

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
September 6, 2016**

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 September 6, 2016. 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.

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes 08-16-2016 Regular Meeting.
- B. Recommendation by the Columbiana Housing Authority Board of Directors for the reappointment of Commissioner John Jones to the Columbiana Housing Authority with his term to end on 10-17-2021.
- C. Approval for Mark Frey to attend the AMROA Revenue Officer Training in Tuscaloosa on October 11-14 and use the City credit card for meals and accommodations – not to exceed \$600.

Council member Whiting made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Council member Ruston. The council voted and the consent agenda passed unanimously by all members present.

GUEST – BRII ABBOTT WITH BODY BY BRII

Brii Abbott requested permission to rent the Recreation Center in order to have a place to meet for her weekly Boot Camp exercise program. She is currently licensed in the City as a personal trainer and the weekly boot camps have been held in town, outdoors at someone's house. After much discussion, the City Council determined that as long as we can legally allow a for-profit business to use the facility, the rental of the building will be permitted. City Clerk, Mark Frey will contact Bill Justice to confirm that the City can legally rent the building.

GUEST – GWEN BROWN WITH DISABILITY RIGHTS AND RESOURCES

Mrs. Brown is a Peer Advocate for Disability Rights and Resources in Shelby County. There were several citizens in attendance that are residence at Shelby Woods in attendance as well. Mrs. Brown introduced Mr. Carpenter, one of the residents who lives at the Shelby Woods Apartments behind the Post Office.

Mr. Carpenter expressed his appreciation for the wonderful people of Columbiana and the open arms that have welcomed him with. Mr. Carpenter had one request of the City; make the

crosswalk connecting the Post Office and Piggly Wiggly safer to use for the foot traffic and wheelchairs. He and other residents who are crossing the road would like a caution light, additional signage or repainting of the crosswalk in order to increase visibility and inform people that pedestrians are crossing.

The Mayor and Council expressed their appreciation for everyone for coming to the meeting to let the City know about this crosswalk. The Mayor, Police Chief and Streets and Maintenance Department Head – Allen Reynolds have recently discussed this crosswalk and they intend on working to get it properly painted as well using the Police Department to help raise awareness that vehicles are required to stop at all pedestrian crosswalks when someone is crossing.

Mrs. Betty Satterfield asked that the City would come out and trim the low hanging limbs on Mt. Dixie Road. Mayor Handley asked Allen Reynolds to make sure that someone from Streets and Maintenance would be out this week to get them cut.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Administration** – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that all of the projects in the City are moving forward and things are quite busy. He has been working to get all of the budget numbers updated in the computer for the upcoming budget work session.
- **Streets and Maintenance** – Allen Reynolds reported that his guys have been trying to get caught up with picking up the brush around the city. They hauled 5 loads off today. Allen is calling tomorrow about the striping machine that the County owns. They plan to use this for the crosswalk re-striping. They have also put the wildcat paws in the street and many people have expressed appreciation for this show of support for Shelby County High School.
- **Environmental Services** – Dale Lucas reported that the crew has been in town videoing and cleaning some of the sewer lines should have a report and video for him next week. They have identified several issues and they are addressing the most serious now and working on a long term plan to repair all the lines that need repairing throughout the City. He noted that they have identified several lateral lines that were improperly attached to the main. These lines impede the flow to the plant.
- **Library** - Tom Rary reported the Quilt for Kids is being held this Saturday. Next Thursday, September the 15th, the kids program will kick off at 3pm. There will be games and activities provided. The 20th will be the next Senior Center Movie. The 29th of September will be the final Thursday Movie at the Library. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Tom is looking into several grants including one that will help fund the SAT study course put on by Montevallo University.
- **Police Department** – Chief Lamar Vick stated that everything is going good at the PD. He has been working to make sure that there are at least 2 people working on every shift. Chief Vick recommended that when we are working on the cross walk repainting – the City should consider re painting some of the lines at the Stop Signs as well. The Mayor asked Allen to take a look at anything that needs re-painting while we had the machine to do the work.

- **Fire Department** –Chief Johnny Howard Jr. reported that there have been 21 calls this month. Many of these are public assist. There were 2 mutual aid fire calls this past week in Summerhill and Wilsonville. His department is working towards getting the air packs ordered as well as applying for a grant that would allow for all of the aging SCBA units to be replaced in 2017.

Chief Howard explained how a Knox Box rapid entry system could be used for businesses, apartment complexes and government facilities around town. These boxes will allow for a quicker response as well as additional safety for firefighters and businesses who participate in the program. Each participant would have a secure box affixed to their building with a master key in it. This box could only be opened by the Fire Department – in case of an emergency.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FIRE HOUSE EXPO CONFERENCE

Chief Howard talked with the Council about his request to send Fireman Brett Ashworth to a training and expo in Nashville. After some discussion, Fire Chief Howard felt it was in the best interest of the City to withdraw his request and look at other training opportunities next year due to the prohibitory high cost of the conference, hotel and distance of travel.

Council member Mayfield introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 09-16-01

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING 2015 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council has appointed DeLoach, Barber, and Caspers, PC as the City Auditor; and

WHEREAS, they have prepared and submitted the audit for fiscal year 2015 to the City Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council hereby accepts the audit as prepared and presented to the Council.

THEREUPON Council member Mayfield moved and Council member Whiting seconded the motion that said resolution be given a vote, and said resolution passed by a roll call vote. Results as follows:

	Yea:	Nay:
Council member Leslie Whiting	<u>X</u>	—
Council member Barbara Moore	<u>X</u>	—
Council member Rickey Ruston	<u>X</u>	—
Council member Kim King	<u>X</u>	—
Council member Ouida Mayfield	<u>X</u>	—
Mayor Stancil Handley	<u>X</u>	—

The Mayor declared the resolution passed.

The Council set a Council Work Session for September 19th to discuss the 2017FY Budget.

Chief Vick mentioned that there is upcoming training in Meridian MS. The Mayor stated that the issue is not so much that the training is out of state, but the cost of the training. This proposed training will be approximately the same cost as in-state travel. He told the Chief to bring any training request to the Council as normal for their consideration.

MAYORS REPORT

- The County Fair will be October 3rd through October 8th.
- Bob Enoch is working on pricing for the Old Mill Square project.
- Alagasco has been working to clear the ROW on their gas line that parallels Hwy 47 South. This project is moving forward and everyone is very excited to see the progress.
- The new City Bus is here and it is at Wilson Paint and Body to be painted.
- There was a request from the Ladies of the Lake. They will be boating across the lake from Talladega County to Beeswax Park where the Trolley will pick them up and bring them to Columbiana for a day of shopping and museum tours.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Circus is coming to town on Saturday the 17th. Performances will be at 2 and 5. The tent will hold 2000 people and the schools are participating in the promotion. A portion of the proceeds of all pre-sale ticket sales are going to the schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Burquez announced that there will be a supper that honors all of the City employees on Monday night the 19th at 6pm at the Columbiana Church of the Nazarene.
- All first responders are being honored and former Sheriff Chris Curry will be speaking at the Columbiana United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 11th. All first responders are welcomed to either the 9 or 11am services. A reception will also be held for all first responders at 10am as well.

There being no further business, Council member Whiting moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Council member Ruston. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

Stancil Handley, Mayor