

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
Tuesday January 12, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met for a Work Session in the City Hall Conference Room, Tuesday January 12, 2016. Mayor Handley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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 present.

Revision of the Employee Handbook

There was discussion about the current handbook and the change that have been requested by the Council. The Council confirmed that they would like to update the definition of immediate family in our City Employee Handbook in order to be consistent. Council member Whiting moved and everyone was in agreement that they would like to update the mission statement. Mayor Handley will prepare an updated mission statement for the Council to review. The Council also requested that the handbook and all handbook amendments be combined into one complete book.

Council member Barbara Moore joined the meeting at 6:16PM.

Electronic Billboards and Signs

The Council discussed the use of electronic signs, including billboards within the City. In the last few years reader boards as well as billboards are being converted over from manually changed signs to electronic “electronic” signs. After much discussion the Council stated that they wanted to look at the sign ordinance and how it applies to signage in this new digital age.

After extensive discussion the Council asked the Mayor to get more information about this billboard and how it can benefit the City. The sign ordinance will have to be amended in order to address the new electronic signs.

Senior Center Advisory Board

The Council discussed the need to appoint members to the Senior Center Advisory Board. They asked City Clerk Mark Frey to contact Bill Justice about getting the organization papers set up for this board. They will also submit potential candidates for consideration.

Applications for Liquor License

Mayor Handley stated that there are 2 potential new businesses that have approached the City requesting whether or not the Council would be amenable to them opening a package store/convenience store and a tobacco store/cigar bar. There was discussion

about how these stores are taxed and how they are operated. After extensive discussion the Council stated that they would make a decision during a future Council meeting if each of these stores comes to the Council with a request for an ABC license.

- Council member Mayfield stated that she was approached about renting the Senior Center. Mayor Handley explained that the Senior Center was not available for rental; however the rec building is being painted and fixed up for rental.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council member Whiting made the motion to adjourn and Council member King seconded the motion which was followed by a vote of members present to adjourn. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Stancil Handley, Mayor

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk