

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
June 7, 2016**

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 June 7, 2016. Mayor Handley called the meeting to order and asked City Clerk Mark Frey to call roll after the invocation and pledge.

Present: Council member Leslie Whiting Council member Barbara Moore
 Council member Kim King Council member Ouida Mayfield
 Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent: Council member Ricky Ruston
 The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes 05-17-2016 Regular Meeting.
- B. Approval of hiring Bruce Andrews as Atts and Event Coordinator with an agreement for funding from the SCAC to City.
- C. Approval for City Clerk Mark Frey to use credit card for meals and accommodation for the AAMCA Clerks Institute Conference in Montgomery on June 22 – 24 not to exceed \$550.
- D. Judge Atchison and Mark Frey's recommendation of a 1 step merit increase for Joanna Seale - Moving from Pay Grade XIII Step 1 to Pay Grade XIII Step 2. Taking effect on the next pay cycle.

Council member Whiting made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Council member King. The council voted and the consent agenda passed unanimously.

Mayor Handley called for Mrs. Rebekah Higgins regarding a request from Steak and Shake. She was not in attendance.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Police Department** – Chief Vick reported that everything has been pretty quiet lately. The Johnny Lee Patterson murder case is coming up and Detective Alexander is coordinating on that case. Since school has been out – everything seems to be pretty quiet. Mayor Handley asked Chief Vick if he was fully staffed. Chief stated that they are now full strength, but there may be a half night shift here or there. The Mayor added that he would like those few shifts covered as well. Chief reported that it was better than ever before.
- **Fire Department** – Chief Johnny Howard Jr. reported that the station has had 118 calls this year. He noted that the Turnipseed Building has had 3 call outs for false alarms. This is apparently a maintenance issue and they are going to contact him about these alarms. Council member Mayfield asked if there was a fee associated with this. Chief Howard stated that we do have an ordinance that allows for a fee after the 3rd false alarm.

There was an anti-violence rally at the church behind Barn Brat. Columbiana Fire had 2 of their fire fighters attend. The Fire Truck is back in service today. Jason Head was able to get 2 AED's for the Fire Department from Children's Hospital. Several of the merchants down town are asking if the Fire Department can wash the streets off for Liberty Day. This has been done in the past, but there may not be enough personnel to get this done. They will do all they can with the time that they have.

- **Library** - Tom Rary reported that there were several new categories added to the Summer Reading program at the Library. Every Monday afternoon at 1PM they have a movie and there are many events for various age groups at the library running all summer long. This year they have over 160 kids signed up for the Summer Reading Program and it is very successful.
- **Administration** – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that he had been working on several planning and zoning projects throughout the city. He has reworked the procedures for tracking the many projects in town and all of the sub-contractors that are working on various projects.

Mark also stated that he has been providing a tremendous amount of information to Katherine Ennis in the updating of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

- **Streets and Maintenance** – Allen Reynolds stated that his department has been down 3 people and they have replaced them. He is preparing to hire 2 more people to fill additional positions. Council member Whiting asked Allen to get with him about a potential candidate for the position.
- **Environmental Services** – Mayor Handley stated that a 12 inch sewer main was dug up on the Mountain View Village Apartments behind City Hall. The Mayor praised Dale and his department for their quick response to do the repair. This will be paid for by the contractor that did the damage. Dale Lucas joined the meeting later and reported that his department was working on several projects all over town and they are very busy.

The following ordinance was briefly discussed and will be presented at the next meeting on June 21st.

ORDINANCE 06-16-01
(AMENDMENT TO SIGN ORDINANCE NO. 04-02-02)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

That the City of Columbiana does adopt this ordinance, amending Zoning Ordinance No. 215 as amended by Sign Ordinance No. 04-02-02 of the City of Columbiana, as follows:

Section 1. Section 9.3 Prohibited Signs: (6) is deleted.

