

CITY OF COLUMBIANA – COUNCIL MEETING

Columbiana City Hall - Council Chambers

April 3, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Proper notice of the regular meeting of the Columbiana City Council was given at least 72 hours in advance of such public meeting and the notice remained posted through the scheduled meeting.

Date: April 3, 2012

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Columbiana City Hall – Council Chambers

Present: Councilmember Frieda Abrams

Councilmember Stancil Handley

Councilmember Jim Strickland

Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem Tom Seale

Councilmember Ouida Mayfield

Mayor Allan Lowe

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Mayor Lowe led the invocation.

Councilmember Handley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lowe asked the record to reflect all members of the council were present.

Mayor Lowe appointed Councilmember Seale to take the council minutes in the absence of the city clerk.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Lowe recessed the council meeting at 6:35 p.m. for the purpose of holding a public hearing regarding adoption of Ordinance 03-12-02 amending Sign Ordinance 04-02-02. Councilmember Strickland spoke in favor of the adoption of Ordinance 03-12-02. He briefly explained the purpose of amending the Sign Ordinance. He further stated the proposed revision has been reviewed by the Columbiana Merchants and Professionals Association. Their only recommendation was to remove the fee requirement from the ordinance. No member of the council expressed any opposition to this request. Councilmember Handley stated the Merchants and Professionals Association were in unanimous support of Ordinance 03-12-02. He further stated other members of the business community were in support and the Sign Ordinance revisions would make a difference. No one spoke in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance 03-12-02. Code Enforcement Officer Lisa Lively thanked the Planning and Zoning Board for their input and hard work in bringing the Ordinance to a vote before the city council. She further stated this is a workable document.

Mayor Lowe reconvened the council meeting at 6:42 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

(A consent agenda is presented by the Mayor at the beginning of a council meeting. Items presented on the consent agenda are considered routine and non-controversial and are organized apart from the rest of the agenda and are adopted by general consent without debate. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any one member. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda is approved or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the Mayor and City Council.)

1. Approval of the April 3, 2012 City Council Agenda.
2. Approval of the March 20, 2012 regular City Council meeting minutes.
3. Appointment of Scott Morris to the Columbiana Park and Recreation Board. Term to expire on October 1, 2016.

There being no council objections, Mayor Lowe declared the consent agenda approved as submitted.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Lowe introduced the following proclamation proclaiming April 22-28, 2012 as “Parental Alienation Prevention Week” and April 25, 2012 as “Parental Alienation Prevention Day” in the City of Columbiana.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, alienating behaviors are often found in high conflict divorce and custody situations; and

WHEREAS, speaking negatively about a parent to or in front of a child; interfering with communication and visitation; and discussing inappropriate information with a child, such as details of the separation, court proceedings, or financial matters, are behaviors that can not only destroy the bond between a loving parent and child, but can cause a child mental and emotional harm; and

WHEREAS, parental alienation takes advantage of the impressionable and dependant nature of children; and

WHEREAS, parental alienation deprives children of their right to love and be loved by both parents; and

WHEREAS, parental alienation is considered harmful to children, as the alienating tactics are confusing, frightening and rob children of their sense of security; and

WHEREAS, professionals agree that the problem of parental alienation is damaging to children and can affect them into adulthood, with tragic consequences; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 2.4 million divorced North Americans, and in 2010 there were more than 21,000 divorced Alabamians, including the parents of more than one million children under the age of eighteen, with nearly as many unmarried couples (in 2010 there were more than 25,000 unwed birth) with children separating; and

WHEREAS, with awareness come education and understanding, and the power to stop the abuse of innocent children caught in the crossfire of the people they love; dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another;

WHEREAS, this year organizers are doing something special by asking everyone to take 10 minutes out of their day at noon on April 25th, anywhere in the state, and blow soap bubbles representing LOVE!; Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Allan Lowe, Mayor of the City of Columbiana, do hereby proclaim April 22 through April 28, 2012, as

PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION WEEK,

and April 25, 2012, as

PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION DAY

Ken Pascal, Alabama Family Rights Association, was present to accept the Proclamation. Mr. Pascal thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

Mayor Lowe introduced the following proclamation proclaiming April 2012 as “Sexual Violence Awareness Month” in the City of Columbiana.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Sexual Violence Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women will have experienced sexual violence by the time they complete college; and

