

CITY OF COLUMBIANA – PRE-COUNCIL

**Columbiana City Hall – Council Conference Room
April 3, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

Members of the Columbiana City Council met on April 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. The regular pre-council session was held in the Council Conference Room in Columbiana City Hall and was open to the public. The pre-council session was called to order by Mayor Lowe at 6:00 p.m.

The following elected officials were present:

Councilmember Frieda Abrams
Councilmember Stancil Handley
Councilmember Jim Strickland
Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem Tom Seale
Councilmember Ouida Mayfield
Mayor Allan Lowe

Media Present: None.

Others present: City department heads, city employees and members of the public.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Handley to approve the March 20, 2012 regular pre-council minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mayfield and by voice vote the motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

Review of Council Agenda

Mayor Lowe reviewed the council agenda for April 3, 2012.

1. Public Hearing – Ordinance 03-12-02 amendment to Sign Ordinance 04-02-02.
2. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes: March 20, 2012 – Pre-Council; Regular Meeting.
 - B. Appointment of Scott Morris to the Columbiana Park and Recreation Board. Term to expire 10/01/2016
3. Proclamation – Parental Alienation Prevention Week (April 22-28, 2012)
Kenneth Pascal, Alabama Family Rights Association, spoke to the council regarding the activities of his organization.
4. Proclamation – Sexual Violence Awareness Month (April)
5. Resolution 04-12-01 Main Street Sidewalk Extension Supplemental Agreement.
Reg Harris, Gresham Smith and Partners, was present to explain the request for the Supplemental Agreement. Mr. Harris stated it was their intention to have a part time inspector on the North Main Street Sidewalk Project. The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) instead required a full time inspector which increased the cost of the project by \$ 18,888.00. The city's 20% grant match portion would be \$ 3,777.60. Dr. Handley questioned Mr. Harris on ALDOT's policies and procedures. He further stated that in his opinion the city would probably be better off by doing these types of projects in-house and without the assistance of grant money. Mr. Strickland stated in many cases, including the North Main Street and Pitts Drive Sidewalk Projects, engineering is required to meet slope, irrigation, safety and other requirements.
6. Ordinance 03-12-02 Amendment to Sign Ordinance 04-02-02. (Adoption)
Mr. Strickland explained the changes to the Sign Ordinance contained in Ordinance 03-12-02. He further explained the revisions had been requested by the Columbiana Merchants and Professionals Association.

Department Head Reports

The department heads deferred their reports to council meeting.

Old Business – AS TIME PERMITS

None

New Business – AS TIME PERMITS

Randy Glenn spoke to the council regarding his plans for Trade Days in Columbiana. He explained Trade Days would be held the second weekend of each month on the “Summer Classics” property from 7 a.m. until closing beginning April 14. Trade Days would encompass a farmers market, flea market and a yard sale area. Food vendors and music would be present. Members of the council thanked Mr. Glenn for his dedication and organization of Trade Days.

Discussion followed regarding the City of Columbiana co-sponsoring the event in order to address the requirement of all vendors purchasing a business license. Mr. Strickland moved to add Resolution 04-12-02 to the April 3, 2012 agenda naming the City of Columbiana as a co-sponsor of Trade Days. Said motion was seconded by Mrs. Abrams. Resolution 04-12-02 was added to the agenda.

Mayor Lowe distributed cost estimates to repave Industrial Road (East) and Mizzell Road. He requested the Finance Committee to take the estimates under consideration.

Public Announcements

None

Adjournment

Mrs. Mayfield moved to adjourn pre-council and said motion was seconded by Mr. Strickland. The motion passed unanimously by those present and the work session was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of April 2012.