

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
August 6, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met in a Regular Session in the Council Chambers of Columbiana City Hall at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday August 6, 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 Ouida Mayfield
Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

Council member Kim King

A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: - July 16, 2013 – Regular Meeting
- B. Approval for City Clerk Mark Frey to use the City credit card for meals and accommodations while in attendance at the AAMCA City Clerk Training in Tuscaloosa, August 27-29, 2013, not to exceed \$400.00.
- C. Approval for Helen Dean to use the City credit card for meals and accommodations while in attendance at the Mississippi / Alabama Rural Tourism Conference in Guntersville, October 28-30, 2013, not to exceed \$350.

Council member Whiting moved to approve the consent agenda and use of the credit card for 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 Ouida Mayfield
Mayor Stancil Handley

Nay: None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Police** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that all went well at his training last week. Applications are coming in for new position at the PD. The police chief needs to meet with the Public Safety Committee about the weather sirens to see what needs to be done in the coming budget.

New police cars are working well and ADECA will be giving \$950 to work a traffic detail towards the end of the month.

- **Waste Water** – Dale Lucas reported that the new aerator system has been installed and is working well. The o2 level is way up and all of the guys at the Waste Water Treatment facility have worked very hard to get this done. The Parkson engineer sent a letter over to the City that the savings to the City was in excess of \$80K because of the labor provided by our city workers and the bid process followed by the city. The Council and Mayor commended this department and gave them a round of applause for their hard work.
- **Library** – Library Director Dutcha Lawson stated that the Children’s and Teen’s Summer Reading Program and they have had a 9% increase in attendance. The library gave away a Kindle E-Reader to the top reader. Adults and teachers were given a survey and the overwhelming response to the survey was that they need more space for activities at the Library. Adults program started yesterday and runs through September 20th. For every 5 books checked out, the adults are entered to win a \$50 gift card. There is a basket weaving class scheduled for the 28th and Christopher Lang, with Alabama Humanities Foundation, is coming on September 29th to do an “Antique Alabama” program.

Dutcha also noted that last week the library received a letter that we have been awarded a Technology Grant for 8 new desktops and 6 new laptop computers for our library.

- **City Clerk** – Mark Frey reported that Lisa Lively has taken a job with the County and everyone at City Hall is stepping in to take up the slack in the Zoning Department. M4A is sending a volunteer in to do the aerobics class for the next 6 weeks that Lisa was doing. The lady that was helping Donna at the Senior Center has moved and we have a vacancy there. There are several jobs in and around City Hall that are changing and will be addressed in the coming weeks.

Mr. Frey also reported that we are working towards our budget and will be providing all department heads a running total of where they are on their budget this week.

- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that several people are leaving his department and they are already working shorthanded. When an employee is out sick, we are covering shifts with workers who are not familiar with garbage routes and this creates frustration for both citizens as well as his department. Mayor Handley asked Allen to go ahead and start looking through applications for workers.

Special Guest – Jonathan Seale

Jonathan Seale thanked the Mayor and Council for sponsoring him June 9th for the Boys State program that was held at The University of Alabama. Jonathan shared about his experience and noted that among the speakers during the week, he enjoyed Governor Bentley and Coach Nick Saban. The Mayor and Council thanked Jonathan for representing Columbiana in this year’s Boys State.

Council member Mayfield introduced Ordinance 07-13-02 AMENDING ORDINANCE # 06-12-02 AN ORDINANCE CORRECTING ERROR IN EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION TIME (Shelby County Arts Council) Council member Whiting seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote. The results were as follows:

Yea:	Council member Leslie Whiting	Nay:	None
	Council member Barbara Moore		
	Council member Ricky Ruston		
	Council member Ouida Mayfield		
	Mayor Stancil Handley		

Mayor Handley declared the motion adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

**Ordinance – 07-13-02 AMENDING ORDINANCE # 06-12-02
AN ORDINANCE CORRECTING ERROR IN EXTENSION OF
CONSTRUCTION TIME (Shelby County Arts Council)**

