

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
March 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 18, 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: February 18, 2014 – Regular Meeting.
- B. Approval of Environmental Services Department Head Dale Lucas to use the credit card to cover cost of meals and accommodations for AWEA annual conference in Orange Beach on April 6th -9th. Not to exceed \$1200.
- C. Approval of Jason Head, Cody Shields, William Gibson, Rodney Reed, Billy Seale, Elliott Folmer and Kerry Horton to use the credit card to cover cost of accommodations and meals for Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa on March 26th -30th. Not to exceed \$1500.
- D. 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 April 3rd &4th. Not to exceed \$170.
- E. Request from Police Chief Lamar Vick to move Officer Jeff Bowers to Sergeant and to move him from Pay Grade XI, Step 4, to Pay Grade XI, Step 5, to be effective March 15, 2014.

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 read the following Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Strong family relationships constitute the foundation of our community; and

WHEREAS: Alienating behaviors are frequently present in high-conflict divorces, separations, and asymmetrical custody arrangements; and

WHEREAS: Behaviors such as speaking negatively about a parent to, or in front of, a child and interfering with parenting time and communication can not only destroy the bond between a loving parent and child, but can cause a child mental and emotional harm, as such alienating tactics are confusing, frightening, and rob children of their sense of security; and

WHEREAS: Parental alienation takes advantage of the innocent and impressionable, depriving children of their right to freely love and be loved by both parents and extended family; and

WHEREAS: Mental professionals agree that the negative effects of parental alienation can follow a child into adulthood with tragic consequences; and

WHEREAS: The recently published Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) made several references to the dysfunctional family dynamic of alienation to be a form of psychological child abuse; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 40,000 children in the State of Alabama subjected to child custody determination in 2012; and

WHEREAS: Parental Alienation Prevention Week is intended to increase the knowledge and understanding of this problem to help Alabamians, institutions, the legal and mental health community, leaders to better identify and combat such abusive behavior to children; and

WHEREAS: God so loved us, we also ought to love one another; love does no harm to its neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law; and

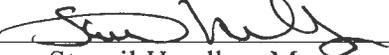
WHEREAS: The organizers of Parental Alienation Prevention Week are asking everyone to blow soap bubbles at noon on April 25th to show their support in spreading the simple message that children should be allowed to freely love both of their parents and extended family members; each free flowing bubble representing the love a child should have for his or her mother and father.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stencil Handley, Mayor of the City of Columbiana, Alabama do hereby proclaim April 20 through April 26, 2014, as

PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION WEEK

And April 25, 2014, as

PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY



Stencil Handley, Mayor

Mayor Handley asked the Council to change the agenda in order to allow for public comment first. He then asked Jim Crews and Carl Hall with the Lions Club to address the Council. Lion Carl Hall explained that the Lions Club will hold a meeting at noon on Tuesday at Bernie's On Main to give an opportunity for Columbiana citizens to join.

Anyone can attend and be a member of the group, which will meet in Columbiana twice per month.

Mayor Handley then asked Gene Rowley and Phillip Pritchard APH Radio to address the Council and audience. These men have started a nonprofit radio station focusing on Shelby County that will donate its proceeds to local charitable organizations. Broadcasting on 99.9 FM this new station will feature a mix of popular music and talk shows focused on Shelby County.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Fire** – Fireman Brian Stephens announced that there are 7 guys that would be going to the Fire College over in Tuscaloosa. Three of these firemen will be taking refresher courses and four others will be receiving their initial SCBA Training.
- **Police** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that it has been a busy couple of weeks. Chief Vick expressed gratitude to the citizen that chased off the subject in one case and the quick response from our investigator in making an arrest.

The PD has received the 2 new Dodge Chargers that were ordered and they should be out patrolling this weekend. Mayor Handley thanked the entire Police Department for all of their diligent work.

