

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
September 17, 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 September 17, 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: September 3, 2013 – Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of pay change due to completion of probationary period for Dutcha Lawson. Moving from Pay Grade XIII Step 2 to XIII Step 3 effective starting pay cycle on 08/24/2013.
- C. Approval of Fran Sammons to use the city credit card for meals and accommodations at the Municipal Revenue Officers Certification Training session in Tuscaloosa on October 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Not to exceed \$500.00

Council member Mayfield moved to approve the consent agenda and Council member King seconded the motion which 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

**MAYORS PROCLAMATION**

**SEPTEMBER IS SENIOR CENTER MONTH.**

Mayor Stancil Handley read the proclamation declaring  
September as Senior Center Month.

Mayor Handley also invited the Council and everyone in attendance to drop by and visit the seniors over at our Senior Center.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Waste Water** – Dale Lucas reported that everything was going good and his guys have been studying for their certification test with the tutor. Dale noted that when one or both of these employees pass this test, we will be covered in the event that he is out of town or unable to be at the plant.
- **Police** – Chief Lamar Vick reported there was a group of seniors from Shelby Woods Apartments that toured the Police Department today for about 1 ½ hours.

The PD had a good drug bust here in town where they seized several different drugs, money and a stolen gun. These felony charges are being turned over to the district court for prosecution. The chief noted that Columbiana has some drugs, but the PD is working towards getting drugs out of our city.

Michael Peppers is a new officer with the PD and he is doing a good job. There was some discussion by the Mayor, Council and citizens present about the good job that the Columbiana Police Department is doing with the drug bust and stepping up with patrols.

- **Streets** – Mayor Handley noted that Allen Reynolds was out of town but he is receiving several calls per week about the great job that the Streets and Sanitation workers are doing.
- **Fire** – No report.
- **Library** – Dutcha Lawson reported that many of her patrons are walking over from Shelby Woods Apartments and the Library is quite the social gathering place. She thanked the PD for walking through and letting their presence be seen.

Dutcha noted that on November 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a quilt walk that has 11 stops and involve several groups including the library and the Methodist Church. This event will include: guest talking about the quilts, music and a sack lunch fundraiser sponsored by the Methodist Church Youth. Also this Thursday, Josh Torres – a local children’s book author, will have story time and snacks with a tailgate party at the library.

Mayor Handley recognized guest Tommy Robbins during the library report. Mr. Robbins noted that there was a lack of parking at the library on court days due to courthouse patrons parking in the library parking lot. He asked if the city could install signs stating that this was “Library Parking Only”. After much discussion, Mayor Handley thanked Mr. Robbins for coming to the meeting and bringing the council up to speed. Mayor Handley will call Reid Prince with Shelby County to see what we can do about the signage and enforcement due to the fact that the County owns the building.

- **City Clerk** – Mark Frey reported that Kelli Moore was doing a great job and learning the duties of the job quickly. He and Fran have been working with John DeLoach preparing the budget for the next fiscal year. Mr. Frey reported that he had hired two new employees; one for the janitorial duties and one as a Senior Center assistant this week. The Mayor noted that these employees were taking the place of two positions that were vacated recently.

**Marketing Report** – Helen Dean reported that she had graduated from her Economic Development Course at Auburn University. She noted that she had made some great contacts that will be helping with economic development for our City. The group also took a tour through the Hyundai Plant in Montgomery.

Mayor Handley noted that there is a tremendous amount of information that Helen has been able to gather through this course and we are seeing the benefits of this education here at the City. He thanked Helen for her sacrifice in getting this information and education for our city and is appreciative of the Greater Shelby County Chamber for their financial support in partnering with our City.

Council member King introduced the following resolution that was seconded by Council Member Whiting:

**RESOLUTION 09-13-01  
PURCHASE OF TROLLEY FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA**

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana recognizes the benefit of purchasing property as listed below:

One (1) 26 Passenger Trolley Bus from govdeals.com, other auction site, directly from another municipality or private party at a cost of up to \$20,000.00, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Columbiana, authorizes the Mayor to purchase said trolley bus in order to be used for the benefit of all Columbiana citizens.

