

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
July 5, 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 July 5, 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 Ricky Ruston Council member Ouida Mayfield
 Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

Council member Kim King

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes 06-21-2016 Regular Meeting.
- B. Donation of \$500 for each team that is traveling to State Tournaments in Madison Alabama. Shelby County 8U All Star Team, Shelby County 6U All Star Team and the Columbiana Girls Softball All Star Team.
- C. Approval of 2 step merit increase for Shelia Gallups recommended by the Library Board, moving from Pay Grade VII Step 2 to Pay Grade VII Step 4, taking effect on next pay cycle.
- D. Approval of 1 step merit increase for Mary Young recommended by the Library Board, moving from Pay Grade V Step 1 to Pay Grade V Step 2, taking effect on next pay cycle.
- E. Approval of 1 step merit increase for Retta Authier recommended by the Library Board, moving from Pay Grade V Step 2 to Pay Grade V Step 3, taking effect on next pay cycle.
- F. Approval of 1 step merit increase for Kathy Jones recommended by the Library Board, moving from Pay Grade V Step 1 to Pay Grade V Step 2, taking effect on next pay cycle.
- G. Approval of 1 step merit increase for Barbara Todd recommended by the Library Board, moving from Pay Grade V Step 1 to Pay Grade V Step 2, taking effect on next pay cycle.

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

LIBERTY DAY PARADE AWARDS PRESENTATION

Council member Mayfield presented the Liberty Day Parade Most Patriotic Award to the Columbiana Church of the Nazarene. Pastor Brian Gilliam accepted the award.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes 06-07-2016 Regular Meeting.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 06-16-01

Council member Whiting made a motion to recess the regular Council meeting in order to have a public hearing which was seconded by Council member King. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the results were as follows:

YES Council member Leslie Whiting YES Council member Barbara Moore
YES Council member Kim King YES Mayor Stancil Handley

Mayor Handley stated that this meeting is regarding the city's sign ordinance and the changing of any existing billboards out on the bypass from static to digital format. Mayor Handley read a letter of support from the Columbiana Merchant and Professional Association regarding the amendment to the city sign ordinance. He then asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak in favor of adopting this ordinance. There were none. Mayor Handley asked if anyone would like to speak against adopting said ordinance. There were none.

Council member Whiting made a motion to adjourn the public hearing and resume the regularly scheduled Council meeting which was seconded by Council member King. A roll call followed and the results were as follows:

YES Council member Leslie Whiting YES Council member Barbara Moore
YES Council member Kim King YES Mayor Stancil Handley

Mayor Handley declared that the regular Council meeting was back in session.

Mayor Handley welcomed Anitra Nallis Patterson

HEAVENLY WINGS & THINGS FOOD CART

Anitra gave the Mayor and Council photos of the food trailer. She explained that she was trying to find a commissary to use. The Mayor noted that food trucks are something that the Council is interested in addressing with an amendment to the Columbiana's Zoning Ordinance. She explained that she is interested in locating in a single location and pull the food trailer in daily and remove it at night.

Anitra is scheduled to be set up for the Liberty Day celebration as a vendor. The Council asked Mrs. Patterson to bring her request back to the Council for consideration once she has the approval from Health Department and a commissary selected.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Administration** – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that he has been working to catch up from being out of town. He has prepared an Ordinance to allow for the use of the election equipment through the County. Mark also stated that he has been working with Katherine Ennis and getting information that has been requested for the comprehensive plan update.
- **Streets and Maintenance** – Allen Reynolds said that a large tree fell next to the gazebo and his guys are all working hard to prepare for Liberty Day. The new pressure washer and scrubber are working well on the sidewalks.
- **Environmental Services** – Dale Lucas reported that they had finished up the video project out in the area where they have applied for the CDBG grant. Allen Keef is picking up on the math and all aspects of the job as he is preparing for the waste water operator test.
- **Fire Department** – Chief Johnny Howard Jr. reported that they are preparing for Liberty Day and will have 3 cooling stations set up. Two trucks are out of service including one with a transmission problem and the other with a water pump problem. They are waiting on parts for the pump and the transmission problem will be addressed by Freightliner. Monday night they washed the streets down with hand lines.

