

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
March 19, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of Columbiana City Hall at 6:03 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2013. Mayor Handley called the meeting to order and asked City Clerk Gina Antolini to call roll.

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

Absent: None

The record reflects that a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes: – March 5, 2013 – Regular Meeting.

Council member Whiting moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council member Mayfield seconded and the consent agenda was approved by a vote of all members of the council.

PRESENTATION BY JUDY BATES AND LISA CLAYTON

This item was removed from the agenda. The city clerk reported that Ms. Bates had called to advise they would be unable to attend the meeting and asked for the item to be added to the next regular council meeting agenda. The mayor stated the presentation would be added to the April 2, 2013 council agenda.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Administration-City Clerk Gina Antolini provided financial reports for the council-cash summaries for all accounts from October through February. An update on the progress with the Fortis software was also provided.

Police-Chief Vick reported on the status of the weather sirens, four of eight are functional. They will be replacing batteries in three of those that are non-functional and discussed the future use of them and the potential elimination of the siren and discussion of other possible warning methods. He provided an update on the weather on Monday, March 18th. There were some trees down and there was minimal damage. The Easter Egg Hunt will be March 30th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fire-Chief Howard reported on the tour of the station prior to the council meeting by the city council and the mayor thanked him and the firefighters for hosting it. Chief Howard advised that four of the firefighters had recently attended Fire College and received training in chain saw safety which is excellent preparation for storms.

Waste Water-Dale Lucas reported on maintenance issues involving the floats, which cost \$600 each for new floats, the light out at the Nelson Walker lift station and work to repair it, the need to put a chain link fence around the lift station to prevent vandalism. All of the other lift stations have fencing. He was requested to obtain pricing and report back to the council at the next council meeting.

Library-Program attendance for February was 295. Computer use and circulation are down in comparison to 2012. When asked about the statistics Director Dutcha Lawson stated that more people are using their own computers at the library vs. the library computers. She will have an update on April programming at the next council meeting.

**RESOLUTION 03-13-04 FIREWORKS CONTRACT WITH ALABAMA
PYROTECHNICS GUILD FOR LIBERTY DAY 2013**

Council member Mayfield introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 03-13-04

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ALABAMA
PYROTECHNICS GUILD FOR LIBERTY DAY 2013**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Columbiana as follows:

1. That the City enter into a contract with Alabama Pyrotechnics Guild, to provide a fireworks display on Liberty Day, June 29, 2013, which contract is before this Council;
2. That the City will pay Alabama Pyrotechnics Guild a deposit of \$3,000 after the execution of the contract and the balance of the contract, \$3,500.00 on the day of and prior to the display, in consideration for services provided according to the contract.
3. That the contract be executed in the name of the City, for and on behalf of the City by its Mayor.
4. That it be attested by the Clerk and the seal of the City affixed thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the contract by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept on file by the City Clerk.

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, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

**RESOLUTION 03-13-05 ENTERTAINMENT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT
WITH SOUTHEASTERN ATTRACTIONS FOR LIBERTY DAY 2013**

Council member Mayfield introduced the following resolution:

Marketing coordinator Helen Dean met with CGS Events, the company that previously provided entertainment services for the event and then with Southeastern Attractions and the cost was approximately the same. There was some discussion regarding the possibility that an additional amount would be needed to cover some day bands. There was a strong desire by many involved to move with another company to potentially improve the event.

RESOLUTION 03-13-05

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH SOUTHEASTERN ATTRactions FOR LIBERTY DAY 2013

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Columbiana as follows:

1. That the City enter into a contract with Southeastern Attractions, to provide entertainment and event management for the City's Liberty Day Festival, June 28-29, 2013, which contract is before this Council;
2. That the City will pay Southeastern Attractions a deposit of \$5,000.00 after the execution of the contract and additional payment, as outlined in the contract, in consideration for services provided according to the contract.
3. That the contract be executed in the name of the City, for and on behalf of the City, by its Mayor.
4. That it be attested by the Clerk and the seal of the City affixed thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the contract by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept on file by the City Clerk.

THEREUPON Council member King 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, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

RESOLUTION 03-13-06 DONATION FOR EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Council member Mayfield introduced Resolution 03-13-06, Donation for Eagle Scout Project, and moved that all rules governing the council, which might, unless suspended, prevent the passage and adoption of said resolution at this meeting, be and the same are hereby suspended for the purpose of permitting the said resolution to be finally passed and adopted at this meeting. Council member Whiting seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote. The results were as follows:

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

Nay: None

Mayor Handley declared the motion adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

Discussion regarding the project and the monetary donation ensued.