Section 2. Section 9.3 Prohibited Signs: (31) is amended to read as follows:

“§ 9.3. Prohibited Signs

(31) Billboards, except that existing billboards on the Highway 25 Bypass may convert to signs with a maximum display area of 672 square feet of the digital style with no more than seven (7) messages per minute. All lighting of Billboards shall be done in a manner that will not interfere with commuters' vision and the light intensity of Digital Billboards shall be adjusted for daylight and dark so as not to impair commuters' nighttime vision. Exposed backs of signs, poles and other support structures must be painted black or dark brown to blend with natural surroundings and present a more attractive appearance.

Section 3. Section 9.6.3 Nonconforming Signs: (b) is deleted.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council of Columbiana, Alabama and publication or posting as required by law.

Council member Mayfield introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 06-16-02

COMPENSATION FOR ABSENTEE ELECTION MANAGER

**STATE OF ALABAMA
SHELBY COUNTY
CITY OF COLUMBIANA**

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

Section 1. Compensation for the Absentee Election Manager for the City of Columbiana, shall be the same is hereby fixed at the sum of \$50.00 per day for each day absentee elections services are performed from the date of the delivery of the absentee ballots to the absentee election manager and including the day of the election, to be paid from the city treasury.

Section 2. This resolution is adopted pursuant to Section 17-11-14 Code of Alabama, 1975, and shall be effective for all municipal elections, both general and special, held in the year 2016.

THEREUPON Council member Mayfield moved and Council member Whiting 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 the Mayor declared the same passed.

	Yea	Nay		Yea	Nay
Council member Whiting	<u>X</u>	___	Council member Moore	<u>X</u>	___
Council member Ruston	<u>absent</u>	___	Council member King	<u>X</u>	___
Council member Mayfield	<u>X</u>	___	Mayor Handley	<u>X</u>	___

Adopted this 7th day of June 2016.

Council member Mayfield introduced:

RESOLUTION 06-16-03

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NCOURT TO PROCESS ELECTRONIC COURT PAYMENTS

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

1. That the City enter into a contract with nCourt, LLC, to provide the Columbiana Municipal Court with an electronic payment processing program, which contract is before this Council;
2. nCourt, LLC, is a government services technology company that, among other things, provides software that permits government agencies to collect citations, parking, utility, tax, and other payments via a live, bilingual call center, online via the web or mobile device and at the counter with a credit or debit card.

nCourt shall build, host and maintain an Agency-specific website(s) for Columbiana Municipal Court. nCourt will purchase a URL, www.columbianatix.com.

There is no cost to the City for the implementation and operation of the Program and deposits are made by ACH electronic transfer to the City and any money transfer fees are paid by nCourt.

3. That the contract be executed in the name of the City, for and on behalf of the City, by its Mayor and this Agreement may be terminated by the City at will but with 90 days' prior notice.
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 King 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.

Council member Mayfield introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 05-16-04

RESOLUTION FOR ABC LICENSE FROM SWEET LIFE, LLC d/b/a BERNIE'S ON MAIN – OUTDOOR EVENT "THE SHELBY COUNTY SHINDIG"

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana has received an application from Sweet Life LLC d/b/a Bernie's on Main, through the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board requesting a 140-Special Event Retail license and an authorization to serve alcohol during an outdoor event "The Shelby County Shindig", held in the parking lot located behind Davis Drug and the Shelby County Art's Council buildings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana recognizes that this business has complied with the requirements of the State of Alabama to obtain such licenses;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council of the City of Columbiana does hereby grant the request and charge the City Clerk with providing a letter to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board indicating their approval of the 140-Special Event Retail license request for this event.

THEREUPON Council member Mayfield moved and Council member King 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 the Mayor declared the same passed.

	Yea	Nay		Yea	Nay
Council member Whiting	<u>X</u>	___	Council member Moore	<u>X</u>	___
Council member Ruston	___	<u>absent</u>	Council member King	<u>X</u>	___
Council member Mayfield	<u>X</u>	___	Mayor Handley	<u>X</u>	___

Adopted this 7th day of June, 2016.