There have been a couple more false alarms out at the Turnipseed building. The alarm company has performed maintenance on the alarm and hope this takes care of the problem. The new admin vehicle is being put in service. The new sign looks good on the Fire Department building. Johnny hasn't had a chance to get a quote on the awning replacement. Mayor Handley asked Johnny to get with Beth Strickland as she has information about several companies to quote for the awning replacement.

- **Library** - Tom Rary reported that they are adding a 36" by 72" awing on the side of the library. It is being paid for by the Friends of the Library. The Library currently has 174 kids signed up for the Summer Reading Program and they are averaging about 60 people per week attending the movie and pizza program. *London Has Fallen* is one of the new movies scheduled and MeWayne Science Center will be doing a program on Thursday.

Mayor Handley noted that there are many resources provided by the Friends of the Library group and this group of 15 people is making a huge difference with programs for our library.

- **Rescue** – Matt Rush reported that they are preparing to teach an EMT Basic class in the next few weeks and everyone who is interested should contact Southeast Shelby Rescue. This class is \$470 to attend and is centered on CPR.
- **Police Department** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that everything is going good and the last court day there was standing room only. Detective Alexander is working on a murder case that is coming up. There have been several protests that have been held at the courthouse. Everything was fine and there were no issues noted during these peaceful protests.

Marketing

Marketing Director Elizabeth Smith reported that tomorrow at 5am would be the cutoff for Liberty Day vendors. Everything is moving forward to prepare for the 30th annual Liberty Day celebration and there will be about 140 vendors this year.

Council member Whiting said that he has been watching all of the city workers and the professional manner that they have been working. He appreciates the hard work. Mayor Handley read a letter from someone who had come into town to have a new grave marker set. The letter praised Allen Reynolds, BD and all of the workers who paid special attention to make sure everything was handled perfectly. The Mayor and Council expressed their appreciation for the hard work that these men provide for our city.

Council member Whiting introduced the following ordinance. Council member King made a motion to adopt which was seconded by Council member Moore.

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.

Mayor Handley asked for a roll call vote and the results were as follows:

<u>YES</u> Council member Leslie Whiting	<u>YES</u> Council member Barbara Moore
<u>YES</u> Council member Kim King	<u>YES</u> Mayor Stancil Handley

Mayor Handley declared that the Ordinance was adopted and asked the City Clerk to post as directed by state law.

Council member King introduced Ordinance 06-16-06. This is the first reading of the Ordinance and Council member Whiting requested that the ordinance be passed at the first reading. A roll call vote followed. The results of the vote:

<u>YES</u> Council member Leslie Whiting	<u>YES</u> Council member Barbara Moore
<u>YES</u> Council member Kim King	<u>YES</u> Mayor Stancil Handley

Mayor Handley declared that said ordinance will be considered tonight.

ORDINANCE 06-16-06

An Ordinance of General and Permanent Nature
Establishing the Use of Electronic Vote Counting Devices

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

WHEREAS, Chapter 24 of Title 17 of the Alabama Code of 1975, and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Alabama Electronic Voting Committee, provide for the use of Electronic Vote Counting Systems; and

WHEREAS, Section 17-24-3 of the Code of Alabama 1975 provides that a municipality may, in its discretion, by adoption of an appropriate resolution, authorize, adopt, and direct the use of electronic vote counting systems for use in all elections held in such municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, while in a Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

Section 1. Electronic vote counting system.

- (a) That for all elections held subsequent to the passage of this Ordinance, the use of the **DS-200** electronic voting machines, a system which complies with Section 17-7-21 (17-24-3) of the *Code of Alabama* and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto, is hereby authorized for the reporting, counting, and tabulating of any and all election results.
- (b) That for all elections held subsequent to the passage of this Ordinance, the use of **AutoMark Voter 87000** electronic voting machines, a system which complies with Section 17-2-4 (17-25-4) of the *Code of Alabama* and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto, is hereby authorized for the reporting, counting and tabulating of any and all election results.

