

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
August 19, 2014**

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 19, 2014. Mayor Pro Temp Ouida Mayfield called the meeting to order and then asked City Clerk Mark Frey to call roll after the invocation and pledge.

Present:

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

Absent:

Mayor Stancil Handley  
A quorum was present.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consent Agenda.
  - A. Approval of Minutes: August 5, 2014 – Regular Meeting.

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

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

- **Fire** – Chief Johnny Howard Jr. reported that all is running smooth at the Fire Department. There haven't been any fires reported within the City in the last few months. Most of the calls have been for mutual aid. He has been working on the 2015 budget and met with the Mayor yesterday. Johnny also reported that all of the new guys are doing good and working on their training.
- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported everything was business as usual with his department. They are picking up tree limbs and debris and cutting a lot of grass. Mayor Pro Temp Mayfield asked about the tree that was taken down over at the Chevron. AR reported that the owner was having that tree cleaned up. Council member Whiting asked about Wood Lane and brush picked up. Allen reported that he would check on it first thing in the morning if it hasn't already been picked up.
- **Police Department** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that everything was going good. Mayor Pro Temp Mayfield asked if there are any vehicles are not being used behind City Hall. Chief Vick reported that there are several vehicles out back that we need to get rid of. His department has been waiting on the weather to break so they will be getting all of the equipment removed before the vehicles are sold.

Council member King mentioned that there are people that would be interested in purchasing these cars for racing. Chief Vick said that once the wasp clear out they will be getting them ready to sell.

- **Library** – Library Director Dutcha Lawson reported that there are several things coming to the Library including Renasant Bank will be helping with tax questions and small business assistance this Thursday. There will also be a Painting Class that is already fully booked. There is a \$5 suggested donation for the painting class to help with the purchase of materials.

There will be a Star Gazing Event coming up in September. The gentleman that is coming to conduct this event said that the Boy Scouts can even get a merit badge for this Star Gazing Event. It is also a free event.

- **Environmental Services** – Environmental Services department head Dale Lucas reported that his guys had finished up patching the road on College Street where they had repaired a sewer line last week. They are also doing additional water samples to send to the State. This additional testing is done for the State Permit every 4 years.
- **Administration** – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that he had met with the Mayor last night and finished up most of the budget prep. He said that he will be entering in each of the department's budget request including capital expenditures from all departments. The FY2015 Budget Worksheets will be in the Council mailboxes by the end of the day on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mark also said that he and Allen Reynolds have been working with the contractor on the Pitts Drive Sidewalk Project. Mark had a meeting with the engineers, ALDOT and the Contractor last week. City Hall is staying in close contact with the citizens that are being affected by this construction project.

The new City Park is almost finished and the only thing left is the having a stand of grass to be 100% complete. We have hired a new part time employee, Elizabeth Taylor, to work with our Court system and we are glad to have her on board with the City.

Mayor Pro Temp Mayfield announced that the FY2015 Budget Work Sessions are scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and the 11<sup>th</sup>. These meetings are tentatively set for 6:30 for each of the nights scheduled. The 11<sup>th</sup> is optional and will only be held if it is needed.

Mayor Pro Temp Mayfield asked the Council to discuss a rezoning request for the property located at the end of Briarwood Drive and Washington Street. These apartments were built in the 60's and are zoned R2. These apartments are under contract and the purchaser has asked that this parcel to be rezoned to R3. It was noted that R3 should have been the zoning for this parcel since it has multi-family apartment homes located on it. Council member King recommends that this request be heard in a public hearing at the next Council meeting.

Council member Whiting seconded and the Council unanimously voted to hear request, ZO3-045-14 at the next meeting.

**MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Pro Temp Mayfield said that the Shelby County Football Pep Rally that was held down town last Friday night was a huge success. There was some discussion about trying to have another one like this in the coming months.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

There being no further business, Council member Ruston moved that the meeting be adjourned, Council member Whiting seconded and the motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Pro Temp Mayfield declared the meeting adjourned at 6:27p.m.

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J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

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Ouida Mayfield, Mayor Pro Temp