

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
May 19, 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 May 19, 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 Ricky Ruston
Council member Ouida Mayfield

Council member Barbara Moore
Council member Kim King
Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

None. A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** Approval of Minutes: May 5, 2015 – Regular Meeting.
- B.** Approval of City Clerk Mark Frey to use the credit card to cover cost of meals and accommodations for AAMCA Summer Conference in Fairhope on June 17th - 19th. Not to exceed \$500.
- C.** Approval for a 1 step pay increase for Skyler Martin. He successfully passed the Class B Commercial Driver's License Exam. This is moving him from Pay Grade VII Step 1 to Pay Grade VII Step 2 taking effect on the next pay cycle.
- D.** Hiring of KC Handley as a Certified Police Officer at pay Grade X Step 4 to fill position previously vacated by Officer Matt Johnson.

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.

Guests – Allen Campbell from Shelby County 911

Mr. Campbell stated that the 911 paging radio issues started when the FCC "Narrow Banded" 3 years ago and it has been a problem ever since. This problem exists primarily in the Columbiana area. They have raised the antenna up on the tower in an effort to increase signal. Mr. Campbell stated that the moving of the antenna should have corrected the radio issues. In the event this doesn't correct the problem, 911 is planning on relocating the equipment to a new tower.

Additionally, The County has put in a new P25 Radio System in and built out the network all over Shelby County. The County's long term goal is to move all of the first responders in every municipality across the County to this new digital system.

Guest – Jarred Gilbert from Empower

Mayor Handley welcomed Jarred Gilbert from Empower. Jarred addressed the Council regarding the state pension plan and other investment opportunities that are available for Municipal Employees across the State. This plan is currently being used by 17,000 municipal employees currently. Jarred noted that Full Time and Part Time Employees can participate in this program. Offering this service to the City employees doesn't cost the City anything, however the Council must approve participation for their employees. After a brief discussion, the Council agreed to enter into a Jointer agreement in order to allow City employees to participate.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Admin** – Department Head Mark Frey reported that he has just come back from the annual League of Municipalities conference in Tuscaloosa. He stated that many of the break-out sessions were very informative. He learned a lot and will be implementing some of the programs that he learned about during this conference.
- **Library** – Columbiana Library Director Tom Rary reported that the Library was very busy and there are many events that people can participate in. Just a few of the programs are; the Summer Reading Programs, Craft Days, Movie Nights, partnering with local churches and many other opportunities.

The Library is promoting author, Harper Lee's new book with a Release Party in July. Mayor Handley asked Tom to get with Jon Harrison and promote this event in the Columbiana Bugler. Tom encouraged everyone to stop by the Library and check out all of the programs that are available.

- **Fire** – Chief Johnny Howard reported that he doesn't know if the 911 radio issue has been resolved, but time will tell. He and his department are working towards addressing several things brought out during the ISO inspection. Chief Howard stated that they have located a COMBI tool and several other departments are using this same product with great success.
- **Police Department** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that the Columbiana PD isn't planning on moving over to Shelby County's P25 Radio System at this point. He stated once they work out all of the bugs, we can consider it. The PD received a \$2000 ADECA Grant that will help pay overtime for license checks in the next couple of weeks. Chief Vick reported that the recent hiring of Officer Handley has his department at full staff.
- **Environmental Services** – Dale Lucas reported that Skyler Martin was hired on March 3rd and just passed his CDL License test. Skyler and Chris have started their Grade II Wastewater License class today. The instructor holds these classes in different places; this class is being held at City Hall and is paid for by our Waste Water Engineering Contractor.

The Board of Education has donated a portable classroom to the City in order to be used as the new sewer office and lab. This new building will more than double the current space. There have been several sewer lines that they have been working on. The recent inspection

by the State gave the Treatment Plant an A+. Mayor Handley welcomed Skyler and thanked him for working hard to get educated for the City.

- **Streets** –Department Head Allen Reynolds reported that everything is business as usual. His guys are picking up garbage and cutting grass. The cemetery has been difficult especially with all of the recent rain.

Mayor Handley asked the Council to consider an ordinance amending Columbiana Zoning Ordinance # 215. This is the second reading and Council member King made a motion to dispense with the reading of the ordinance and all members of the Council agreed.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-15-01

AN ORDINANCE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY’S PLANNING COMMISSION TO CHANGE, MODIFY, AND AMEND CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA

Be it ordained by the City Council of Columbiana, Alabama, that the following changes, modifications, and amendments to Ordinance No. 215, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, as amended, are hereby adopted:

1. Article 2, Section 21 Residential Requirements for R-1 Districts are amended to make the existing R-1 requirements applicable to property which has no sewer service available, and to add new requirements applicable to property which has sewer available, to read as shown on the attached table.
2. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances, including but not limited to Ordinance No. 215, as amended, which are inconsistent or contradict this Ordinance are hereby repealed and shall be of no further force and effect.
3. Except as expressly changed, modified, or amended, Ordinance No. 215, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.
4. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any part or portion thereof shall be declared unconstitutional or illegal, such declaration shall not affect any other remaining terms, provisions, or conditions hereof.
5. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication or posting as required by law.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 19th day of May, 2015.