Section 2. That a copy of this Ordinance will be filed with the Alabama Secretary of State as provided in Section 17-7-21 (17-24-3) of the *Code of Alabama 1975*.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

A roll call vote followed. The results of the vote:

YES Council member Leslie Whiting
YES Council member Kim King

YES Council member Barbara Moore
YES Mayor Stancil Handley

ADOPTED AND APPROVED unanimously this the 21st day of June, 2016.

BROADWAY GROUP – DOLLAR GENERAL

The Mayor and Council discussed at length the Broadway Group's building that they are building for Dollar General. This proposed building is in the gateway into our city. The entire council expressed that the City of Columbiana is working to improve our standards for buildings in our town and the façade of this building is not what they want built. The Council is planning to rework the city ordinances and lay out a minimum standard for new buildings in Columbiana. All of the Council expressed and we don't want a rectangular metal building and have offered any legal means in making minor changes to enhance the look of this building. Broadway has been unwilling to consider any change – even if it will not cost them anything.

City Clerk Mark Frey stated that Broadway needs the plat signed off on again. A representative from Dollar General spoke with the Mayor and stated that perhaps they should keep the store where they are or leave town. The Mayor and Council expressed that if staying where they are now is an option, they would prefer that over a big metal box. The Mayor and Council unanimously agreed that the Clerk will not sign off anything and negotiation attempts with Dollar General will continue.

AMERICAN FLAG ON THE COURTHOUSE

Mayor Handley discussed the possibility of getting the American Flag placed back on the Courthouse. This project has been evaluated and there will be an approximated cost of \$3500 to install the system used to raise and lower as well as light the flag properly. The flag will also be changed out twice per year. Every Council member in attendance expressed that they would love to have that flag back on the courthouse and instructed the Mayor to see what can be done to make that

happen. The Mayor stated that he would be speaking with the County about this possibility and he would report back to the Council.

DECORATIVE STREETLIGHT LED BULB UPGRADE PROJECT

The Council discussed the possibility of changing out the ballast and bulbs to a new LED unit. The current units are 185 watts and include a 150 watt bulb and 30 watt ballast. The new fixture will be a 34 watt self-contained unit that doesn't require ballasts. The Cost of this project is projected to be approximately \$13,000 to change out the decorative light bulbs on Main Street. We will have a substantial savings on power and should expect a 2.5 to 3.5 year ROI. The Council asked City Clerk Mark Frey to prepare a resolution for consideration at a future council meeting.

MAYORS REPORT

- **CITY PARK GRAFFITI** – Mayor Handley read a letter that he received this week from a concerned visitor to our City. They also sent pictures that were circulated with the Council. There is graffiti inside many of the slides and the Mayor said that we would like to do something to prevent this vandalism. On the outside the equipment looks pretty good, but on the inside there is graffiti and filth. They want to discuss at the next work session and look into additional cameras to help monitor the park. The Mayor asked Allen to see what needed to be done to get this equipment cleaned up.
- **RASCAL RAIL “HOODLUM” HISTORY TRAIL** - Mayor Handley said that there is some movement on this trail and everything depends on where we are allowed to build this new trail. The gas company has been looking at the actual location of the gas line and it is not always in the middle of the old railroad bed. The gas company needed one more map and they will be meeting with the City to see what can be done on the trail.

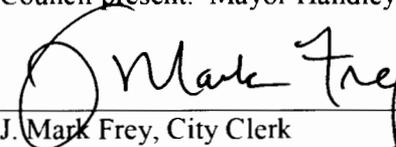
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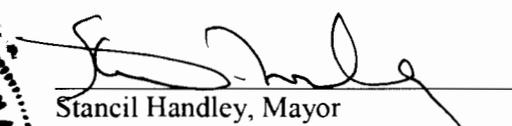
- None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Friday at 12pm there will be a Senior BBQ at the Senior Center. Dale is cooking and there will be BBQ, Chips, Watermelon and Ice Cream.
- Dr. Thornburg wanted to announce that Davis Drug has been in business for 60 years this month. The Mayor and Council stated that they will do something to recognize their many years of service to our community.
- The Grand Marshal for this year's Liberty Day parade will be Thomas Nolen MD.

There being no further business, Council member Whiting moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Council member King. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.


J. Mark Frey, City Clerk


Stencil Handley, Mayor