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana, Alabama, conveyed certain real property to the Shelby County Arts Council (SCAC) by deed dated August 8, 2008; and

WHEREAS, one of the conditions in the deed and in the ordinance approving the deed was that the construction of a fine arts building on the property be completed within five years of the date of the deed; and

WHEREAS, at the request of SCAC, the City Council of Columbiana, Alabama, extended the time period to complete the building by three years; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance approving the extension (Ordinance # 06-12-02) contained an error by providing that the building be constructed “within three years of the date of execution of the deed” when it should have stated “within eight years of the date of execution of the deed.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF Columbiana, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2 A of Ordinance # 06-12-02 be amended to read as follows:

“A. Subject to the condition that a building of at least 6,000 square feet be constructed and substantially completed on said real property within eight years of the date of execution of the deed, said building to be used as a Center for Fine and Performing Arts to support, nurture and promote arts and cultural organizations and artists in Shelby County, Alabama; to establish a base for arts education; to provide a home for the Shelby County Arts Council; and to provide a central gathering place for cultural programs in Shelby County, Alabama. Should such a building not be constructed and substantially completed within said time, or should the real property not be used for such purposes for a period of six consecutive months following such construction, then title to the real property shall revert to the City of Columbiana.”

Section 2. The Mayor shall execute and deliver to SCAC a document amending the conditions contained in the deed to SCAC to reflect the extension of the construction period from five years to eight years.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication or posting as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 2013.

Council member Ricky Ruston introduced: Resolution 08-13-01 Authorizing AC Unit Repair on Rescue Building Council member Whiting seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote. The results were as follows:

Yea:	Council member Leslie Whiting	Nay:	None
	Council member Barbara Moore		
	Council member Ricky Ruston		
	Council member Ouida Mayfield		
	Mayor Stancil Handley		

Mayor Handley declared the motion adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

**CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
RESOLUTION NO. 08-13-01**

WHEREAS, the current air conditioning unit at the Rescue Building is 30 years old and beyond repair; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana has received an estimate for a new unit that would have a 10 year parts and labor warranty for \$3850 including installation; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Shelby Rescue can pay \$1500 towards the repair; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it will be in the best interests of the City of Columbiana and will serve a public purpose and benefit for the City of Columbiana to pay the remaining \$2350 for the repair;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, as follows:

1. That the City of Columbiana pay the sum of \$2350.00 toward the repair of the Rescue Building.

2. That the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary to be signed by the City in order to carry out the terms of this resolution.

Adopted this 6th day of August, 2013.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Handley's recommendation that Jim Strickland be appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, noting that his experience with the city and the fact that he is CAPZO trained. The council asked the City Clerk to add this to the upcoming agenda for the next council meeting.

MAYORS REPORT

The council had a work session last Tuesday and discussed several items. Council member Ruston and Council member Whiting are working together on the Park and Rec department and will be coming to the council with their findings.

Mayor Handley is gathering information about the city purchasing a trolley for the city that would operate during special events and possibly run a circle route here in town. There are quite a few people walking and driving electric wheelchairs all over town. Some possible stops include: The Health Clinic, Shopping Centers, Downtown, Ball Parks, Schools and Apartments. After much discussion, the Mayor and Council discussed adding this to next year's budget.

Mayor Handley asked Helen Dean to report on tourism. Mrs. Dean reported that the Alabama Bass Trail, 2 Farms, Museums and the potential Rascal Rail Trail are great opportunities for Tourism here in the City. There is also a tour group of 125 (up to 200) people from surrounding counties coming into town to tour the museums and the confederate cemetery on Saturday, August 17th at 9:00am.

There are several new business that have opened up including: Used Auto Parts Store, Antique Shop and 2nd Chance Store on Main Street.

The survey is complete on the Summer Classics property and they are working on the grading plans. Shelby County said that they are on board and waiting on the plans. The County is hoping to start work on this project this fall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

With no further comments, Council Member Whiting made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Mayfield seconded and the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

Stancil Handley, Mayor