

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
February 16, 2016**

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 16, 2016. Mayor Handley called the meeting to order and asked City Clerk Mark Frey to call roll after the invocation and pledge.

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

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes 02-02-2016 Regular Meeting.
- B. Approval of Minutes 02-15-2016 Work Session.
- C. Appointment of Sarah Atchison to the Senior Center Advisory Board. Term to expire on 02-16-18.
- D. Appointment of Larry Truss to the Senior Center Advisory Board. Term to expire on 02-16-19.
- E. Appointment of Beth Glasgow to the Senior Center Advisory Board. Term to expire on 02-16-20.
- F. Appointment of Barbara Nash as an alternate for the Senior Center Advisory Board. (Item F added to the consent agenda per Council member Whiting's request)

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

BROADWAY GROUP PLAT APPROVAL

Mayor Handley welcomed Kelly Walker with the Broadway Group and he asked her to address the Council. Mrs. Walker requested that the City Council approve a plat that would combine 3 parcels located at 310, 314 and 316 West College Street. She explained briefly that this property is under contract and a 10,000 square foot retail building is proposed for this location.

The Planning and Zoning Commission was consulted about this development and they recommended approval of this project. There was brief discussion and Council member Whiting made a motion to accept the plat as presented. This was seconded by Council member Ruston and the Council voted unanimously to approve the plat.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Streets and Maintenance** – Mayor Handley reported that Allen Reynolds was unable to attend due to being ill. Council member Mayfield commented that Oliver Head was so proud that all of the garbage cans at his home had the lids placed back on them and the gate was closed. He wanted to express his appreciation to the sanitation worker that is running his route.

- **Environmental Services** – Mayor Handley reported that Dale Lucas had notified him that he would be absent and he asked the Mayor to give his update. There is a camera crew in town videoing the sewer system identifying problems with the sewer system. The plant has been running good and they have not been able to do the smoke test due to all of the rain. The ground has to dry out in order to identify breaks in the line. The Mayor also reported that Skyler Martin is approaching his one year probationary review and he has not passed his waste water test yet. The Mayor authorized an extension of Skyler’s probationary period for 3 more months in order to give him an opportunity to pass the test. His new probation end date will be the end of May.
- **Police Department** – Chief Vick reported that there have been a few thefts, but everything is going good. Officer KC Handley’s wife just had a new baby. Mom and baby are both doing well. Council member Ruston asked if Officer Woodard was still working with the PD. Chief Vick said that he is working part time and helping with the City’s Drug Task Force.
- **Library** - Tom Rary reported that due to the Harrison Library’s recent changes, there is approximately 2800 square feet of space that they would like to give to the Columbiana Public Library. This will come close to doubling the size of the library. Within the next 6 weeks we should know what kind of cost will be involved in this project. Mayor Handley stated that the library has needed additional space and this will address that need.

There are many events planned at the Library. A Master Gardener Program is scheduled for the 23rd of this month. On the 25th the Library is showing the new James Bond Movie, *Specter*, as well as serving pizza. The Friends of the Library are planning a bake sale fundraiser as well.

Council member Ruston asked about how these new movies are shown and what license is required. Mayor Handley stated that once we open the new park – he would like to start a Movie in the Park program. Tom stated that he would look at what is required for this license and get pricing.

Marketing

Mayor Handley asked Jon Harrison to provide a Marketing update. Jon stated that Cowboy Day is this weekend and there will be a chili cook-off and mock gunfight on Main Street. Jon noted that the power plant in Wilsonville is going to be doing maintenance and we may hear a loud boom and smell a foul smell due to this planned maintenance.

The Main Street Alabama program is moving forward. Mayor Handley asked if all of the deadlines are being met. Jon stated that there will be a presentation by the City in May. Everyone who applies will be making a presentation and hoping to be chosen to participate in this program.

Cowboy Day is coming up this week and the Mayor stated that primitive camping is available for the weekend for those who are bringing their horses into town. This is an all-day event, but the Cowboy Parade is scheduled for 2PM on Saturday.

- **Administration** – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that he was in election training last week. He has been working on the contract for ClasTran to continue the partial funding for the Trolley project. Mark also stated that he has been in contact with State Farm. One of their insured

accidentally hit the Senior Center last week. He has requested that the original builder of the Senior Center do the repairs.

Council member Whiting asked about the mailbox that is needed for the Senior Center. Mark said that he has turned that over to Allen Reynolds and he has not heard back yet. Mayor Handley stated that he wanted to look at updating the boxes and having something more aesthetically pleasing since it is located right in front of City Hall.

DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

Council member Mayfield made a motion to remove item 7 (Downtown Entertainment District) from the agenda which was seconded by Council member Whiting and approved by a unanimous vote of the Council. The council will discuss this during a future meeting.

MAYORS REPORT

- Many projects are moving forward in the City. The offer for the clinic building across the street from City Hall and the Senior Center (200 Mildred Street) has been accepted. Mike Atchison will be doing that closing in March.
- The Old Mill Square Park project is moving forward. Bob Enoch is working on numbers and talking to contractors for this project.
- The Shelby County Arts Council voted to stay in Columbiana and move into the new Old Mill Square property.
- The Senior Center is doing great and the Mayor stated that there are so many people participating in the different programs they are running out of room. He encouraged everyone to stop by and see what is happening at the Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Council member Ruston wished the Mayor congratulations on his new grandchild.

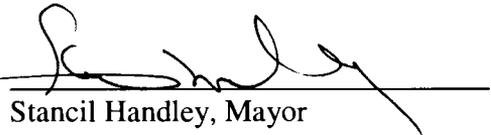
PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- One of the citizens inquired: What is going into the Beverly's BBQ building? The Mayor stated that this is going to be Tin Top BBQ. The owner is Mike Gannon and he has a location in Calera as well.

There being no further business, Council member Ruston moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Council member Whiting. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.


J. Mark Frey, City Clerk




Stancil Handley, Mayor