WHEREAS, We must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual violence and how to support survivors; and

WHEREAS, Staff and volunteers at **SafeHouse of Shelby County** encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence however small; and

WHEREAS, With leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Shelby County through prevention education,

increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS, Shelby County strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, J. Allan Lowe, Mayor, City of Columbiana, join anti-sexual violence advocates and support service programs in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence. Along with the United States Government, the State of Alabama, and Shelby County, I do hereby proclaim April 2012 as

SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 04-12-01 was introduced by Councilmember Mayfield for consideration to approve the Main Street Sidewalk Extension Supplement Agreement in the amount of \$ 3,777.60. Councilmember Strickland moved to approve Resolution 04-12-01 as presented and Councilmember Mayfield seconded the motion. There being no further discussion and by voice vote the motion to adopt Resolution 04-12-01 passed unanimously by a vote of those members present.

Ordinance 03-12-02 was presented by Mayor Lowe for consideration for adoption. Ordinance 03-12-02 was previously introduced on March 20, 2012. Councilmember Handley moved to adopt Ordinance 03-12-02 as presented and Councilmember Strickland seconded the motion. Councilmember Strickland noted in sentence three under Section 9.4.8 BANNERS Paragraph C1 of the proposed ordinance the following was stricken: “and all applicable fees are paid.” Sentence four in the same paragraph “The fee for such a permit for banner shall be \$ _____.”, was stricken per council request. Also, the last sentence under Section 9.4.9 SHINGLE/BLADE SIGNS Paragraph A8: “The fee for such a permit for a shingle or blade sign shall be \$ _____.”, was stricken from the proposed ordinance. Mayor Lowe asked the Mayor Pro Tem to call the roll regarding the adoption of Ordinance 03-12-02. The roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Frieda Abrams Council Member	Yes
Stancil Handley Council Member	Yes
Jim Strickland Council Member	Yes
Tom Seale Council Member	Yes
Ouida Mayfield Council Member	Yes
Allan Lowe Mayor	Yes

Mayor Lowe declared Ordinance 03-12-02 duly adopted by a vote of 6-0.

Resolution 04-12-02 was introduced by Councilmember Strickland to co-sponsor the monthly Columbiana Trade Days on the second weekend of each month. Councilmember Abrams moved to approve Resolution 04-12-02 as presented and Councilmember Handley seconded the motion. There being no further discussion and by voice vote the motion to adopt Resolution 04-12-02 passed unanimously by a vote of those members present.

Councilmember Mayfield moved to introduce and add to the agenda Resolution 04-12-03 for consideration to amend the FY2012 budget and add a part time employee to the Public Works Department at Grade IV Step IV (\$ 8.95 per hour). Said motion was seconded by Councilmember Abrams.

Councilmember Handley moved to approve Resolution 04-12-03 to amend the FY2012 budget and add a part time employee to the Public Works Department at Grade IV Step IV (\$ 8.95 per hour). Said motion was seconded by Councilmember Strickland. There being no further discussion and by voice vote the motion to adopt Resolution 04-12-03 passed unanimously by a vote of those members present.

Mayor Lowe announced the sale of surplus equipment on GOV DEALS netted the city \$ 6,162.33.

Councilmember Mayfield moved that the council authorize the purchase of a lawn mower for the Public Works Department from the proceeds of the GOV DEALS sale and that any short fall be made up from the Cemetery Fund. Said motion was seconded by Councilmember Strickland. Councilmember Handley requested the purchase of the lawn mower be made locally. There being no further discussion and by voice vote the motion to adopt passed unanimously by a vote of those members present.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Allen Reynolds – Public Works Department. Mr. Reynolds stated he is expecting an additional resignation in his department. Discussion followed among the council members on how best to fill the vacancy.

Chief Lamar Vick – Police Department. No report.

Chief Johnny Howard – Fire Department. Chief Howard reported four members of his department recently returned from the fire academy training in Tuscaloosa.

Library – Not present.

COUNCIL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilmember Seale updated the Council on sponsors for Liberty Day 2012.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the council, Councilmember Abrams moved to adjourn the council meeting and Councilmember Strickland seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously by those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of April, 2012.