

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
January 6, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met in a Regular Session in the Council Chambers of Columbiana City Hall at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday January 6, 2015. Mayor Stancil Handley called the meeting to order and then asked City Clerk Mark Frey to call roll after the invocation and pledge.

Present:

Council member Leslie Whiting

Council member Ricky Ruston

Council member Kim King

Council member Ouida Mayfield

Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

Council member Barbara Moore

A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: December 2, 2014 – Regular Meeting.
- B. Approval of Minutes: December 9, 2014 – Council Work Session
- C. Approval of Minutes: December 16, 2014 – Regular Meeting
No official business conducted on December 16th meeting – no quorum.

Council member Whiting moved to approve the consent agenda and Council member King seconded the motion which given to a vote and was approved unanimously by all members present.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Rescue** – Representative Matt Rush reported that December had 192 calls. There were 2162 calls in the 2014 calendar year and this is an increase over previous years. The new trucks will be delivered in a couple of weeks. One of the trucks will be here in Columbiana and one will be in Montevallo. The radio problems have continued to have a negative impact, however he suspects that the new digital radio system that the county is changing to will take care of these issues.
- **Fire** – Fire Chief Johnny Howard Jr. reported that there have been a couple of fires in the last few weeks. He expects an increase in calls with the cold weather coming in. The ladder truck is out of service for now with the hydrologic system needing work. This truck also missed its annual inspection because of the hydraulic issue. Once the hydraulics are repaired; we will be able to take the truck to get recertified.

- **Police Department** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that the thefts are down compared to this time in previous years. The new officer is doing a good job and Chief Vick noted that he is still moving him around to different areas.

Mayor Handley and the Council thanked the PD for their great investigative work done in the last couple of months with a robbery and break-in.

- **Environmental Services** – Dale Lucas reported that on New Year's Eve, he and his guys had to work 16 hours on a sewer problem at the CEC. They didn't leave until after 11pm. There was over 7 inches of rain here in Columbiana and it has exposed several issues with our aging sewer system. During a significant rain event, the sewer system is being infiltrated by rainwater.

Mayor Hanley introduced Dave Bechtel with Environmental Engineering. Dave is trained to identify wastewater issues and design a plan to correct them. Mayor Handley extended the City's appreciation for all of the hard work done by Dale's department during the Holiday and said that Dave will speak later in the meeting.

- **Streets** – Department Head Allen Reynolds reported that his guys have been trying to keep the storm water system unstopped as they continue taking down the Christmas Decorations. Council member Mayfield thanked all of the departments that were involved with the Parade and the festivities.
- **Admin** – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that business license renewals are coming in daily and they are working to get those receipted and the license mailed back out. The City has received its annual billing for the workers comp insurance. This year's premium reflects approximately a \$5700 savings due to the newly implemented safety reporting done by all departments in the City. Mr. Frey also mentioned that all employees participating in the State Insurance program are enjoying a \$10 monthly discount because of our employee's participation in the annual health screening.

Discussion – Architectural Review Committee in regards to storage warehouse behind Butch Ellis's Law Office. There was some discussion and a unanimous vote by the Council to accept the plans as presented by Corley Ellis at the last meeting.

Mayor Handley welcomed Dave Bechtel again and asked him to give the Council information about our aging sewer system. The treatment plant can handle the capacity but it can't handle the infiltration of rain water. We have to treat this rain water just like sewage as it all comes into the plant. Mr. Bechtel recommends that the City conduct a flow study to determine where the problems originate. This will be at a cost of approximately \$30K. After the flow study is completed, he recommends doing a line clean out and camera study. Dave noted that these issues will continue to get worse if we don't address this sooner than later.

Mayor Handley thanked Dave for his information and noted that many of the old clay pipes that are around the City are the cause of these problems. The Mayor said that, with the

blessing of the Council, he would like to have Dave write a 5 and 10 year plan to start working on this problem of infiltration and bad pipes thorough out the City.

Dale Lucas noted that approximately 10 years ago there was a flow study and camera work done, but the project was never completed and this old information is unusable. They have to work with current data to determine what is needed.

Every Council member present agreed that the flow study and camera work need to be done and approved and directed Mr. Bechtel to move forward with the flow study and develop a plan for our sewer system here at the City.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Handley is excited to report that the new Columbiana Senior Center is “coming out of the ground.” There is a ceremonial Ground Breaking planned for the 14th of January at 10am across the street from City Hall at the work site. All of the Council and citizens are encouraged to attend.

Mayor Handley mentioned that there have been several annexation requests that have come into the office today and we are encouraging all citizens and surrounding areas to contact City Hall if they are interested in annexing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

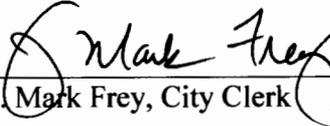
Council member Mayfield inquired about when the O'Reilly Auto Parts will be opening. The planned opening is slated for the 17th of January. Helen Dean is not in tonight, but the Mayor stated that Helen knows of several business coming to town, but those will be announced in the near future.

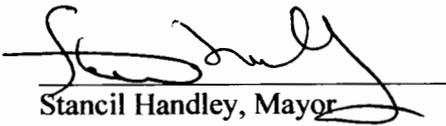
Council member Mayfield reported that the new City Seal is still in the works and hopefully this will be on the next Council meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Davis asked about the progress on the Old Mill Square Park. Mayor Handley reported that we are planning on working on the pavilion and restrooms. At the Council's request; Bob Enoch is working on the plans and looking at the next steps for getting this area usable.

There being no further business, Council member Ruston moved that the meeting be adjourned, Council member Whiting seconded and the motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.


J. Mark Frey, City Clerk


Stancil Handley, Mayor

The seal is circular with a dotted border. The text "CITY OF COLUMBIANA" is written along the top inner edge, and "STATE OF ALABAMA" is written along the bottom inner edge. In the center, the word "SEAL" is written in a bold, serif font.