

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
December 18, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of Columbiana City Hall at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 18, 2012. 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.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes: – December 4, 2012 – Regular Meeting.
- B. Approval for Police Chief Lamar Vick to use the city credit card for meals and accommodations while in attendance at the Alabama Chiefs of Police Association winter conference, January 28-31, 2013, in Montgomery, not to exceed \$500.00.
- C. Appointment of Grady Parsons to the Industrial Development Board. Term to expire 6/7/2016.
- D. Appointment of Richard Sutton to the Columbiana Park and Recreation Board. Term to expire 10/01/2016.
- E. Appointment of Tom Walton to the Industrial Development Board. Term to expire 6/7/2014.
- F. Re-appointment of Loretta Argo to the Beautification Board. Term to expire 10/01/2015.

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

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLUMBIANA CHRISTMAS PARADE WINNERS**

In the absence of Council member Mayfield, Council member Ruston presented the trophies to the Columbiana Christmas Parade winners as follows:

Most Original Award – Crime Stoppers, The Grinch  
Christmas Spirit Award – Regions Bank  
Best Christmas Theme Award – Brown Lumber  
Grand Champion Award – Sweet Potato Queens

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Administration – City Clerk Gina Antolini provided the City Council with a brief report from the AAMCA Annual Conference attended December 5-7<sup>th</sup> and distributed a Cash Summary report for the months of October, November and December, and briefly explained the report to the council members and offered any additional explanation individually.

Police-Chief Vick reported on vandalism, specifically graffiti, reported on the trucks in the downtown area-what options were available to the city regarding the traffic. Police Officer of the Year is Gary Crumpton and Dispatcher of the Year is Debra Hall.

Waste Water-Dale Lucas reported on the decision to hire Jacob Todd Welch for the vacant position of Waste Water Trainee, to begin on December 31, 2012, at Pay Grade V, Step 2 with a one-year probationary period, and a requirement that he obtain Grade II certification within the first year of employment. He also reported on a problem with the lift station at Hwy 47 and what needs to be done to correct the problem. Chris Lee had stayed until 7:00 p.m. when the emergency occurred.

The council authorized him to proceed with the necessary repair of approximately \$1,500 with the work to be completed within two days.

Fire-Chief Johnny Howard, Jr. reported on number of calls, donations from Freds (283.13) to Police and Fire (each received donations) and State Forestry (\$577.73). He thanked the Street & Police Department for their help with the Christmas Parade. He also reported on Santa coming to town, traveling via fire truck on December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and the donations of candy from Freds, Piggly Wiggly, CVS, and Walmart. The helipad needs to be updated (per the State) by painting, installing a windsock, cutting the tree in the lot and moving power lines to underground. Jerry Davidson was named as firefighter of the year.

Street, Sanitation and Parks-Allen Reynolds reported that they are down another truck (street division) and the Mayor is to meet with him to resolve the fleet problems and report back to the council.

## **RESOLUTION 12-12-02 AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH ALABAMA DOT FOR SENIOR VAN PURCHASE (GRANT)**

Council member Ruston introduced Resolution 12-12-02, Authorizing an Agreement with Alabama DOT for Senior Van Purchase (Grant) and moved that all rules governing the council, which might, unless suspended, prevent the passage and adoption of said resolution at this meeting, be and the same are hereby suspended for the purpose of permitting the said resolution to be finally passed and adopted at this meeting. Council member Whiting seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote. The results were as follows:

Yea: Council member Leslie Whiting  
Council member Barbara Moore  
Council member Ricky Ruston  
Council member Kim King  
Mayor Stancil Handley

Nay: None

Mayor Handley declared the motion adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

**RESOLUTION 12-12-02**

**AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH ALABAMA DOT FOR SENIOR VAN PURCHASE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Columbiana, Shelby County, Alabama, as follows:

1. That the Columbiana City Council enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama: acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to public transportation with partial funding by the Federal Transit Administration, which agreement is before this Council.
2. That the agreement to be executed in the name of the Columbiana City Council by the Mayor of the City of Columbiana for and on its behalf.
3. That such execution be attested to by the City Clerk and the seal of the City of Columbiana affixed thereto.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, a copy of such agreement be kept by the City Clerk in minute book of the City of Columbiana.

