

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
April 1, 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 April 1, 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: March 18, 2014 – Regular Meeting
- B. 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 May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. Not to exceed \$170.
- C. Probationary period successfully completed by Officer Peavy being moved from Pay Grade X Step 4 to Pay Grade X Step 5 effective on the next pay cycle.
- D. Probationary period successfully completed and passing of the State of Alabama Waste Water Grade II Operator Exam by Jacob Welch being moved from Pay Grade V Step 2 to Pay Grade IX Step 1 as Waste Water Operator II effective on the next pay cycle.

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

Mayor Handley announced that Chief Vick, Chief Howard and Rescue were not able to attend the meeting tonight. He stated that the completion of Officer Peaveys' probationary period was the main thing reported by Chief Vick. The Mayor also noted that the new police cars had been put in service.

Mayor Handley recognized Environmental Services Department Head, Dale Lucas – because he was nominated as the Wastewater Operator of the Year Award – This award recognizes a State of Alabama Certified Wastewater Treatment Operator with outstanding leadership abilities and accomplishments in wastewater utility operations.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Environmental Services** – Dale Lucas reported that the guys have been working over on Highland Drive filling holes from an old project. They also responded to a blockage at the City Ballpark caused by grease being poured down the drain. There was some discussion about grease procedures for the parks and restaurants and how this occurred by the Council. Council members Ruston and Whiting requested that the bill for this cleanout be sent to the league.

Mr. Lucas also announced that Jacob Welch had passed the Waste Water Treatment Operator II test so we now are compliant with the State in the event that Dale is out of town. The Mayor and Council expressed their appreciation to Jacob in passing the exam and his diligence in getting this certification.

- **Library** – Library Director Dutcha Lawson reported that she hopes to hear on Thursday when the carpet will be delivered and be ready to install. The Library will be closed during the installation of the carpet. So far, the bathrooms have been re-tiled and the painting in the meeting room is almost complete.

Author Anna Catherine Davis is coming in for the Eat Drink Read Program – this program is targeting the teen age group and the schools are offering extra credit for students participating in this program. It is scheduled for Thursday at 4pm.

- **Streets and Maintenance** – Allen Reynolds reported that his guys have been raking leaves and cleaning up at the Cemetery for a ribbon cutting. His department is also preparing mowers and other equipment - getting ready to cut grass. The City brush truck is taped off and ready to paint and they were waiting on 4 days of good weather to get this done. Vandals have thrown the picnic tables, in the City Park across from Elvin Hill, back down in the ditch and they are being destroyed. There was some discussion about how to catch the people responsible and how to deter this type of activity.
- **Administration** – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that everyone in the City was excited that Jacob had passed his test and he congratulated him for getting this certification. Mark informed the Council that he had prepared a 5 month budget report for the Council to look over in preparation for the upcoming Council work session.

Helen Dean reported that the Shelby County Arts Council was sponsoring the Shelby County Barbecue Cook-off and Shindig. The team entry fee will be \$250 per team wanting to enter the competition. The proposed area for this would be behind Davis Drug and they need a letter of support from the Council to be able to receive Council support to get approval from the ABC Board and serve alcohol at this event. Mrs. Dean noted that this would be a closed off area for this event and a ticket would be required.

After much discussion, the council expressed an interest in the creation of an Entertainment District that would allow for groups to have events within this zone and be able to serve alcohol within this district during a specific event. In order to get the license for this special event the ABC Board requires a letter of support from the City signed by the Mayor and Council in order to apply for the license. The Mayor asked City Clerk Mark Frey or Marketing Director Helen Dean to draft a letter of support for the next Council meeting.

### **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Handley reported that the Columbiana Trolley left the station this morning at 8:30am and it was great. Chanel 42 came out yesterday and interviewed the Mayor as well as some of the riders, including Mrs. Henderson from the Shoals. Renee Miller and Sid Wheeler were the volunteer drivers and about 20 people rode today.

The old Summer Classics Property is coming together – hoping to start within the next week or so. This project will be completed within 45 days of the start of this project.

The Columbiana Walking Tours are coming up each Saturday in April.

Music on Main is starting early this year – this Friday night will be the first show for this year. They are looking to bring in bigger bands and adding space bounce and other things to grow these events.

The City Cemetery is very historic and several groups have worked to help restore it in the last 25 years including the GPS location of the graves. The Church of Latter-day Saints has had a new sign made up to help identify the graves and much work has gone into this renovation project. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm to celebrate all of these renovations and completed restoration projects.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council member Whiting reported that he attended the jamboree out at the City Ball Fields and there was a great crowd and the fields are looking good.

Jacob Welch thanked the Mayor and Council for giving him an opportunity to be a part of the City's Environmental Services department. Mayor Handley told him that they were all proud of him.

There being no further business, Council member Whiting moved that the meeting be adjourned, Council member King seconded and the motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26p.m.

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J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

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Stancil Handley, Mayor