

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

**November 1, 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, Stancil 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.

- The mayor discussed the budget and stated that he would adjourn the regular meeting for the council to continue the review of the proposed FY2012 budget.
- City Clerk Gina Antolini, in conjunction with the discussion of the budget, advised that she had spoken with the auditor and he indicated that the City Council should adopt a resolution to approve the opening of an account for the purpose of capital expenditures and that all capital expenses should be run through that account, not through the general fund operating account and should be approved in a capital budget, not included in the regular operating budget. Resolution 11-11-01 Authorizing Capital Expense Account was discussed but no action to add the resolution was taken.
- City Attorney Conrad Fowler updated the City Council on pending legal issues.
- Jeff Jones, contractor for the maintenance of the City ball fields addressed the City Council regarding the status of the fields, his plans for the continued improvement to the fields and the possibility of hosting tournaments.
- Discussion regarding the Industrial Development Board and appointments.
- Mayor Lowe advised that he received notification that the CDBG grant for the renovation of the County building for a Senior Center. He will be meeting with officials from the County to proceed on the project.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.