

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
March 17, 2015**

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 March 17, 2015. Mayor Stancil Handley called the meeting to order and then 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 Ouida Mayfield
Mayor Stancil Handley	

Absent:

Council member Kim King.

A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes: March 3, 2015 – Regular Meeting.

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

Guest – Bridgetta Haynes - Man up Program – moved later in agenda
Guest – Rusty Worsham to speak about his business Werx – absent

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Admin** – Department Head Mark Frey reported that he has been working on a Workman Comp Audit for several days. He noted that in the last few years they would require a form to be sent in, but this year they sent an auditor over from Georgia to confirm our information that we are sending in annually. We should be finishing this project up tomorrow.

Kathy Arthur, our new M4A employee is doing a great job. We are working on several projects at City Hall including; Grant File Organization, Updating our Employee records and getting our HR files in order. The next task will be the ordinance codification that has been on hold for many years.

- **Library** – Columbiana Library Director Tom Rary reported that the Friends of the Library met today and they are reviewing the group's status as a non-profit. There

will be a weekly article in the Shelby County Reporter written about the programs that are going at the Library. The Library Board is meeting next week and Tom will be reporting about their plans at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Handley thanked Tom for reaching out to all of the schools, noting that Tom is making headway with building our relationships with the school system.

- **Fire** – Chief Johnny Howard reported that everything was busy and they are expecting an ISO inspection in May. He is hoping that the ladder truck that previously missed its annual inspection can be inspected at this time. Mayor Handley asked if they would be checking all of our records in regards to fire hydrants, hoses and equipment. Chief Howard reported that they would be inspecting reports along with pumps, air packs and other equipment.

Mayor Handley asked if the COMBI tool had been ordered. Chief Howard reported that it has not been ordered yet.

- **Police Department** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that he put the new Chevrolet Tahoe in service this week. The Chief also reported that long time City employee, Linda Godbey, passed away and her family wanted to thank the many employees who came out and showed their support.

Chief Vick stated that KC Handley will be graduating from the Police Academy in May and he will be considered for the opening that is available in the PD.

- **Streets** –Department Head Allen Reynolds reported everything is business as usual. After a long weather delay, they are getting back going with the sidewalk project on Thompson Street. Allen reported that he hired a new employee in his department this week. Steven Thompson seems to be working hard and learning quickly.
- **Environmental Services** – Dale Lucas reported that his new employee, Skylar Martin, is studying for his CDL license in May. The flow study is working well and the data is coming in. The plant has been running smoothly.

Dale gave the Council pictures that were taken out on Sterrett Street. The homeowner asked if she could be reimbursed for a repair that was done several years ago on the lateral line that ties into our sewer main. Allen Reynolds noted that the homeowner didn't have to hire a backhoe because the City helped with the dirt work.

The Council affirmed that the policy of the City has been that any lateral line adjoining the public sewer is the homeowner's responsibilities. With the amount of money that the City paid to have the backhoe and employee there, the City in effect halved the cost (in kind) of the repair.

Jon Harrison reported that he is planning for Liberty Day. T-Shirts will be ordered this week. Council member Ruston asked if the shirts were being ordering on line and Jon stated that we will be using a local company for the shirts.

Mayor Handley added that Jon went to Montgomery with him and is working to help move the City forward.

Council member Ruston introduced:

RESOLUTION 03-15-01

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SURPLUS PROPERTY – ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana, Alabama, has certain items of personal property which are no longer needed for public or municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-43-56 of the Code of Alabama of 1975 authorizes the municipal governing body to dispose of unneeded personal property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the following personal property owned by the City of Columbiana, Alabama, is not needed for public or municipal purposes:

- Tobacco Stamps: 5 boxes of “water applied” tobacco stamps valued at \$675.00 per box; total \$3,375.00.
- Tobacco Stamps: 2 boxes of heat applied tobacco stamps with identifying roll number 538 and roll number 576; value being \$765.00 per box; total \$1,530.00.
- Fax Machine TAG # 272 273

SECTION 2. That the city clerk be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to dispose of the personal property owned by the City of Columbiana, Alabama, described in Section 1 above, by appropriate destruction of such property, whatever best serves the City of Columbiana, based on the value of the listed property.

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 present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

Adopted and approved this 17th day of March, 2015.