Council member Whiting moved that said resolution, Resolution 12-12-02, Authorizing an Agreement with Alabama DOT for Senior Van Purchase (Grant) be finally passed and adopted as introduced. Council member King seconded the motion. Mayor Handley put the question of final passage and the adoption of said resolution to vote of the council and on call of the roll the results were as follows:

Yea: Council member Leslie Whiting  
Council member Barbara Moore  
Council member Ricky Ruston  
Council member Kim King  
Mayor Stancil Handley

Nay: None

Mayor Handley announced the results of the vote and declared the resolution passed.

**RESOLUTION 12-12-03 – PARK AND RECREATION LIGHT USAGE FEE INCREASE**

Council member Ruston introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 12-12-03**

**PARK AND RECREATION LIGHT USAGE FEE INCREASE – FIELD RENTALS**

**WHEREAS**, the Park and Recreation Board of the City of Columbiana has reported to the City Council the recommendation to increase the light usage fee for field rentals in the City and the City Council of Columbiana supports the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Board.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that, effective immediately the light usage fee for rental of the City Sports Complex and Girls Fields will increase from the present fee of \$15 per hour to a fee of \$35 per hour. This increase is necessary in order to meet current expenses at the facilities.

**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.

**RESOLUTION 12-12-04 – DONATION TO YOUTH BASEBALL**

Council member Whiting introduced Resolution 12-12-04, Donation to Youth Baseball, and moved that all rules governing the council, which might, unless suspended, prevent the passage and adoption of said resolution at this meeting, be and the same are hereby suspended for the purpose of permitting the said resolution to be finally passed and adopted at this meeting. Council member Ruston seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote. The results were as follows:

Yea: Council member Leslie Whiting  
Council member Barbara Moore  
Council member Ricky Ruston  
Council member Kim King  
Mayor Stancil Handley

Nay: None

Mayor Handley declared the motion adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

**RESOLUTION 12-12-04**

**DONATION TO COLUMBIANA YOUTH BASEBALL – EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbiana recognizes the benefit of supporting City sports and Columbiana Youth Baseball has need of new equipment to assist in the maintenance of the fields and the City Council has determined that a public purpose is served by assisting the league with the purchase of new equipment to maintain the City fields utilized by the leagues.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Columbiana, upon the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Board, hereby authorizes the payment of \$1,500.00 to Columbiana Youth Baseball to be used towards the purchase of equipment for maintenance of the fields.

Council member Ruston moved that said resolution, 12-12-04, Donation to Youth Baseball, be finally passed and adopted as introduced. Council member Whiting seconded the motion. Mayor Handley put the question of final passage and the adoption of said resolution to vote of the council and on call of the roll the results were as follows:

Yea: Council member Leslie Whiting  
Council member Barbara Moore  
Council member Ricky Ruston  
Council member Kim King  
Mayor Stancil Handley

Nay: None

Mayor Handley announced the results of the vote and declared the resolution passed.

### **RESOLUTION 12-12-05 PITTS DRIVE TITLE/EASEMENT**

Council member King introduced the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION 12-12-05**

#### **PITTS DRIVE TITLE/EASEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbiana is planning to install a public sidewalk along Pitts Drive, and

**WHEREAS**, in order to install the sidewalk as proposed, a storm sewer drainage culvert at the northwest intersection of Pitts Drive and Washington Street will need to be extended northerly into property owned at one time by JBL, Inc., which has since been dissolved, and

**WHEREAS**, the property is currently in the name of the State of Alabama as the result of a sale for unpaid property taxes, and

**WHEREAS**, the City needs to obtain title to the property or an easement permitting the extension of the storm sewer drainage culvert;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, as follows:

1. That the City Attorney be instructed to determine what property and/or easements are necessary, and from whom, in order to extend the storm sewer drainage culvert at the northwest intersection of Pitts Drive and Washington Street to accommodate the sidewalk to be constructed along Pitts Drive, and report his findings to the City Council.

