

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
February 4, 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 February 4, 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 Kim King
Council member Barbara Moore	Council member Ouida Mayfield
Council member Rickey Ruston	Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

NONE

A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes: January 21, 2014 – Regular Meeting
2. Approval of City Clerk Mark Frey to use the credit card to cover cost of meals and accommodations for Certification Institute for Municipal Clerks (CMC) in Tuscaloosa on Feb 18th - 21th. Not to exceed \$450

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Fire** – Rodney Reed reported that they had a structure fire down in Shelby and it was a total loss. They had 2 transports during the snow and ice event and also had burned the debris pile over on Industrial Parkway. Rodney also reported that the department had Engine 42 chained up and ready to go in the event we have another ice event.

Mayor Handley added that the Fire Department has several 4x4's and it was great to have them available during these snow events.

- **Library** – Library Director Dutcha Lawson reported that the 3rd author is coming in for the Eat Drink Read Event at the Library that they are co-hosting with the SCAC. Dan Haulman, Author of The Tuskegee Airmen, An Illustrated History: 1939-1949, will be at the Library on the 15th. Many clubs and organizations are meeting at the Library and the renovation of the library is also moving forward.
- **Waste Water** – Dale Lucas reported that everything is going well with their testing and samples. He mentioned that they collected samples even during the ice storm. His department worked together during this ice event and aided in the

transport of several people. They also went over and checked on the 41 SOT students that were stranded at the trade school overnight.

- **Rescue** – Matt reported that Rescue had 143 calls with 87 transports during the month of January. They worked during the ice event and totaled one of their vehicles. No one was injured. They helped transport some of the students from the SOT and aided those in need. Matt also noted that they had 8 people on staff during the entire ice event and this is more than double the staff that are normally on duty.
- **Police** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that he was unable to make it to the Police Conference in Huntsville because of the ice last week. The PD answered a lot of calls for people with vehicles in ditches. The entire department worked together and as far as weather events go – he was very pleased with the way that all of the departments responded to this event.

The PD is preparing for the Bull Riding Event this weekend and Cowboy Day is coming up the following week.

Mayor Handley noted again how well we responded as a City during this ice event and he commended everyone for working together and going above and beyond to aid our citizens.

- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds was unable to attend tonight and asked Mayor Handley to report for the Streets Department. Mayor Handley reported that the guys from Streets and Maintenance were sanding and salting hills, pushing cars up the hills by hand and working diligently to aid people dealing with icy roads.

Tim Wilson opened up the Golf Course as a shelter and volunteered sand. The CO-OP opened up so that the guys could get salt. There was a real team effort during the duration of this inclement weather event.

- **Administration** – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that City Hall has been very busy during the ice event. We worked to coordinate with the Golf Course Clubhouse as a shelter – transporting people, blankets and food during the event. The Mayor spent the night at the shelter and we had people working a lot of long hours.

City Hall has also been busy receiving the business license renewals and we are getting them turned around as quickly as possible.

After some discussion by the Council, resolution 02-14-01 was introduced by Council member King.

RESOLUTION 02-14-01
DONATION TO THE RED CROSS

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana recognizes the benefit of supporting the American Red Cross for its efforts in preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross has long served as a nationwide agency through which the American people voluntarily extend assistance to individuals and families with disaster-caused needs that they cannot meet with their own resources; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has appropriated funds for the promotion of the City in the 2014 Fiscal Year Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Columbiana, hereby authorizes the payment of \$1,500.00 to the American Red Cross to be used to promote continued aid towards the citizens of the City of Columbiana.

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

Passed, adopted and approved this 4th day of February, 2014.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mayor Handley said that he met with the Policy Committee about the ice storm event and noted that there was a recommendation by the Committee to pay employees for the hours they missed during the ice storm due to the fact that the Governor had declared a state of emergency. Many employees were not given an option to come into work due to the poor state of the roads.

SUMMER CLASSICS PROPERTY UPDATE

We have received the bids for the Drainage and Dirt Work on the Summer Classics Property and we will be awarding this bid at the next Council Meeting. The next step after the dirt work will be the bathrooms and work on the appearance of the pavilion.

POTENTIAL NEW BUSINESS IN COLUMBIANA

Mayor Handley stated that the City has a unique opportunity for a new business and asked Marketing Director Helen Dean to explain to the Council. Helen Dean stated that the potential business needs sales data for 6 months to take to the bank in order to open a permanent location here in Columbiana. This franchise has been in business since 1953 and the franchise owner has been in business in an adjacent City for the last 10 years.

After much discussion, Council member Mayfield made a motion to suspend the rules in order to add to tonight's agenda: Allowing this business to open in a temporary location. Council member King seconded the motion which was put to vote and the results are as follows:

**ADDITION TO AGENDA –
ALLOWING TEMPORARY FOOD SERVICE TRAILER**

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

Council member Mayfield made a motion that the City of Columbiana will allow this business owner to set up a temporary location for a 6 month time frame in order to determine the feasibility of opening a permanent location here in the City. This business will comply with all the same requirements in their temporary location as any other food service business including: Purchasing a Business License, Paying Taxes, Paying Rent for the location, paying for utilities as well as compliance with any and all Health Department requirements. Chief Vick will also be involved in the location as to ascertain any traffic issues. At the end of the 6 month time period, said business will move into a permanent building or remove the temporary location.

This provision was put to a vote and the results are 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

MAYORS REPORT

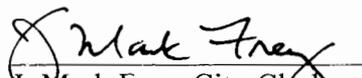
Mayor Handley reported that the City's piece of property on Industrial Parkway has been cleaned up and looks much better.

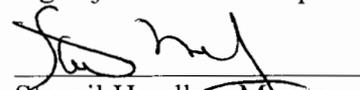
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 6th Annual Cowboy Day was coming up on February 15th and the 27th Annual Shelby County Rodeo is the week after that. Last weekend's X-Treme Bull Riding Event was standing room only and, they had to turn people away on Saturday night.

The Shelby County Arts Council has an event coming up with singer / guitarist Gabriel Tajeu. The Mayor added, "There is always something to do here in Columbiana."

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. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.


J. Mark Frey, City Clerk


Stancil Handley, Mayor