RESOLUTION 03-13-06

DONATION FOR EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana recognizes the contribution of the scouting program to the community and specifically recognizes the benefit of supporting the current Eagle Scout project in front of City Hall, and wishes to assist with the cost of the construction of the area which is being landscaped by Randall Hunt as his Eagle Project, and the City Council has determined that a public purpose is served by assisting with the cost of the project as it directly improves the City's property.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Columbiana hereby authorizes the payment of \$800 to Boy Scout Troop 560, to be used towards the purchase of materials and supplies for the project, in an effort to support and recognize the contribution to the improvement of the City Hall property and adjacent area.

Council member Mayfield moved that said resolution, Resolution 03-13-06, Donation for Eagle Scout Project, be finally passed and adopted as introduced. Council member Whiting seconded the motion. Mayor Handley put the question of final passage and the adoption of said resolution to vote of the council and on call of the roll the results were as follows:

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

Nay: None

Mayor Handley announced the results of the vote and declared the resolution passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The mayor discussed the city's uniform rental contract for public works. The city had a contract with Aramark and changed to Unifirst in September. The Aramark contract has a year remaining on it and after meeting with Aramark, the mayor wanted the council's input on how to proceed, considering that the Unifirst contract is not a valid contract since it is a five year contract. The council agreed that the Aramark contract should be honored for the final year and the issues that were raised that led to the change of contract should be monitored. After the year is completed, then the city should consider multiple vendors/options.

The bass fishing tournament, May 10th-11th, featuring high school fishing teams will have their first two day event and will be in Columbiana the first day and at the Expo Center the second day for weigh in. The mayor provided information regarding the County's hosting of the event at the Expo Center, the activities that will be held there and the potential revenue to the city that might be realized. Final weigh in will be at the Expo Center but the first night's weigh in will be on Main Street.

Mayor Handley updated the council regarding working with SCHS football coach, Brent Smith, such as clinics and working with the Park & Recreation board and partnering together for various opportunities.

Continued discussion of the storm shelters to be advertised via the placement of one at the old CVS property by the property owner. The council agreed that he should be allowed to purchase a business license and place it on the property. The issue had been raised due to the violation of the sign ordinance, since it involved advertising but not actually selling something on the property.

Change to the mini-storage rates under the city business license ordinance. Proposed change from the \$4.00 per unit to \$4.00 per unit for the first 50 units and \$2 for each additional unit. The city clerk will prepare a resolution to amend the business license ordinance for 2014 to make the change as indicated for consideration at the April 2nd council meeting.

Repair of the ditch behind City Hall involving replacement of two 48" pieces of pipe, backfilling, but doesn't include paving. Costs quoted by two vendors, Kenny McCord and Shane Merrill were \$17,600 and \$13,800 respectively. Council member Ruston asked about the ability of the street department being able to perform some of the work to save money. Mayor Handley advised that the street department did not have the expertise or equipment to handle the job. The city clerk will provide a resolution to amend the 2013 FY budget to include the additional funds for the project at the April 2nd council meeting, since only \$2,500 was included in the capital budget.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Handley provided an update on the roofing at City Hall. Construction will begin Monday or as soon as possible, depending on weather. The equipment on the roof that is not currently being used will be removed and the company will coordinate with the Police Chief. Drainage currently going into the sewer system will be routed to surface. A 90-day contract period was requested but ideally it will be completed in two weeks.

Lee Bryant prepared an architectural rendering which the mayor shared with the council. Discussion of the design and the name change for the property ensued.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rescue-Reported on the status of their truck and they are currently transporting using a van on a temporary basis. Also advised that with the break in the weather to be aware of motorcycles, bicycles and drunk drivers.

Several announcements were made, including the Dog Show, April 3-7; Greater Shelby Chamber Luncheon, with a spotlight on Columbiana businesses, will be March 27th, South Shelby Chamber luncheon will be April 4th.

Also, the newspaper recycling bin has arrived and is placed at the Shelby County Humane Society and is the final item on the 2012 grant. City Clerk Gina Antolini advised that she would be preparing the report for the grant and will be requesting reimbursement for the items purchased since the grant was awarded in September.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council member King moved that the meeting be adjourned, Council member Ruston seconded and Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Stancil Handley, Mayor

Gina Antolini, MMC, City Clerk