

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
Monday July 11, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met for a Work Session in the City Hall Conference Room, Monday July 11, 2016. Mayor Handley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present:

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

Absent:

None. – A quorum present.

Pop Up Business

The Council discussed the licensing requirements and reporting of sales tax for a Pop-Up Business. The building owner didn't want to have a central cash register but have each Pop-Up Business collect money as they sell their own products. After much discussion regarding how the license are issued and managed, the Council decided to keep the license requirements that are in place and look into other Cities that may have a similar program.

Abatement

The Council discussed the potential list of properties that need to be abated in the City. At this point the Council is looking at several properties around the City and they are starting with those properties that are unoccupied.

Christmas Tree Sales – Stoney Glenn

The Council discussed whether or not the trees could be sold on his property on Old Hwy 25. There was discussion about other possible locations that may be available. The Council will look at their license requirements for a cottage business and how they are allowed to operate. City Clerk Mark Frey stated that he was not aware of anything that would allow for this business. Most of the service industry home based businesses are for sewing service and the like.

Portable Building / Shed Sales – Rob McElroy

Rob has spoken with a lady that runs a portable building business and she is interested in Columbiana. There was discussion by the Council and they would like Rob to come and give those details and additional plans at the next Council meeting.

Other City Business – Broadway Group

The Mayor has spoken with Bob Broadway regarding the retail space that is being built for Dollar General. He indicated that he would be able to change the façade of the building but the change and money to complete would have to come from the City. After much discussion, the Council asked Mayor Handley to communicate that if it is legal to pay for the changes, the Council would like to consider moving forward with this at a future meeting.

Other City Business – Annexation

The Council discussed their desire to move forward with surrounding properties annexing into the City. The Council asked the Mayor to work towards this in the coming months.

Other City Business – Mundy Motors Building

The Mayor has spoken with Chris Mundy regarding the development of the permanent structure on his property. Chris is looking at several options and will have information about the proposed permanent building for the Council to consider in the coming weeks.

Other City Business – City Property next to City Hall

The Mayor asked about the dirt and debris that has been placed on the storage lot. The Mayor stated that this is a storage lot, but he will talk with Allen to see if there is anything that can be done to help the aesthetics of this lot.

Other City Business – Old Mill Square Basketball Park

Council member Ruston asked what it would take to move forward with the preparation of the outdoor basketball courts at the Old Mill Square. The Council plans on working to develop the courts in order to use the facility until they can be developed on another parcel owned by the City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council member Whiting made the motion to adjourn and Council member King seconded the motion which was followed by a vote of members present to adjourn. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Stancil Handley, Mayor

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk