

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
Tuesday, April 5, 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, April 5, 2011. Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order and asked that the record reflect that all Council members were in attendance, with the exception of Stancil Handley and Tom Seale, and declared a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA

The minutes from the March 15, 2011 Regular Council meeting and Pre-Council were removed by City Clerk Gina Antolini in Pre-Council and will be on the next regular meeting consent agenda (April 19, 2011).

**RESOLUTION 04-11-01 PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE FROM ETA DATA
DIRECT, INC FOR MUNICIPAL COURT**

Council member Mayfield introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 04-11-01

PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE FROM ETA DATA DIRECT, INC.

WHEREAS, it is the determination of the Court Clerk and Municipal Judge that a need exists to upgrade the software utilized for the operation of Court in the City of Columbiana; and

WHEREAS, such expenditures were not included in the approved budget for fiscal year 2011, but funds are available in the Municipal Court fund, and the purchase of software will improve the operation of the Municipal Court,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Columbiana authorizes the Mayor to sign a contract with ETA Date Direct, Inc., for the purpose of providing software and support, with the approximate cost of the software as \$7,000.00, and an approximate cost of \$3,000.00 per year, for communications and software support, and authorizes the City Clerk to amend the budget to reflect the allocation of fund balance for the purchase and capital outlay and court expense for the expenditures.

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 present, and Mayor declared the same passed.

**RESOLUTION 04-11-02 2011 THOMPSON STREET AND DEPOT STREET
SIDEWALK PROJECT**

Council member Abrams introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 04-11-02

THOMPSON STREET AND DEPOT STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Columbiana is desirous of continuing their commitment to promote a walking friendly City and in maintenance of the current sidewalks in conjunction with the addition and improvements currently in progress with the assistance of grant funds and,

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has reviewed the existing sidewalks to determine which are most critically in need of attention to ensure the safety of its citizens, and having identified the most critical need is on Thompson Street and Depot Street, and as the first in a series of repairs, desires to refurbish those sidewalks, and to expand to five (5) feet wherever possible during the repair, and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to utilize up to \$60,000 of available funds from the Alabama Trust Fund - Capital Improvement 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 execute the project utilizing City employees, and that the City Clerk is duly authorized to amend the FY 2011 Fiscal Year Budget to reflect the project funds and expenditures.

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

RESOLUTION 04-11-03 SPONSORSHIP OF SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY'S CAR SHOW ON MAY 21, 2011

Council member Mayfield introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 04-11-03

SPONSORSHIP OF SOT'S CAR SHOW

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana recognizes that the School of Technology is a vital part of the City, and wishes to support the local students who attend, and joins with them in sponsorship of a Car Show, to benefit student participation in SkillsUSA, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 04-08-01, Business License Ordinance, Section 5, Subsection (5), Exemptions, states that government entities and associations thereof are exempt from any license requirements, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 04-02-02 Sign Regulations establishes provisions for the display of signs in the city, and,

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council may authorize the use of signage according to Ordinance 04-02-02, Article 9, Sign Regulations, Section 9.2, Signs not requiring a permit, subsection (5) Decorative flags, banners, and bunting for a celebration, or

commemoration of significance to the entire community when authorized by the Columbiana City Council for a prescribed period of time,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the Council hereby provides that no business license fees are due from participants in the School of Technology's Car Show, and authorizes the display of such signage as indicated above, beginning on May 13, 2011 and that all signage be removed by May 23, 2011.

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 present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

Bill Justice, of Wallace, Ellis, Fowler and Head, the city's attorney, discussed some proposed changes to the city business license ordinance with the City Council in Pre-Council. The matter was referred to committee for further discussion, review and recommendation to the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council member Mayfield advised that the Beautification Board has set the date for the annual City-Wide Clean Up for June 11, 2011 from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., meeting at City Hall.

Joe Schulz, Chair of the Park and Recreation Board, addressed the Mayor regarding some pending projects and the City Clerk regarding some invoices and purchases.

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 6:41 p.m.