

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
July 21, 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 July 21, 2015. 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 Kim King
 Council member Ouida Mayfield Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent: None. - A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes 07-07-2015 Regular Meeting.
- B. Approval of Minutes 07-14-2015 Council Work Session.
- C. Approval for the hiring of Ali Conn Payne as the new full time Senior Center Director at Pay Grade X Step 1 to begin work on August 1, 2015.

Council member Mayfield moved to approve the consent agenda and Council member Whiting seconded the motion, which given to a vote was approved unanimously by all members present.

Guest Chris Mundy and Tyler Bostic of Mundy Motor

Mayor Handley welcomed guest Tyler Bostic and owner Chris Mundy, of Mundy Motors. Chris thanked the council for allowing the extension of his temporary location (6 months). He is pleased with the numbers so far at this location and it continues to exceed his expectations. They are working on a plan to either make this their permanent location or purchase another existing building by the end of the year. He explained that there has not been anything available for them to rent or purchase with the same visibility and space that they require.

During the previous Council meeting, the Council agreed to allow an additional 6 months to build or procure a brick and mortar location in order to be compliant with the city's zoning ordinance. Mayor Handley and the Council expressed their appreciation for the professional manner that Chris is operating his business here in Columbiana.

Guest Kevin Ricke of National Dry Out

The Mayor welcomed the new owner of the ECA property, Kevin Ricke. Kevin owns National Dry Out, a commercial restoration company, and he is moving his offices into a portion of the ECA building. He explained that he also owns the Fright Factory. This is a haunted house formerly located in Tuscaloosa for 25 years. Kevin plans to use a portion of

this building's 400,000 square feet for his businesses and divide and rent out the remainder of the space. The Council expressed their appreciation for Mr. Ricke's interest in Columbiana and how this plays a part in making Columbiana a shopping and entertainment destination.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Library** – Jon Harrison reported, due to Director Tom Rary's absence, that circulation and participation numbers were up across the board from last year. August 6th at 5pm there will be a Harper Lee Event held at the Library. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The ACT prep courses will begin again in late August or early September. These classes will be on a first come first served basis and they are being offered at no cost for the students.
- **Admin** – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that Kathy Arthur has been doing a great job getting our minutes books up to date. These official books had to be printed all the way back to 2011. The next administration project is the codification of our ordinances. This project was started many years ago and will allow all of the city's ordinances to be available and searchable on-line.
- **Environmental Services** – Department Head, Dale Lucas, reported that the new office is coming together well. They have been working on repairs to sewer lines just off of Joiner Town Road. Dale stated that they are currently working on updating the City's State Permit. Dale noted that he expects to begin the smoke testing of the sewer lines in the next month or so. This will identify future sewer repair projects across the City.
- **Fire** – Fireman Rodney Reed reported that everything was going well at the Fire Department and equipment has been repaired. They had 2 structural fires just outside the City, but it had been pretty quiet.
- **Police** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that in the 100 Block of Nelson Walker Road there was a shooting and an arrest was made in that case. There have been several car burglaries recently around town as well. The Police Department has already made one arrest and they are investigating two additional suspects as well.

Chief Vick also noted that they are working a child abuse case in conjunction with DHR. The suspect in the Haleigh Green murder case has been apprehended in California by US Marshals and the family is planning a memorial to celebrate Haleigh's life.

- **Marketing** – City Marketing Director, Jon Harrison, reported that the Music on Main Karaoke Night is planned for August 7th at 6:00. This will be the final Music on Main event for the 2015 season. August 14th will be the 2nd annual Shelby County High School Pep rally held in the street – in front of the Shelby County Museum. Last year's event drew over 500 people and it was the talk of the town.

The Shelby County Arts Council's 2nd annual Shindig was last weekend and there was a good turnout. There is also a new Chiropractor that has come to town. Dr. Stull invited the citizens of Columbiana to help name his new business. Everyone is encouraged to shop local and get out and support all of the businesses here in town.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Handley reported that Just Dogs owner, Mr. Pope, called and wanted to thank the Council for passing the Food Cart Ordinance. He is waiting on cooler weather to get set up to serve hotdogs on a regular basis.

The Mayor reported that he and Mark Frey are working on picking out furnishings and appliances for the new Senior Center. New Director Ali Payne will be starting on August 3rd and she will be a big part in getting the new center set up for extended operating hours and more activities.

On August 12th there will be 4 State Cabinet Members here in town to discuss what funding opportunities may be available for the City. This meeting was previously postponed due to a special called meeting by the Governor. The meeting will include a tour of the city, a ride on the Trolley and wonderful lunch.

The Shelby County Arts Council will be meeting tomorrow and discussing the City's offer to utilize a portion of the new Old Mill Square campus facility.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Davis asked if the old Senior Center employees will continue to work for the City. Mayor Handley reported that no current employees applied for the new Director's position, but as far as the City is concerned; current employees will continue to work, part time, just as in the past. Additionally, the Mayor stated that we are expanding our volunteer program at the center in order to offer more activities for our seniors.

Chris Mundy asked if the Shelby County Museum had hired a new director. Mayor Handley reported that the board has received many applications and hope to name the director in the next couple of weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

There being no further business, Council member Whiting moved to adjourn and Council member Ruston seconded. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

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