

**COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
Tuesday January 19, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met for the regular Council Meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers, Tuesday, January 19, 2016. Mayor Handley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present:

Council member Leslie Whiting	Council member Barbara Moore
Council member Ricky Ruston	Council member Kim King
Council member Ouida Mayfield	Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

None – A quorum present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes 01-05-2016 Regular Meeting.
- B. Approval of Minutes 01-12-2016 Work Session.

Council member King made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Council member Whiting. The Council voted and the consent agenda passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Department – Police Chief Lamar Vick reported that things there have been a few burglaries around town including Fred’s Pharmacy. A vehicle was also stolen from Eagle Construction and Detective Alexander has some leads on this case.

Mrs. Moore stated that there is a travel trailer that has been moved on Old Hwy 25. Chief Vick said that he wasn’t aware of that and he would look into it. The fence next to Subway is supposed to be addressed by Subway and the house next door. Chief Vick also investigated the trailer down on the corner of Egg and Butter Road and Nelson Walker Road that reportedly is being used illegally. There was no sign of anyone being there, but they would keep an eye on it.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Johnny Howard Jr. reported that the City had purchased the brush truck approved in the 2016FY Fire Department Capitol Expense Budget and they are waiting on a couple of cabinet doors to come in for it. Engine 43 is currently out of service. This happened during the Major’s house fire when the shaft was burnt up during 8 hours of continuous running.

The Fire Department received a check from Shelby County but missed out on the Health Foundation Grant due to a clerical error. The way that this grant is awarded requires that your department pay a \$50 to the Shelby County Fire and EMS Association and attend 75% of the meetings. Approximately 90% of the meetings were attended by our department; including our representative participation in the voting all during the year. The \$50 Association Fee was not paid because it was not received at City Hall and no 2nd notice was granted from the Association. The dues were late on February 1, 2015 and we were notified that they hadn’t been paid in

January of 2016. There was extensive discussion about this program and how grants are awarded. Mayor Handley got Chief Rory's number and will contact him about how the processes of awarding these funds are handled.

Streets and Maintenance – Allen Reynolds reported that the ditches have been cleaned and culverts repaired all around the City after the flooding. The floor is coming clean at the Rec Building and it should be ready to rent again in 2 weeks.

Rescue – Matt Rush reported that everything is business as usual. Rescue has sent out the annual solicitation letters requesting funding for much of the southern part of the County including Columbiana.

Library – Director Tom Rary reported that the Friends of the Library is planning another huge event with author Olivia Ard on Thursday the 21st where there will be a book signing from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Phoebe Robinson is retiring from the Shelby County Reporter and he encouraged everyone to express their appreciation for all Phoebe has done to promote Columbiana.

This Saturday is Lego Day and all of the kids 10-12 are invited out to participate. There is a movie night on the 28th and they will be showing the movie, Woodlawn, from 530 to 800 and pizza will be served. On Tuesday the 2nd of February, from 2-3, there is a program being set up by the Master Gardeners discussing times to plant. This is on the 2nd from 2-3. Jim Phillips will be back here on the 9th at the Library as well.

Administration – Mark Frey reported that there is an addition to a home starting over on Pine Hill Drive. Mark has also been researching the tax structure for liquor sales in the City. What we have found so far is that we are not charging taxes on liquor sales.

Marketing – Mayor Handley asked Jon Harrison about events going on in the City. Jon reported today the City took approximately 25 people to the Main Street Alabama program that was held in Vestavia. There is another meeting set to be held on the 28th at the Senior Center. Mayor Handley asked everyone who can, come down to the Main Street meeting on the 28th in order to express your interest in the Main Street Alabama program for Columbiana.

February the 20th is Cowboy Day in Columbiana. This year there will also be a Chili Cook-off competition included as well as the Cowboy Parade and many vendors.

Mrs. Moore, on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Board, asked Jon to update the City Calendar.

CHRISTMAS DAY FLOODING EVENT DISCUSSION

Mayor Handley reported that, according to the National Weather Service, the Christmas Day flooding in Columbiana was a 200 year event. The engineering group that the City hired recommended no changes be made to the dam behind Hidden Springs. The culvert on Collins Street has been replaced in an effort to keep the water moving under the road and into the ditch.

COLLEGE STREET RETAIL DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Handley asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

BUILDING COUNTEROFFER

A counteroffer has been presented to the owner of the building across the street and we are awaiting word of its acceptance or refusal.

PROPOSED MISSION STATEMENT UPDATE

The Mayor asked the Council to look at the updated City Mission Statement and prepare to discuss at an upcoming meeting.

MAYORS REPORT

- Mayor Handley invited everyone out to the upcoming Main Street Program on Thursday night at the Senior Center. Columbiana had more people at the meeting than any other City. Between 30 to 40 people will be required to commit both time and money to this program. They will be divided into teams within the program. A new full or part-time employee will be needed to participate in the Main Street Alabama Program.
- The housing developer of the property at SR-70 and CR-26 intersection is ready to go as soon as the State starts moving dirt on that project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ricky Ruston stated that Friday night will be the first of 3 opportunities to sign up for baseball and softball. He encouraged everyone to come out and participate.

Mrs. Ouida stated that there is a Safety Committee meeting immediately following this Council meeting.

There is a rumor of a new Coffee Shop coming to town. No one has talked to them.

Tin Top BBQ is coming to the old Beverly's BBQ building. Rick Williams purchased and has cleaned up this building preparing it for rental.

There being no further business, Council member Ruston moved that the meeting be adjourned, Council member Whiting seconded and the motion which was passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

Stancil Handley, Mayor