| DISTRICT | USE REGULATIONS | MINIMUM YARD SIZE | | | MINIMUM LOT SIZE | | MAXIMUM HEIGHT | | MAXIMUM BUILDING AREA Percent | OFF-STREET PARKING Car Spaces | DISTRICT |
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| | | FRONT YARD FEET | REAR YARD FEET | SIDE YARD FEET | AREA SQ. FT. | WIDTH FEET | FEET | STORIES | | | |
| R-1 | USES PERMITTED: | | | | | | | | | | R-1 |
| Sewer Available | Single family dwellings. (See regulations common to all "R" Districts, listed above.) | 40 | 40 | 12 | 15,000 | 75 | 35 | 2½ | 25 | One | Sewer Available |
| Sewer Not Available | | 40 | 40 | 15 | 20,000 | 100 | 35 | 2½ | 25 | One | Sewer Not Available |

Council member Ruston introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 05-15-02

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING 2014 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council has appointed DeLoach, Barber, and Caspers, PC as the City Auditor; and

WHEREAS, they have prepared and submitted the audit for fiscal year 2014 to the City Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council hereby accepts the audit as prepared and presented to the Council.

THEREUPON Council member Mayfield moved and Council member King seconded the motion that said resolution be given a vote, and said resolution passed by a roll call vote. Results as follows:

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| <u>Yes</u> | Council member Leslie Whiting | <u>Yes</u> | Council member Barbara Moore |
| <u>Yes</u> | Council member Ricky Ruston | <u>Yes</u> | Council member Kim King. |
| <u>Yes</u> | Council member Ouida Mayfield | <u>Yes</u> | Mayor Stancil Handley |

The Mayor declared the resolution passed.

Adopted this 19th day of May, 2015.

Item # 7 Ordinance 05-15-03

After some brief discussion, the Council unanimously agreed to table the consideration of this new ordinance until the next meeting in order to gather additional information addressing food trucks as well as food carts. This will be discussed at the next Council work session.

Council member Whiting introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 05-15-04

AMENDING RESOLUTION 02-15-10 DONATION FOR BUS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Columbiana has previously recognized the contribution of Boy Scout Troop # 560 to our community. The City Council has determined that a public purpose is served by assisting with the cost of the project as it directly improves the reliability of transportation for all Scouts utilizing this equipment trailer for trips around the continental US; and

WHEREAS, the Council has previously agreed to donate \$2,000.00 for the purchase of a bus, and these funds were never issued by the City because a bus was donated to the Troop; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the City of Columbiana does hereby authorize the \$2000.00 in funds previously allocated for the bus purchase to be now used for the purchase of an equipment trailer for Scout Troop # 560.

THEREUPON Council member King moved and Council member Moore seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by roll call vote. The results are as follows:

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| <u>Yes</u> | Council member Leslie Whiting | <u>Yes</u> | Council member Barbara Moore |
| <u>Yes</u> | Council member Ricky Ruston | <u>Yes</u> | Council member Kim King. |
| <u>Yes</u> | Council member Ouida Mayfield | <u>Yes</u> | Mayor Stancil Handley |

Passed, adopted and approved this 19th day of May, 2015.

- Mayor Handley stated that the Abatement of the Bentley property at 304 Old Hwy 25 would be addressed at the next work session so a decision can be made within the timeline set forth previously by the Council. Progress is being made on the cleanup of this property. It was noted by the Mayor that additional time was being granted on this abatement due to a severe family illness.
- The Mayor reported that the Abatement of the Maddox property located at 203 Old Hwy 25 has been moving forward. The home has been demolished and the Council will discuss at the work session what requirements must be met in order to consider the demolition of this and other abated properties fully complete.

MAYORS REPORT

- Mayor Handley asked the Council, acting as the Architectural Review Committee, to take a look at the artist rendering and period color pallet chosen for the exterior renovation of the Dixie Printing building. Council member Mayfield made a motion to accept the drawing and colors as presented which was seconded by Council member King. Mayor Handley asked for a show of hands vote and the motion passed unanimously by all members present. This restored building will be called The Shops of Columbiana.
- Mayor Handley stated that he had met with the new owner of the ECA property and he is excited to see this large facility being put back into service here in the City.
- In the morning there will be *Coffee With The Mayor* here at City Hall at 8:00am. Mayor Handley invited everyone in attendance to come out and enjoy a time of coffee, snacks and fellowship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council member Mayfield announced that today was the Mayor's Birthday and she led everyone in singing Happy Birthday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Council was addressed by one of Columbiana's citizens and she stated that she wanted to express her thanks to the Mayor and Council for the positive changes that she is seeing here in Columbiana. She also thanked Mayor Handley for coming out to help promote the recent NAACP meeting over in Calera. The Mayor and Council thanked her for her kind words and encouraged her to come back to the meeting often.
- Police Chief Vick stated that he would like to ask the Council to address swimming pools that are abandoned when people move out. He would like to find out what we can do about unoccupied homes with pools in the City.

There being no further business, Council member Mayfield 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 7:44 p.m.

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

Stancil Handley, Mayor