

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
October 16, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of Columbiana City Hall at 6:31 p.m., Tuesday, August 16, 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: October 2, 2012 – Pre-Council; Regular Meeting.

There being no objections, Mayor Lowe declared the consent approved as corrected (spelling of Councilmember Abrams).

**MAYOR LOWE PROCLAMATION – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS
MONTH**

WHEREAS, violence against women and children continues to become a more prevalent problem; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group of people, but cross all economic, gender, racial, and societal barriers; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity through the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting families and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it is battered women themselves who have been at the forefront of efforts to bring peace to the home, and to society; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to set aside a special time to bring this issue to the attention of all residents of Columbiana, so they can become better informed and involved in programs to eliminate this epidemic from our society;

FURTHER, let us remember the victims of domestic violence, celebrate the survivors, and work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the impact that domestic violence has on the health and well-being of our community, I, Allan Lowe, Mayor of Columbiana, Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 2012, as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**.

**APPROVAL TO POST FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT OPERATOR II
(CERTIFICATION REQUIRED)**

Council member Seale moved to approve the request of Dale Lucas to post for a Waste Water Treatment Operator II, Certification required, for the Columbiana Waste Water Treatment Plant at Pay Grade IX, with the step to be determined based on skills and experience. Council member Handley and the motion passed by vote of all members of the Council and the Mayor declared the same passed.

RESOLUTION 10-12-03

Council member Seale introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 10-12-03

**AUTHORIZING LATHAN AND ASSOCIATES TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS
FOR BID OF CITY HALL ROOF**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Columbiana as follows:

1. That the City hereby authorizes Allen Reynolds to contact Lathan & Associates and coordinate the preparation of specifications to bid for a new roof for City Hall.
2. That the City Clerk is authorized to pay Lathan & Associates for their services by transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Capital Expense Fund, in an amount of 10% of the project cost, not to exceed \$10,000.
3. That the City Clerk is authorized to amend the FY2013 Budget to include the expenditure as part of the Capital Budget.
4. That the specifications be prepared and presented to the City Council by resolution for authorization to bid the project.

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 Mayor declared the same passed.

**PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEMBERS ABRAMS, SEALE, STRICKLAND
AND MAYOR LOWE**

Council member Mayfield presented Council members Frieda Abrams, Tom Seale and Jim Strickland with a glass piece prepared to recognize their service to the City and its residents during their years on the City Council. Mayor Lowe was also presented with a glass piece.

Council member Mayfield expressed her appreciation for the work the council members and Mayor had accomplished during their tenure and noted several of the projects. Each council member made comments regarding their service. Council member Seale thanked the citizens and talked about the Revitalization Committee and presented bricks to Mayor Lowe and Scarlott, Dr. Handley, Council member Mayfield, Johnny Howard, Jr., and other committee members. He also presented the City with a 1909 map of the City that

he had obtained from the Library of Congress and a 1923 map. The City Clerk will have them framed and placed at City Hall. Mayor Lowe talked about many of the projects and people he had worked with and expressed appreciation to the council members and to Dale Lucas, recognizing his efforts and professionalism, Allen Reynolds for stepping up in Mr. King's absence, the combined efforts of Dale, Allen, Lisa Lively and City Clerk Gina Antolini during Mr. King's absence and ultimate death. He mentioned the loss of several citizens during his terms of office and the void they left. He recognized Fire Chief Howard for his professionalism and performance during the Summer Classics Fire and former Council member Tim Billingsley for his contributions to the City and the preparedness plans. Mayor Lowe recognized City Clerk Gina Antolini and her professionalism and accomplishments with regarding to certifications.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council member Handley advised that the paving project on Hwy 70 was set to begin between the railroad and McDonald's and it was to be done during the night hours and take approximately a week. He discussed contacting the residents and adding the information to the website. City Clerk Gina Antolini asked when the anticipated start was and he indicated the end of October.

Council member Handley also advised that County Manager Alex Dudchock had committed to partner with the City on the replacement of the City sign in an amount of \$5,000-8,000.

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 6:45 p.m.