

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
September 16, 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 September 16, 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 Kim King
Mayor Stancil Handley	

Absent:

Council member Ouida Mayfield
A quorum was present.

Council member Whiting moved to recess the Council Meeting in order to have a public hearing and Council member Ruston seconded the motion which was approved unanimously by all members present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: September 2, 2014 – Regular Meeting.
- B. Approval of Minutes: September 2, 2014 – Public Hearing Considering Ordinance Change
- C. Recommendation from the Columbiana Housing Authority and Director Peggy Horton for the Reappointment of Billy Jones (term currently to end on 10/14) to the Columbiana Housing Board.
- D. Probationary period successfully completed by Officer Peppers. He will be moved from Pay Grade X Step 4 to Pay Grade X Step 5 effective on the next pay cycle and be placed on permanent status.
- E. Probationary period successfully completed by Kelli Moore. She will be moved from Pay Grade VIII Step 3 to Pay Grade VIII Step 4 effective on the next pay cycle and be placed on permanent status.

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Library** – Mayor Handley reported that everyone should be aware of Library Director Dutcha Lawson’s resignation. Former Library Director Jane Bailey will be filling in as the interim Director until a new permanent Director is hired.

Several members of the Council noted that Dutcha elevated the impact of our Library and did a great job during her time with the City.

- **Police Department** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that everything is going good in the Police Department. They have been working on reducing the drug activity here in the City by doing some controlled buys and building cases. He expects 20-25 warrants coming the first week in October. Officer Bowers is heading up the drug task force and Officer Galutza is also working to reduce drug activity.

Chief Vick also reported that his department is getting ready for the Shelby County Homecoming Parade. Mayor Handley said that all the citizens should pat Chief Vick on the back for the work being done to reduce the drug problem in our City.

Mayor Handley recognized Dr. Lewis Brooks, Assistant Superintendent for the Shelby County School System, and he addressed the Council. Dr. Brooks reported that since the Sandy Hook shooting, school administrators across the country have had to address the safety procedures in place at every school system.

Dr. Brooks is in charge of the School Safety Program for all of Shelby County and is speaking on behalf of School Superintendent, Randy Fuller. Dr. Brooks came to the meeting tonight to thank the City of Columbiana for partnering with the Shelby County School System and the County in implementing this program.

Dr. Brooks stated that there are many facets of the new safety plan that have been implemented, including:

- Implementation of the School Resource Officers. This places a Police Officer in the school when staff and students are present.
- Upgrades to security in the entrances of all schools with access control systems and cameras.
- School plans and information uploaded to Virtual Alabama that is instantly accessible by law enforcement.
- District Safety Team meetings with City Leaders, School Administration and Law Enforcement.
- Training for School Staff in Run, Hide, Fight Program

Dr. Brooks concluded by stating, “When kids and teachers feel safe, they can concentrate on learning.” He also added, “Mayor Handley was instrumental in pulling the Mayors from around the County encouraging them to work together.”

- **Fire** – Rodney Reed reported that his department is working to determine what needs to be done to repair a few minor issues with a couple of different trucks. The ladder truck needs to have a specialist take a look at the hydraulics to determine what needs to be done.

- **Rescue** – Representative Matt Rush reported that everything was good and business as usual.
- **Environmental Services** – Environmental Services department head Dale Lucas reported that they are doing their water testing and everything is going good. They are enjoying the new Crane Truck and it is making the job safer for the guys as well. They were able to use the new crane to help the water department with installing a large pump down on one of their well heads down in Shelby.
- **Streets** – Department Head Allen Reynolds reported that since the rain has come through his guys are running behind. Some of the residents continue to blow the leaves and grass clippings in the gutters. There is an ongoing problem out at Towne Creek Apartments with the tenants that are locking down their garbage cans. It was also noted that there is a lighting problem there. People are chaining up their stuff because there is not enough light and there are ongoing security issues there. There are many who are putting trash in cans without placing in a bag first. This prevents workers from being able to empty the cans without digging through the un-bagged trash.
- **Administration** – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that he had been busy wrapping up with the 2015 FY budget. New hire Elizabeth Taylor is doing a great job helping Joanna with the court scanning project.

Mayor Handley welcomed Mrs. Betty Vanderslice and asked her to address the Council. Mrs. Vanderslice asked about police officers using their patrol cars to drop off dependents at school and what our policy was regarding that child if they receive a call.

