

**City of Columbiana
Pre-Council Meeting**

October 2, 2012

MINUTES

The members of the City of Columbiana conducted a Pre-Council meeting with Mayor Lowe presiding. The meeting was held at Columbiana City Hall in the Conference Room at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Frieda Abrams, Stancil Handley, Jim Strickland, Tom Seale and Ouida Mayfield.

The following members were absent: None.

Lisa Lively was acting on behalf of City Clerk Gina Antolini who was on vacation.

Mayor Lowe reviewed the agenda.

Resolution 10-12-01: Mayor Lowe asked Allen Reynolds to report on the search regarding the purchase of a garbage truck. Allen Reynolds reported that he had info on 2 possible trucks: One a 2008 and one a 2012 model that could readily be purchased. Council members discussed the two options and the problem with having to wait if a 2013 model would be purchased (90 day period for the 2013 model). Jim Strickland suggested that the purchase of a virtually new model (the 2012) could be more prudent in that it should not have as many problems as purchasing a 2008 used model. Allen Reynolds reported that the 2012 is available and could be picked up by Thursday. The cost for the 2012 model is \$20,947 from Atkins Motors and an expense of approximately \$6000 would be needed to add in the dump bed from Easy Pump. Stancil Handley then inquired about the Ford Explorers and other vehicles currently not in use that the city owns. Johnny Howard, Jr., reported that both the Ford Explorers would need new engines and Allen Reynolds reported that the truck that needed replacing could be sold as well.

Stancil Handley suggested that these and any other vehicles not in current use could be sold on Gov Deals to help offset the costs for the purchase of the new truck/dump bed. Council members agreed that this could help in cost savings. A resolution to declare the property surplus and to be sold on Gov Deals would need to be added to the agenda for the next council meeting. Tom Seale mentioned that he had spoken to John DeLoach regarding the set up for a separate garbage fund and that this should be accomplished as of October 1st. Council members also discussed that with the addition of a new garbage truck that an increase in garbage fees might be necessary, however, they would leave this item for discussion for the next administration.

Resolution 10-12-02: Mayor Lowe opened this resolution for discussion. Council members had a brief discussion on the resolution.

Resolution 10-12-13: Mayor Lowe opened this resolution for discussion. This resolution deals with Lathan & Associates to provide specification for a roof for City Hall. Tom Seale pointed out that the cost of the engineering work was left open ended and that he felt uncomfortable with this. The council members discussed this and felt that at this time it would be appropriate to remove this item from the City Council agenda asking Lathan & Associates to provide an estimate for the costs associated with engineering (to be added into the resolution at a later date i.e. costs not to exceed \$\$\$).

Chief Vick had nothing to report from the Police Department.

Dutch Lawson gave an update on happenings at the Library.

Allen Reynolds reminded everyone that Free Dump Day was coming up Saturday.

Dale Lucas reported that the Sewer Department had their annual inspection from ADEM recently and had received a score of A. He also reported that Chris Lee would be taking his test on October 11th. Depending on the results of his test, the Sewer Department would either need to hire a laborer or a Grade 2 Operator (this item would need to be added on the next council meeting agenda). Dale Lucas also mentioned that Bill Justice had sent out letters regarding the Raburn sewer issue.

Chief Howard reminded the Council that October was Fire Prevention Month and that several things would be happening in the city in conjunction with this. He also stated that there had been a request to paint the fire plugs pink again for Breast Cancer Awareness month. The Fire Department would be doing this again. Chief Howard mentioned that elections had been held at the Fire Department was well.

Mayor Lowe reported that asbestos removal had been going on at the new Senior Center (the old County Health Department building).

Tom Seale expressed concerns regarding the power poles being replaced. He also mentioned that the new administration would need to look at re-stripping Industrial Road and the cross walks in the city as they were very faded. In addition, Tom Seale mentioned that the sidewalks in the city needed cleaning off in some areas and that this might reveal that sections of the sidewalks are not in as bad of shape as previously thought.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.