

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
August 20, 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 20, 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

Absent:

None

A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: - August 6, 2013 – Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of Jim Strickland to the Zoning Board of Adjustments

Council member Ruston moved to approve the consent agenda and appointment of Jim Strickland. Council member Whiting 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 Kim King
Council member Ouida Mayfield
Mayor Stancil Handley

Nay: None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Library** – Library Director Dutcha Lawson reported that there is a basket weaving class scheduled for the 28th and Christopher Lang, with Alabama Humanities Foundation, is coming on September 29th from 4pm to 6pm. Mr. Lang is an expert in furniture and antiques restoration and the public is encouraged to bring pictures of their antiques to him so that they can get additional information about their particular piece of furniture.

Mayor Handley noted that there is a tremendous amount of activity happening at the Library and thanked Dutcha for all of her efforts in promoting our library.

- **Waste Water** – Dale Lucas reported that we had 2 of our lift stations that went down due to lighting strikes this past week. The pump station behind Smith Brothers as well as the one at Cornerstone Christian School both went off line.

Dale noted that Superior Septic, LLC. jumped in and kept the lines pumped down until the pumps could be brought back on line.

- **Rescue** – Mark Bray thanked the City Council for the financial assistance on the heat pump replacement at Rescue. Mark also noted that call volume is holding steady and the station is preparing for the upcoming football season. The trucks are also being equipped with refurbished Mobile Data Terminals to aid in the transmittal of patient information to the hospital during a call as well as GPS tracking.
- **Fire** – Chief Johnny Howard reported that the call volume is up at the Fire Station. Chief Howard also noted that there had been a couple of fires including, a garage fire on Old Hwy 25 and a small fire at DHR. No injuries reported.

There is also a problem with the south Shelby County tower and calls are intermediately not going out to emergency personnel in a timely manner. Mark Bray stated that the signal was being sent out from 911, but there was some sort of interference preventing the tone from being repeated from the tower. In the event that no one responds to the radio tone, personnel are contacted on cell phones or mobile radios to make sure that someone responds to the call.

- **Police** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that school is back in session and the usual traffic jams are happening as parents get back in the swing of things. He has narrowed down his search for the new police officer to two potential candidates. Daniel Bunn has been assigned as the new School Safety Officer and will be rotating between the four schools.

Mayor Handley added that the private school, Cornerstone Christian, has not attended any of the meetings about the new SRO. After some discussion, the Council asked Mayor Handley to reach out to the school and see if they have an emergency plan in place.

- **City Clerk** – Mark Frey reported that he had posted a job opening at City Hall and had hired Kelli Moore as the new Clerk II / Administrative Assistant to work the front window with Fran and Kathy. This new position will allow Fran to work with the financials away from the front desk and allow cross training with the City Clerk. This will also allow Mr. Frey to take additional responsibilities working as the zoning officer in City Hall.
- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that he has a whole new crew working in Streets and had hired a full time person and was moving one of the part-time workers to full time. He also had hired 2 part time guys to fill the vacancies.

The trolley bus that the City was looking at purchasing sold for much more than the amount approved by the council.

Helen Dean reported that the Columbiana Merchant and Professionals Association would like to sponsor an Art and Wine Experience on Main Street. The event would have tents with art vendors and local wineries set up on Main Street. This event would be scheduled on Friday, October 18th and requires approval of the City Council and Police Chief Lamar Vick.

Council member Mayfield introduced Resolution 08-13-02

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAY INCREASE

Council member King 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 Kim King		
	Council member Ouida Mayfield		
	Mayor Stancil Handley		

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

RESOLUTION 08-13-02

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAY INCREASE

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council would like to provide a merit pay increase to its employee; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the City Council to approve a budget that is consistent with the revenue and expenditures reflecting their priorities for the City of Columbiana; and

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council wishes to provide the merit increase to Assistant City Clerk Sammons in the amount of 2 steps on the current pay scale.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council hereby authorizes the merit increase for full-time employee, Frances Sammons, in the amount of 2 steps in accordance with the Personnel Rules and Regulations found in Ordinance NO. 02-09-01. Assistant City Clerk Sammons shall be moved from Pay Grade XI Step 1 to Pay Grade XI Step 3 effective on the next pay cycle.

THEREUPON Council member Mayfield moved and Council member King seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by a vote of all members of the Council and the Mayor declared the same passed.

Passed, adopted and approved this 20th day of August, 2013.

Council member Ruston introduced Resolution 08-13-03
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAY INCREASE

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 Kim King		
	Council member Ouida Mayfield		
	Mayor Stancil Handley		

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

RESOLUTION 08-13-03

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAY INCREASE

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council would like to provide a merit pay increase to its employee; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the City Council to approve a budget that is consistent with the revenue and expenditures reflecting their priorities for the City of Columbiana; and

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council wishes to provide a merit increase to City Judge Mike Atchison.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council hereby authorizes the merit increase for City Judge, Mike Atchison, in accordance with the Personnel Rules and Regulations found in Ordinance NO. 02-09-01. City Judge Mike Atchison shall be raised to \$1100.00 monthly salary effective on the next pay cycle.

THEREUPON Council member _____ moved and Council member _____ seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by a vote of all members of the Council and the Mayor declared the same passed.

Passed, adopted and approved this 20th day of August, 2013.

MAYORS REPORT

There was a paid tour group of 150 people that came to town this past Saturday that toured the Carl C. Harrison Museum. Groups of 25 at a time were taken on a tour of the museum and there was an actor from the American Village portraying a revolutionary war soldier displaying period weaponry. This tour group was in town for 4 hours and is an example of the events we are trying to promote here in Columbiana.

We tried to purchase a trolley, but the bidding went up to \$18,025 but this was more than the council authorized for the purchase. Mr. Arnett, with Superior Septic LLC, commented that if needed, his company would make a \$500 donation towards the purchase of the trolley.

Thompson Street continues to have reports of speeders trying to beat school traffic. Mayor Handley asked Chief Vick to step up patrols on Thompson and write some tickets.

Last week the City Judge ordered a \$730 fine and court cost penalty paid by a person for roadside litter. This action will not be tolerated here and the Mayor urged all citizens to report anyone who is littering.

Mayor Handley reported that two different developers have come and met with him about developments for new housing here in the city. He noted that these developers stated that the reason they were here, was because Columbiana is developing a reputation as a place to do business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brandon Arnett stood and addressed the room. He has opened a new septic service business here in Columbiana called Superior Septic, LLC and wanted the citizens of Columbiana to know that he is on the bypass next to Pa Paw's and the old CVS building.

Council Member Ruston mentioned that the Shelby County Youth Football program is doing very well this year. All 4 teams won their jamboree games this past Saturday and attendance was great. He also noted that, Shelby County High School will be playing their Football Jamboree on Thursday at 7pm.

With no further comments, Council Member Ruston made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Whiting seconded and the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

Stancil Handley, Mayor