Mayor Handley thanked Betty for coming and asked Chief Vick to address the policy. Chief Vick stated that several years ago the question of liability was asked and it was determined that there was no issue with liability. There is a policy that any personal time that is taken be then made up later. Chief Vick added that our PD is small and this is something that is acceptable. The officer in question is also on the county wide traffic fatality task force and has a take home car.

Council member Ruston asked Mrs. Vanderslice if there was anything outside of the of the liability issue. Mrs. Vanderslice stated that, “Taking a child to the daycare in a police car is a problem.” Chief Vick added that he encourages all of his officers that have a “take home” police car to go to town in their police cars with the understanding that the more police presence that we have on the road the better.

Mayor Handley asked about a child in a car, and she has a call that she has to respond to – what happens? Chief Vick stated that if you have a child or prisoner in the car – you don’t respond with them in car. You are to drop off prisoner or child out at PD before you answer the call. Council member King reported that this policy has been in place for 30 years.

Mayor Handley asked to address issue if any officer was on duty and had to drop off a child. Chief Vick stated that this time is made up. Ricky – “If I was an officer working here in the City – if I lived here – I would pick up my child and take them home.” Council member Whiting stated that this is an honor system and people don’t have all of the help that others may have.

Mayor Handley said that this is a valid point and there may be others who share Mrs. Vanderslice’s concerns. He asked the Public Safety Committee to bring back to Council a determination about this policy and if there isn’t a written policy in place, we will confirm the legality and have a written policy put in place.

City of Columbiana Constitution Week 2014

Mayor Handley read a Proclamation declaring that September 17th through the 23rd to be Constitution Week in the City of Columbiana, and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the framers of the Constitution had in 1787.

ClasTran Discussion – Mayor Handley and the Council discussed that ClasTran had asked for \$4,835 for the 2015 FY based on the number of rides provided for citizens of Columbiana. The Council appropriated \$1,500 for the 2014 FY. The Council unanimously agreed to raise the appropriation up to \$3,000.

Council member Ruston introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 09-14-02

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE MOA FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR THE SCHOOL ZONE

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

Council member Ruston introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 09-14-03

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2015 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

THEREUPON Council member Ruston moved and Council member King seconded the motion that said resolution be given a roll call vote, and the results were as follows:

Yea:

Council member Leslie Whiting Council member Ricky Ruston
Council member Kim King Mayor Stancil Handley

Nay:

Council member Barbara Moore
Mayor Handley declared the same passed

Council member Ruston introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 09-14-04
AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH CLASTRAN
FOR LEASE OF CITY SENIOR BUS

THEREUPON Council member Ruston moved and Council member Whiting seconded the motion that said resolution be given a roll call vote, and said resolution passed unanimously by vote of all members of the Council present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

Council member Ruston introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 09-14-05
AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT FOR CITY PARK PROJECT
ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING WORK

THEREUPON Council member Ruston moved and Council member Whiting seconded the motion that said resolution be given a roll call vote, and said resolution passed unanimously by a vote of all members of the Council present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

Council member Ruston introduced the following resolution:

Resolution 09-14-06
AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH BIRMINGHAM REGIONAL
PARATRANSIT CONSORTIUM DBA CLASTRAN FOR ADMINISTERING 5311
FEDERAL GRANT ALLOCATIONS

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

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Handley thanked the Council for all of their hard work in getting this budget passed on time for the first time in many years. This makes a statement that Columbiana is serious about moving forward and spending this money wisely. Council member Moore asked about the ALDOT Old 25 project funding not being included. Mayor Handley stated that we don't know when that will be done and if it happens in the 2015FY, the Council will have to amend the budget.

The Mayor noted that the Hwy 70 and CR 26 project is moving forward and the State was on site today doing the preliminary surveys.

There was some discussion about the new City Seal slated for the Council Chambers. There was some discussion about the tree or the light post. The consensus is that the Beautification Board should decide.

O'Riley's is renovating the old CVS building on the corner of Hwy 25 Bypass and College Street and should be open by the end of the year. The old cleaner building has been torn down and our abatement process appears to be working well.

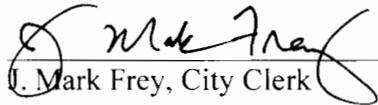
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marketing Director Helen Dean reported that the Homecoming Parade is Friday and the Fair will be in town starting on the 28th. Mayor Handley mentioned that Shelby County High School may be having a bonfire for the last home football game of the year.

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 Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17p.m.


J. Mark Frey, City Clerk


Ouida Mayfield, Mayor Pro Temp

