

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
February 7, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of Columbiana City Hall at 6:35 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2012. Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order and asked City Clerk Gina Antolini to let the record reflect that all Council members were in attendance and declared a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: January 17, 2012 – Pre-Council; Regular Meeting; Work Session.

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

JUDGE FUHRMEISTER ADDRESSES COUNCIL

Mayor Lowe asked the council's permission to move this item out of the Public Comment area to allow Judge Jim Fuhrmeister the ability to address the Council and leave the meeting afterwards, if desired. Judge Fuhrmeister advised the City Council that he was seeking re-election and outlined some of the things he had accomplished during his appointment in 2008 after his wife, Patricia's death. Specifically he talked about the Mental Health Court, a product of Leadership Shelby County, and his desire to see it continue to make a difference.

**RESOLUTION 02-12-01 SPONSORING THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
ANTIQUES AND APPRAISAL MARKET**

Council member Handley introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 02-12-01

**SPONSORING THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY CENTRAL ALABAMA
ANTIQUE AND APPRAISAL MARKET**

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana recognizes that the Friends of the Library serves as a supporting group for the Columbiana Library and its programming, and

WHEREAS, the Antique and Appraisal Market, planned for March 3, 2012 is an event that will promote and serve a public purpose for the City of Columbiana and provide a benefit to the Columbiana Library through funds raised at the event, and joins with them in sponsorship of the event, 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 the Friends of the Columbiana Library or the vendors participating in the event, and authorizes the display of such signage as indicated above, beginning on February 17, 2012 and that all signage be removed by March 6, 2012. The Mayor is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Friends of the Library setting out the use of the funds appropriated by this resolution.

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, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

RESOLUTION 02-12-02 SPONSORING COWBOY DAY 2012

Council member Strickland introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 02-12-02

SPONSORING COWBOY DAY 2012

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana recognizes that the Shelby County Cattlemen's Association, in cooperation with the City of Columbiana has scheduled Columbiana Cowboy Day for February 18, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that Cowboy Day is an event that will promote and serve a public purpose for the City of Columbiana and provide a benefit to the local businesses and residents and has budgeted \$500.00 to the event in the FY 2012 budget and joins with the Shelby County Cattlemen in sponsorship of the event, 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

the Shelby County Cattlemen's Association or the vendors participating in the event, and authorizes the display of such signage as indicated above, beginning on February 3, 2012 and that all signage be removed by February 21, 2012. The Mayor is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Shelby County Cattlemen's Association setting out the use of the funds appropriated by this resolution.

THEREUPON Council member Handley 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 the Mayor declared the same passed.

**RESOLUTION 02-12-03 SPONSORING THE SHELBY COUNTY
CATTLEMEN'S RODEO**

Council member Mayfield introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 02-12-03

SPONSORING THE CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION RODEO

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana recognizes that the Shelby County Cattlemen's Association Rodeo is a significant event to the community, promotes the city of Columbiana and serves a public purpose and therefore joins with them in sponsorship of the event, to be held on February 24-25, 2012, 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 the Shelby County Cattlemen's Association, and authorizes the display of such signage as indicated above, beginning on February 10, 2012 and that all signage be removed by February 28, 2012. The Mayor is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Shelby County Cattlemen's Association to promote the City through the advertisement of the Cattlemen's Rodeo.

THEREUPON Council member Abrams moved and Council member Seale 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.

RESOLUTION 02-12-04 ESTABLISHING A TORNADO SIREN ACTIVATION POLICY

Council member Handley introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 02-12-04

ESTABLISHING A TORNADO SIREN ACTIVATION POLICY

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana recognizes that a written policy should be in effect for the activation of the City's weather sirens, and

WHEREAS, the City Council, Public Safety Committee and Police and Fire Chiefs have agreed on the policy before this Council as a replacement to the City's current policy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the Council hereby adopts the following policy regarding the activation of weather sirens in the event of a tornado:

In the event of threatening weather, the dispatcher on duty will monitor local T.V. broadcasts, weather radio and weather websites for warnings issued for our area.

The weather sirens will be activated in the event that the City of Columbiana appears inside the polygon, provided by the National Weather Service, where a tornado warning has been issued.

THEREUPON Council member Abrams 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.

RESOLUTION 02-12-05 ACCEPTING SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSION SENIOR CENTER GRANT

Council member Seale introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 02-12-05

ACCEPTING SENIOR CENTER GRANT

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana Senior Center has applied for a grant from the Shelby County Commission Senior Center Grant Initiative Program, and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana accepts the Shelby County Senior Center Grant, in the amount of \$1,800.00 awarded by the Shelby County Commission Center in sustaining activities, services, programs and to promote health, wellness, educational, and recreational opportunities to area seniors, and there are no City matching fund requirements for this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbiana City Council, the Council hereby authorizes Mayor Allan Lowe to execute and sign the grant agreement between the Shelby County Commission and the City of Columbiana.

THEREUPON Council member Handley 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.

REPORTS

Library Director Laura Hackney mentioned the upcoming Open House on February 9th and also the Antiques and Appraisal Market in March.

City Clerk Gina Antolini reported that the annual audit is almost complete but the auditors are not working now due to tax season and mentioned Liberty Day planning is beginning.

Mayor Lowe advised that since the severe weather siren policy is now in place, he is tasking the Chair of the Public Safety Committee and the committee to work on a severe weather policy in total.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Mayor asked that the Finance Committee review Mrs. Owens questions and requests regarding the calculation of business license fees for storage facilities, discussed during Pre-Council meeting, and report back to the Council with a recommendation.

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. Mayor Lowe declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.