awaiting a response. If it is determined that they are exempt, the fee would be refunded.

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 7:08 p.m.