- **Library** – Library Director Dutcha Lawson reported that library showed the movie, The Watsons Go to Birmingham, to celebrate Black History Month and the Read Across America program went very well. Mrs. Lawson also reported that the library renovations are scheduled to start on the 24th of this month and Janice Faulkner has volunteered to help with picking out paint color, carpet and interior design.

Mayor Handley read a letter from library patron Tommy Robinson, thanking the Council and Mayor for installing the new Library Parking Only signs.

- **Environmental Services** – Dale Lucas reported that we have purchased the F350 that the Council approved in the budget. It will be fitted with the new bed that includes a crane and work boxes to aid in working on the lift stations. Dale also noted that this will prevent the City from having to hire a company to come in and lift out these large pump motors when they are serviced.

Jacob is preparing to do some additional training and take his waste water test again as soon as the State approves it.

- **Streets and Maintenance** – Allen Reynolds reported that his department has been servicing mowers preparing for the spring and picking up a large amount of brush. There was a large part of the top of a tree at the Rec Center that was broken

and they intend on taking that tree down. Mr. Reynolds also noted that having the local piece of property to haul brush for burning is a significant savings for the City in comparison to hauling debris to the County Dump.

- **Administration** – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that City Hall was finishing up with the majority of the business license renewals. There have been quite a few zoning request and sign applications received and processed. Mark also reminded the Council to make sure and complete their Annual State of Alabama Economic Interest Ethics Report.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-14-01
AWARD OF BID – MAINTENANCE OF FIELDS

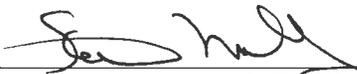
BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama hereby awards the low bid in the amount of \$36,000.00 to Jeff Jones for the maintenance of the City fields in accordance with the bid documents and specifications submitted and publicly opened at 2:00 P.M., February 12, 2014 and,

The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign this Resolution on behalf of the City Council and a contract, which contract is before this Council, for services pursuant to the specifications of the bid.

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

Adopted and approved this the 4th day of March, 2014.

CITY OF COLUMBIANA:

By  _____
Stancil Handley, Mayor

ATTEST:  _____
J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

There was a brief discussion about the City Sewer Ordinance and changes that need to be made. Environmental Services Department Head, Dale Lucas informed the Council that the changes are recommended by his engineer and City Attorney Bill Justice.

The majority of sewer blockages that occur are due to grease from restaurants. This will be addressed in the new Ordinance as well as homeowner or business owner's responsibility. The new Ordinance will be brought before Council for its first reading on the next Council meeting.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Handley reported that work has begun by the County out at the Old Summer Classics property. Currently the County is removing concrete, asphalt and rebar from the site in preparation for the contractor to begin the grading work.

The Mayor also reported that the bids came in well over budget for the work to be done on the new Senior Center. He has met with the Architects, Engineers and County to see what can be done. It appears that with all of the issues with the old Health Department Building, it may be more feasible to construct a new building.

The City's property out on Industrial Drive is looking good. Johnny Ray's is slated to open up on the 10th of this month. There have also been complaints about dirt in the road on Thompson Street. The contractor is going to address this issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council member Ruston announced that this Saturday there will be a baseball jamboree at the baseball complex. Three games are scheduled to start at 10am.

Council member Ruston and Council member Whiting are still taking applications for the Park and Rec Board.

The City has partnered with the State to offer walking tours here for the month of April.

The City of Columbiana is welcoming citizens input for naming the Old Summer Classics property.

The City is also seeking potential volunteers to drive the Trolley.

Mayor Handley also read a letter of from Yuliana Flores. She is a bright student at Elvin Hill Elementary that would like to beautify Columbiana by planting some trees. She met with the Mayor and discussed opportunities to enhance our City.

Music on Main is scheduled to start in April and go through Liberty Day.

There being no further business, Council member King moved that the meeting be adjourned, Council member Ruston seconded and the motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43p.m.


J. Mark Frey, City Clerk


Stencil Handley, Mayor