

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
January 21, 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 21, 2014. Mayor Handley called the meeting to order. The Mayor then asked City Clerk Mark Frey to call roll.

Present:

Council member Leslie Whiting  
Council member Barbara Moore  
Council member Rickey Ruston

Council member Kim King  
Council member Ouida Mayfield  
Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

NONE

A quorum was present.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes: January 7, 2014 – Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of City Clerk Mark Frey to use the credit card to cover cost of meals and accommodations for Alabama Training Institute Certified Public Managers Training in Montgomery on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Not to exceed \$170
- C. Probationary period and evaluation successfully completed for Helen Dean being moved from Pay Grade X Step 3 to Pay Grade X Step 4 with an additional merit step to Pay Grade X Step 5.

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

Mayor Handley asked for a roll call vote and the results were as follows:

Yea:

Council member Leslie Whiting  
Council member Barbara Moore  
Council member Rickey Ruston

Council member Kim King  
Council member Ouida Mayfield  
Mayor Stancil Handley

Nay:

NONE

Mayor Handley asked that item #7 on the agenda be moved up and he asked Andy Rotenstreich to make his presentation to the Council.

Andy presented the Architectural Review Board (City Council) photo-sims that gave a visual representation of the Cell Tower in relation to the tree line behind the site and the buildings in front of the site. The photo-sims gave a comparison of a mono-pole “slick” design as compared to the pole that had been camouflaged to look like a tree.

After much discussion the Architectural Review Board voted unanimously to approve the mono-pole tower “slick” without any camouflage added.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

- **Library** – Library Director Dutcha Lawson reported that the LSTA Grant is moving forward and she is coordinating with Shelby IT to get the 8 new desktop and 6 laptop computers. The match from the City is \$2344.

Mayor Handley added that the library renovation is moving slowly forward and the County is letting the bids for the work and heading up the project.

- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that the guys are cutting the Crape Myrtles and they were working on cutting back the Monkey Grass today. The new City Bus/Van came in and it is very nice. It seats 10 passengers and was a 80/20 State Match with a wheel chair lift. Mayor Handley noted that there is no CDL License required to drive this new bus however there is a DVD that must be watched in order to instruct any potential drivers on operation of the bus and wheelchair lift.
- **Police** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that things were going pretty well however they were investigating a robbery of Sanpegio’s Pizza on Sunday and following up on leads. His department finished up on their PT test. The PD’s new police cars are at Pell City being equipped and prepared for service.

Mayor Handley asked Chief Vick to liquidate any vehicles that are no longer in service. The Mayor also mentioned looking into starting a motor-pool so as to coordinate vehicle usage with the different departments.

- **Administration** – J. Mark Frey reported that City Hall has been very busy doing Zoning work and the City has been contacted by several developers and businesses inquiring about our City. Mr. Frey also noted that everyone at City Hall is doing a great job dealing with the public and assisting the citizens that they come in contact with. The City is receiving the business license renewal forms daily and working to get the license sent back out to everyone.

The following resolution was presented as Res 01-14-01 and should have been numbered 01-14-02. This is the only change that was made to the following resolution.

Resolution introduced by Council member King:

### **RESOLUTION 01-14-02**

**APPLICATION FOR SHELBY COUNTY SENIOR CENTER GRANT 2013-2014**

**WHEREAS**, the Shelby County Commission has appropriated \$26,000.00 for the Senior Center Grant Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbiana has the opportunity to submit an application for a grant of up to \$2,000.00 or provide assistance to the Columbiana Senior Center in sustaining activities, services, programs and to promote health, wellness, educational, and recreational opportunities to area seniors, and there are no City matching fund requirements for this grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Columbiana City Council, the Council hereby authorizes Donna Higgins, under the direction of Mayor Stancil Handley or City Clerk J. Mark Frey, to submit an application for the 2014 Shelby County Senior Center grant.

**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, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

**ADOPTED** this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014.

### **Rezoning Request from Zoning Board for Riley Property**

The Columbiana Planning and Zoning Board unanimously recommend consideration for the City Council to consider rezoning 4 parcels of land on the Highway 25 Bypass from B1 to R3. After a brief discussion, the City Council asked the City Clerk to advertise the Public Meeting to be held at City Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2014 in the Council Chambers for this consideration.

### **City Ball Field Maintenance Contract**

Council members Ruston and Whiting reported that the Ball Field Maintenance Contract had been updated and was ready to be opened up for bids. Council member Ruston reported that the main change to the contract was who the contractor would be reporting to. After some discussion, the Council asked for clarity on who the contractor is reporting to. The new contract has the contractor reporting to the Streets and Maintenance Department Head.

Council member Ruston stated that he would get with Allen Reynolds to make any adjustments to the contract and then send to City Clerk J. Mark Frey to get bid request posted. They will also continue taking applications for the Park and Rec Board. Mayor Handley requested to be involved in the interview process for the new Board.

### **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Handley reported that we are finally moving ahead with some of the construction projects here in the City. The County has received bids for the dirt work at the Old Summer Classics property and we are waiting for the engineers to look over the winning bidders plans in order to confirm they comply with work requested for the site.

The Mayor also reported that the Hwy 26/70 project is being assigned an engineering firm. The developer of that property's engineer will be talking with the state engineer to discuss correcting the drainage issue so he can begin working on that new housing development.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Helen Dean reported that there are many events slated for Columbiana including: XTreme Bull Riding, Relay For Life, Cowboy Day with the Parade, Shelby County Fashion Show, Shelby County Arts Events, and a play put on by Shelby County High School.

Council member Whiting reported that Shelby County was playing basketball this coming Thursday and Friday night.

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 7:20 p.m.

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J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

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Stancil Handley, Mayor