Council member Mayfield introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 06-16-05

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Alabama Community Development Block Grant Program has been established to assist local governments in meeting community development and housing needs consistent with the objectives as set forth in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana, acting by and through its City Council proposes to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the purpose of performing eligible community development activities that will benefit low and moderate income residents in the City of Columbiana;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Stencil Handley, Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute and submit an application with appropriate assurances to the State of Alabama, Department of Economic and Community Affairs, requesting Program Year 2016 Community Development Block Grant Funds in the amount of **\$450,000.00** for sewer system improvements; and

THAT, THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA will provide a local match of **\$65,000.00** in support of this project.

Council member Mayfield moved and Council member Whiting 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 the Mayor declared the same passed.

	Yea	Nay		Yea	Nay
Council member Whiting	<u>X</u>	___	Council member Moore	<u>X</u>	___
Council member Ruston	<u>absent</u>	___	Council member King	<u>X</u>	___
Council member Mayfield	<u>X</u>	___	Mayor Handley	<u>X</u>	___

READ AND ADOPTED this the 7th day of **June 2016**.

PROPERTY LOCATED AT 304 OLD HWY 25

The Mayor and Council stated that they would like Kelly Fox to go and file the satisfaction of Lis Pendens with the Shelby County Probate Office because the Bentleys have followed through and completed the repairs and painting needed on their property. Council member Mayfield also noted that the two ends of the building that were required to be removed have been removed per the Council's request. There was a unanimous vote, by the Council, to remove the Lis Pendens from this property.

MAYORS REPORT

- **TROLLY IS BACK IN SERVICE** – Mayor Handley reported that the Trolley was back in service, but the wheel chair lift is unrepairable. ClasTran has provided vans with wheelchair lifts for years and all citizens are instructed to contact them if they need the use of a wheel chair lift. Transportation South is on the lookout for a used lift unit that we can install.
- **SHELBY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL** – Mayor Handley reported that he has spoken with Mrs. Snyder about things that the City can do to help promote the school and encourage school spirit through the community. Items discussed included; bringing the graduation ceremony back to the football field, a Wildcat Walk, Bonfire, Wildcat Paws painted in the street and the City partnering with the school on projects. After much discussion the Council agreed that these projects, including the painting of the Wildcat Paws in the streets would be a great idea. The Mayor stated that with the Council's permission, he would talk to Russel Rasco to get started painting these white paws.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

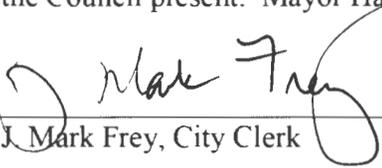
- Council member Mayfield announced that next Saturday would be Columbiana's annual Clean Up Day from 7-10am. Rubber gloves are being supplied by Kyle Mims of Edward Jones, water, snacks, bags and pick-up sticks are being provided by the City. Everyone will meet at Col. Hume Scout Park in front of City Hall.
- Columbiana has been chosen as one of the 2016 Main Street Alabama designated cities. There is a large launch party set for June 29th here on Main Street. There will be many dignitaries, including Governor Robert Bentley, in attendance. Everyone is welcome.

- With the selection of Columbiana as a Main Street designated City – the City provides some in-kind service as a part of the program. The new Main Street Columbiana group will be hiring a part-time director and they will need an office to work from. The City owns the Jeanette Niven House and it is currently used by the South Shelby Chamber and other non-profit groups here in town. April Stone is the director of the SSC and she said that she would welcome this new person into the office space. The Council voted unanimously to allow the new Main Street Director for Columbiana to be provided an office within the Jeanette Niven House.
- Council member Whiting reminded everyone that the t-shirts are in for Liberty Day.

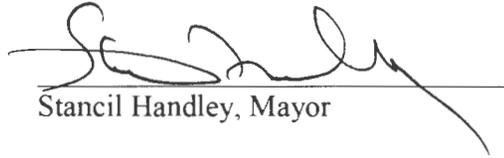
PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

There being no further business, Council member King moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Council member Whiting. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



J. Mark Frey, City Clerk



Stancil Handley, Mayor