

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
January 7, 2014**

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 7, 2014. Mayor Handley called the meeting to order. After the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Handley asked City Clerk Mark Frey to call roll.

Present:

Council member Leslie Whiting

Council member Kim King

Council member Ouida Mayfield

Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

Council member Barbara Moore

Council member Rickey Ruston

A quorum was present.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes: December 17, 2013 – Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of Police Chief Lamar Vick to use the credit card to cover cost of meals and accommodations for Alabama Police Chief’s Conference in Huntsville on Jan 28<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup>. Not to exceed \$400.

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

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

- **Administration** – Mark Frey reported that the Dirt Work and Grading for the Old Summer Classics Property had ben bid out. There were 4 bids received and the bids had been turned over to Shelby County to make sure that they were up to spec. There has been allot of zoning work done at City Hall, including a new home for Ronnie Lansford slated for construction at the corner of Mildred Street and Jefferson Street.
- **Rescue** – Rescue 88 reported that they ran 2115 calls in the 2013 calendar year and 158 calls in December. They have been steady through Christmas and busy since the first of the year. Rescue has mailed out donation request in order to help supplement the rescue side of their business. The transport side is now self-sufficient.
- **Waste Water** – Dale Lucas reported that many of the systems out at the plant were icing up due to the extreme low temperatures we have been experiencing.

They have installed a vanguard heater in the shop to prevent the pump from freezing up. There is a sewer line on College Street that needs to be repaired when it thaws out. This is a common problem and he noted that the tap on the City line is the homeowners and their responsibility in the event a problem occurs.

- **Police** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that the new police cars were in and will be picked up Thursday or Friday this week. These cars will be dropped off in Pell City for the outfitting of radios and other emergency equipment. Chief Vick also reported that the Fire Department was business as usual and Chief Howard's absence was due to a wrecker call.
- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that the guys are getting all of the Christmas taken down and put in storage. It has been very cold and the guys on the back of the garbage trucks were given an option to wait until the extreme cold let up, but they have chosen to work and keep up with the route as usual. Streets has purchased the truck approved with the new budget and it is replacing the old pickup that is worn out.
- **Library** – Dutcha Lawson reported that she had attended the Summer Reading Workshop down in Montgomery and is working on this project to have the books in place for this program. This Thursday our Library is partnering with the Harrison Regional Library to have Helen Dean teaching a couponing class for patrons of the library.

Next week there will also be a teen event that will feature a movie and pizza for teens at the Library. There is still no word from Shelby County about the renovations slated for this year.

Marketing Director, Helen Dean reported that she was working on the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Cowboy Day and had a list of 66 new horse farms to contact about participating in this year's event. The date for this year's Cowboy Day is February 15<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Old Summer Classics Property and will include the parade as well as many vendors.

Resolution introduced by Council member King:

### **RESOLUTION 01-14-01**

Authorizing the Participation by the City of Columbiana in the  
2014 Sales Tax Holiday for Severe Weather Preparedness Items

**WHEREAS**, the State Legislature of Alabama passed and the Governor of Alabama has signed into law House of Representatives Bill 436 (HB 436) of the 2012 Regular Session granting municipal governments authority to provide for the exemption of certain covered severe weather preparedness items from the payment of municipal sales tax during a period commencing at 12:01 a.m. Friday, February 21, 2014 and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday, February 23, 2014 under the same terms,

conditions and definitions as provided for the state sales tax holiday for such covered items, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Columbiana, Alabama wishes to participate in the State of Alabama Sales Tax Holiday for Severe Weather Preparedness Items beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 21, 2014 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 23, 2014.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama as follows:

Section 1. That approval is granted for the exemption of certain covered severe weather preparedness items from the payment of municipal sales tax for the period commencing at 12:01 a.m. Friday, February 21, 2014 and ending at twelve midnight Sunday, February 23, 2014 under the same terms, conditions and definitions as provided for by House Bill 436 of the 2012 Regular Session.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the Council will consider participation in the State of Alabama Sales Tax Holiday for Severe Weather Preparedness Items on an annual basis.

**THEREUPON** Council member Whiting moved and Council member Mayfield seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by vote of all members of the Council present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

**ADOPTED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

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Attest:

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Stancil Handley, Mayor

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J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

### **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Handley spoke about the Eagle Scout project that is in the works out in front of City Hall, honoring Col. Bob Hume. The Mayor sits on the Eagle Scout Review Board and has never seen an Eagle Scout project of this scale in all of his years with the Scouts. He also noted that the other Scout Troop here in town is working on a cemetery project and praised both for their diligent work in these projects.

The City's department heads met with the Mayor at City Hall on Sunday afternoon to make plans in case there was an ice/snow event here at the City. Mayor Handley reported that he had contacted one of the local churches about the possibility of using their facility in the event of an emergency.

There are many projects moving forward here in the City including the new Senior Center across the street. The County is currently letting the bids for this work.

Thursday night at 7pm there will be a Public Meeting during the Planning and Zoning meeting here at City Hall regarding the new Shoals Mill Village project our on the Highway 25 Bypass.

The Hwy 26/70 Project is moving slowly forward.

The City has been contacted by several people desiring use of the City for major events here in Columbiana. One entity is looking at an Automobile Event where they would feature Columbiana as one of the stops in a 4 city cruise in event with an estimated 400 cars participating. Another group is the Tour de Cure for Diabetes that would feature a century ride from Montevallo through Columbiana to Chelsea and back on bicycles.

Mayor Handley noted that being contacted by these event planners signals a real change in Columbiana. In the past, we waited for events to come to our city and now the roles have reversed and it is exciting to see Columbiana's future.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This Thursday, the South Shelby County Chamber of Commerce is featuring The City of Columbiana at their monthly meeting and Mayor Handley welcomed the Council and Department Heads attendance at this event.

There being no further business, Council member Whiting moved that the meeting be adjourned, Council member King seconded and the motion passed by vote of all members of the Council. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

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