

**City of Columbiana**  
**Pre-Council Meeting**

**August 2, 2011**

**MINUTES**

The members of the Columbiana City Council conducted a pre-council meeting with Mayor Lowe presiding. The meeting was held at Columbiana City Hall in the Conference Room at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Frieda Abrams, Stencil Handley, Jim Strickland Tom Seale and Ouida Mayfield.

The following members were absent: None.

The mayor called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda and an error in the minutes from the July 27<sup>th</sup> special called meeting was noted and corrected.

Department Heads were asked to give reports and the following was reported:

- Administration-City Clerk Gina Antolini-working on the FY2012 budget and waiting for two department heads to submit their budget requests.
- Public Works-Director Hilry King-Three bids were received on the Main Street Sidewalk project. Bid opening was 10:00 a.m. Low bidder was Triple J Construction, at \$193,932.00. Additional bidders were Southeastern Sealcoating, Inc. at \$210,730.00 and R.E. Grills Construction Co., Inc. at \$211,706.00. He reported that construction should begin in about a month and that half of the project is lighting (12 lights) and he didn't expect an overrun in the project. He also stated that the Pitts Drive project is in Montgomery and expected to hear something on it within a month.
- Library-Director Jane Bailey reported on the summer reading program: 194 children, 24 programs, 1,049 attendees and an estimated 5,350 books read. The adult reading program begins Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Lowe reported that the ADECA grant for the proposed new Senior Center was submitted on August 1. He will be visiting the Alabaster Center and invited the council members who were able to, to join him, tomorrow (Wednesday, August 3).

Mayor Lowe and Council member Strickland visited Sylacauga to tour an apartment complex whose owners are interested in Columbiana. They are looking at potentially 80 units and would be based on a higher income threshold.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 P.M.