

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
JULY 16, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met in a Regular Session in the Council Chambers of Columbiana City Hall at 6:02 p.m., Tuesday July 16, 2013. 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

A quorum was present.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes: - July 2, 2013 – Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of Police Chief Lamar Vick to use the city credit card for ALACOP training July 28<sup>th</sup>-August 2<sup>nd</sup> not to exceed \$300

Council member Whiting moved to approve the consent agenda and use of the credit card for ALACOP training. Council member Mayfield seconded the motion and the consent agenda was approved by all members present with a vote as follows:

Yea: Council member Leslie Whiting  
Council member Barbara Moore  
Council member Rickey Ruston

Council member Kimberly King  
Council member Ouida Mayfield  
Mayor Stancil Handley

Nay: None

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

- **Waste Water** – Dale Lucas reported that the Parkson rep will be flying in on Monday and work will start on the new aerator system on Tuesday. The project should take about 10 days to complete and may require some overtime from his guys to get it done within the 10 day window.
- **Fire** – Chief Johnny Howard, Jr. reported that new businesses are coming in to town and don't understand that the Fire Department has to sign off on the license before it is issued. Mayor Handley asked the city clerk to make sure that city hall is giving the proper information and instruction to all potential businesses.
- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that grass is being cut and everything is going well. Speed limit signs (15 MPH) have gone up on Meyer Street and several citizens have commented that they are pleased with the quick response from the

city to get this done. Council Member Mayfield commented that Thompson Street Cleanup was appreciated. Council Member Whiting reported that limbs had been trimmed back near the Post Office as well.

- **Library** – Library Director Dutcha Lawson stated that the Children’s Summer Reading Program was completed on Friday and they have had a great response. The Teen Summer Reading program is starting this week as well as a Teen Service Project being done around the flag pole at Elvin Hill Elementary with mulch purchased by Friends of The Library. Thursday is going to be a Tailgate Party and the Adult Summer Reading will be running from August 5<sup>th</sup> – September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Handley noted that Shelby County is ready to meet with the City about doing some renovations for our library, stating, “Our program is up to date, our building is not.”

- **Police** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that approximately a dozen of our Senior Citizens came down today and toured the PD. There had been an assault and a suicide here in town in the past couple of weeks. The police department is working the leads in the assault investigation. Chief Vick also reported that the two new police cars (Chargers) would be put in service this weekend.
- **City Clerk** – Mark Frey reported that everything was business as usual and things were going well. City Hall has received praise for everyone working at the waste water treatment plant by a new business that is moving into town. We also received an email from residents on Meyer Street praising the council for the quick response to get the speed limit signs up.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**SR-70 and CR-26** Project Number: ST-037-070-002 Turn Lanes and Intersection Improvements. Mayor Handley reported that the City has received a fully executed Construction Agreement for this project and the State is now hiring a firm to manage this new project. The local land developer has expressed his desire to get things moving on this project and will be helping with the drainage work that is needed on site beside Hwy 70. The road project is estimated to take 8 months to complete.

**AC unit - Rescue Building** The current unit that is at the building is 30 years old and beyond repair. The city has received an estimate for a new unit that would have a 10 year parts and labor warranty for \$3850 including installation. Rescue can pay \$1500 towards the repair and the remaining \$2350 would be paid by the City. Council Member Mayfield made a motion that this repair should be performed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Whiting and all of the council agreed that this item be added to the coming agenda for the next meeting.



**Children at Play Signs for the City** – The council looked at several options for “Children at Play” signs and selected the “Slow Children” yellow sign as the one to order. Allen Reynolds was instructed to purchase 4 of these signs. The cost to the city should be approximately \$40 each including shipping for the highly reflective signs.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Columbiana Middle School has many unlocked doors and people can just walk into the school any time of the day without anyone knowing that they aren’t supposed to be there. Mayor Handley said that he has heard that and addressed it with the SCBE. This summer doors are being replaced and new safety procedures are being enacted in order to ensure the safety of our children.

With no further comments, Council Member King made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Ruston seconded and the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

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Stancil Handley, Mayor

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J. Mark Frey, City Clerk