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

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

Council Member Whiting introduced the following resolution that was seconded by Council Member Mayfield:

**ORDINANCE 09-13-02  
ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 12-12-01 BUSINESS LICENSE  
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**ORDINANCE 09-13-02**  
AMENDING ORDINANCE 12-12-01 BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, has reviewed the current business license ordinance as amended previously; and

**WHEREAS**, under Section 32. License fee schedules, Rate Schedule #3 Nonresidential Contractor, with respect to the current fee schedule is set at \$4.00 per thousand, with no limitation on the number of units; and

**WHEREAS**, under Section 32. License fee schedules, Rate Schedule #4 Residential Contractor, with respect to the current fee schedule is set at \$2.50 per thousand, with no limitation on the number of units; and

**WHEREAS**, under Section 32. License fee schedules, Rate Schedule #5 Manufacturers of any product within said City shall pay a license based on their gross-sales at the following rates: Annual gross sales of \$100,000.00 or under \$250.00 On all gross receipts in excess of \$100,000.00 --- \$250.00 plus .50 cents per thousand of all receipts in excess of \$100,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Columbiana, Alabama, has determined that the current fee schedule is not comparable with other municipalities in the County and desires to correct the imbalance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the fee should be set at \$300.00 per year for Schedule #3 Nonresidential and #4 Residential Contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the Manufacturers GR Rate shall be \$250.00 for annual gross sales of \$100,000.00 or under and on all gross receipts in excess of \$100,000.00 \$250.00 plus .50 cents per thousand up to \$10,000,000.00, then .25 cents per thousand on all gross receipts in excess of \$10,000,000.00;

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

1. That Ordinance No. 12-12-01 as amended be further amended by amending the rate schedules #3, #4, and #5 in Section 32 to read as follows:

**“Rate Schedule #3**  
**Non residential Contractor**

\$300.00

**Rate Schedule #4**

**Residential contractor**  
\$300.00

**Rate Schedule #5**  
**Manufacturers GR**

Manufacturers: Manufacturers of any product within said City shall pay a license based on their gross-sales at the following rates:

\$250.00 plus .50 cents per thousand of all gross receipts in excess of \$100,000.00 up to \$10,000,00.00, and .25 cents per thousand of all gross receipts in excess of \$10,000,000.00"

2. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to repeal or amend any other portion of Ordinance 12-12-01 as previously amended, except as expressly provided herein.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

Mayor Handley brought before the Council a letter from ClasTran requesting funding from the City. Mayor Handley talked about the many benefits of having this service for our senior citizens who have no transportation. ClasTran requested \$2876.30 in local match dollars from the city. In the past, the city has given from \$0.00 up to \$1000.00. Mayor Handley asked the council to consider what the City can contribute to this. After some discussion by the council, the Mayor asked City Clerk Frey to write a resolution committing to \$1500.00 matching funds for ClasTran.

Council Member Ruston and Council Member Whiting reported that they continue to work on the Park and Rec Board plan. They are actively looking to involve new people with many different interests. It was also noted that in order to notify the public about these positions, they would like to advertise in the paper and on the internet for these open positions on the board.

Council Member Ruston informed the Council that he would also have a newly drafted maintenance contract for the maintenance of the city ball fields.

**MAYORS REPORT**

The Shelby County Fair is in town and raises money for the Kiwanis. The Mayor mentioned that this is good clean family fun and asked the community to support it.

This week they started cleaning up the property across from Grede.

The Mayor reported that this week one of our recently vacated buildings down town was contacted by 4 different potential tenants about renting and we are seeing many people

from outside of our City inquiring about locating here. This building has already rented out to a new antique store that is coming into town.

Starting next week, the Mayor will be sitting down with all of the City department heads, discussing their budget needs for the coming fiscal year.

Fulton Ramsey is leading bicycle riding groups that leave from Columbiana several times each week. There are also 10 – 100 mile races that take place here in the State of Alabama each year. The Mayor would love to make Columbiana number 11.

Alagasco has said no to the Rascal Rail Trail project. We have had a tremendous amount of support from the County and excitement from the community, but without Alagasco allowing the trail to parallel the gas line, the project is dead. We are trying to find another way to move forward with this project.

The new Senior Center has been delayed by the County. The County would like to sit down and change the fixtures that were chosen by the architectural committee to go into the building.

The Mayor reported that he is getting calls and comments daily about the performance and attitudes of our City employees and they are to be commended.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Member King stated that on the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month, there will be a volleyball tournament coming to town. This draws people from other areas into our city.

Helen Dean mentioned that the Courthouse has been passing out our restaurant cards and City News Letters -promoting our local businesses. Also -Shelby County is getting ready for Homecoming and the Mayor encouraged everyone to participate and show support.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bobby, with Kemp and Seagle, reported that the site plans have been taken over to the County. The Mayor added that ground work is scheduled to begin this fall.

The building behind Mike Atchison's office has been painted and blends well with the other buildings. Also – the Shelby County Arts Council has painted fence segments as an art project. These have been placed on College Street in front of the Summer Classics property across from the Shelby County Courthouse.

There being no further business, Council member Whiting moved that the meeting be adjourned, Council member Ruston seconded and the motion passed by vote of all members of the Council. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

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Stancil Handley, Mayor