2. That the City expend up to \$100 to obtain the rights of the State of Alabama, and up to \$1,500 for engineering and survey costs, if necessary to complete the sidewalk project.

3. That the City Attorney prepare such documents as are necessary to carry out the terms of this resolution.

**THEREUPON** Council member Ruston moved and 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.

#### **ALEXANDER – RETIREMENT/PART TIME INVESTIGATION**

Council member Whiting moved to approve the request from Police Chief Lamar Vick to move Corporal Alexander to part-time status as an Investigator upon his retirement from full time status, effective January 1, 2013. Council member Ruston seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote of all members of the council present.

#### **FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER POSTING**

Council member Whiting moved to approve the request from Police Chief Lamar Vick to post/advertise for a full time APOST certified Police Officer, to replace the vacancy created by Corporal Alexander's retirement, at Pay Grade X, Step 4. Council member Ruston seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote of all members of the council present.

#### **RECYCLING GRANT – DISCUSSION**

Discussion regarding the status of the recycling grant and having a council liaison/committee/individual from the community who has an interest in assisting with the current grant and working towards future grant(s), resulted in possibility of Richard Nash assisting with this and Jan Griffey advised she could help facilitate with the Humane Society in relation to recycling needs/contact.

#### **CAPZO TRAINING FOR PLANNING COMMISSION/COUNCIL**

Lisa Lively updated the council on the training, to be provided by University of North Alabama and hosted in Columbiana for the Planning Commission and any interested council members. The course begins with Home Study and actual classes will be on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and the first weekend in April. Total cost is approximately \$800 per person.

#### **CONTRACTING WITH SHELBY COUNTY FOR PLANNING & ZONING - DISCUSSION**

Mayor Handley presented the topic for discussion regarding contracting with Shelby County for Planning and Zoning services on an as needed basis.

## **PROPOSAL BY GREATER SHELBY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – DISCUSSION**

Discussion re-visited regarding the proposal submitted to the city by the Greater Shelby Chamber of Commerce regarding a partnership as presented for a five (5) year commitment. Comparison between the request from GSC (7,500) and the South Shelby Chamber appropriation for contracted services (\$5,500), as previously budgeted.

### **CITY LOGO DEVELOPMENT / WELCOME SIGN CHANGE PROPOSED**

Mayor Handley presented a request to the council to consider changing the City logo on vehicles to be consistent, as several designs are currently in use. Samples provided by Sign Graphics were presented to the council. Also, a request to consider adding wording to the City welcome signs reflecting the home of Governor Bentley was shared and samples of the possible designs. The cost to add to each sign was quoted at \$180 per sign by Sign Graphics (\$450 for a freestanding) and the council authorized the Mayor to proceed with the expenditures for the addition to the signs. Governor Bentley had been presented with the request and was flattered. The question was raised about the damaged signs (on Highway 47) and the one that had never been replaced on Highway 25 and Mayor Handley indicated that he recalled that there was some reason that the Beautification Board had not pursued the replacement of the sign but he couldn't recall what it was but would find out.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Handley reported on a letter received from Grede thanking the city for the repairs to Industrial Road and inviting the council to tour their facility. Mayor Handley also reported that he would provide more information on his plan for the Planning & Zoning Administrator position at the next council meeting. Lee Bryant with Lathan & Associates is scheduled to open bids on the roof for City Hall on January 10, 2013. Update on the Highway 26 & 70 project-Gary Ray submitted the letter provided by the city and it is pending.

A deadline regarding interest in going to League Convention, specifically to notify the City Clerk of the desire to have accommodations was set for January 1, 2013.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeff Shackelford, candidate for the Marketing Coordinator position addressed the council and his impressions of the City and the meeting.

Teresa Whiting stated that people who are walking in the community need to be wearing something that provides visibility and asked about some sort of effort to draw awareness.

Susan Conn spoke about dogs getting into garbage and the lack of a leash law in Columbiana. Mayor Handley responded that possibly in 1975 (?) it was discussed and an ordinance was created but never adopted. Currently the situation with dangerous dogs is addressed through the nuisance ordinance with reporting to the Police Department.

## **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 8:37 p.m.