Council member Mayfield introduced:

RESOLUTION 03-15-04

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2015 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO INCLUDE
ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES -SEWER**

WHEREAS, the following sewer expenditure was not included in the FY 2015 Budget:

- Professional Services (Sewer) \$55,000

WHEREAS, this additional expenditure was discussed and approved during the January 6th regular council meeting but not included in the approved 2015FY budget, and the Mayor and Council have determined this expenditure is necessary,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Clerk to make the necessary amendment to the Fiscal Year 2015 budget effective immediately, resulting in an increase to projected professional services expenses in the amount of \$55,000.00 and authorizing the use of funds as needed from the Sewer Revenue account to facilitate payment of said services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk has prepared an updated budget, reflecting this change and all other changes to the Fiscal Year 2015 budget previously amended by resolution by the City Council and that it be presented today with an updated status of revenue and expenditures through March 17th, 2015.

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

	Yea	Nay
Leslie Whiting	<u> X </u>	_____
Barbara Moore	<u> X </u>	_____
Ricky Ruston	<u> X </u>	_____
Kim King	_____	_____ (absent)
Ouida Mayfield	<u> X </u>	_____
Stancil Handley	<u> X </u>	_____

Adopted this 17th day of March, 2015.

Mayor Handley welcomed a special guest speaking on behalf of the UAB Alumni program. She stated that UAB draws students from all over Alabama and the surrounding states. There are several bills being introduced in Montgomery as well as many cities around the State are passing resolutions this week showing support for the UAB sports programs. She thanked the Council for taking a stand with the Alumni about the return of UAB Football, Bowling and Rifle Programs.

Council member Whiting introduced:

**Resolution No. 03-15-05
STATE OF ALABAMA
SHELBY COUNTY
CITY OF COLUMBIANA**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM FOOTBALL PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the economic impact of the University of Alabama at Birmingham benefits the City of Birmingham and the surrounding municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, several citizens of the City of Columbiana currently attend or have attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham; and,

WHEREAS, the elected officials of the City of Columbiana believe in the values and community which athletics, the marching band, spirit and cheering squads provide to the college environment and experience.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama urges the University Of Alabama System Board Of Trustees and the University of Alabama at Birmingham President to reestablish the University of Alabama at Birmingham Football, Bowling and Rifle Programs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama urges the University of Alabama at Birmingham alumni and current students as well as the local business community to take responsibility for supporting the sports programs through attendance and donations of time and/or financial resources to ensure the uninterrupted continuation of such extracurricular activities.

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 the Mayor declared the same passed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this the 17th Day of March, 2015.

Update on the Jeanette Niven House. Mayor Handley reported that Rob McElroy said that as soon as all of the leaking is stopped he will provide a list of needed repairs for the Council to look at.

Mayor Handley welcomed Brigetta Haynes to the meeting. Brigetta would like to use the City Park down across from Elvin Hill for a Family Fun Picnic at the park. This event is planned for Saturday May 16th from 1 – 4PM. She will be advertising all around central

Alabama to invite men to come in to town for this event. Mrs. Haynes desires to encourage men to step up and be involved with their family and churches.

The Mayor thanked Mrs. Haynes for her tireless effort in building strong families in and around our area. Pending anything planned at the Softball complex that could prevent it, the event was unanimously approved by the Council.

Mayor Handley reported that the Jeanette Niven House repairs are coming along nicely and most of the leaks have been repaired. Council member Mayfield added that the repairs are looking good.

MAYORS REPORT

The Senior Center project is coming together nicely and sheetrock started going up today.

Tomorrow Mayor Handley will be going back to Montgomery to talk to several people about projects in Columbiana. These meetings were set up at the behest of the Governor. The Mayor will be speaking with the Tourism Director for the State of Alabama, the Commerce Director and next week, there is a meeting scheduled with the State Highway Department to discuss the future of highways here in the city.

Mayor Handley also asked the Council to extend their appreciation to Representative Mike Hill for the positive impact he is having on behalf of Columbiana.

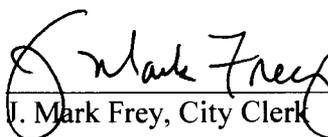
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Moore reported that the Shelby County Reporter will be picking up reports at the Police Department.

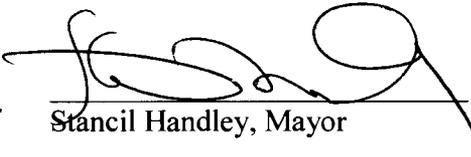
PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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 present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


J. Mark Frey, City Clerk




Stencil Handley, Mayor