

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
October 4, 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 October 4, 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 09-19-2016 Council Work Session.
- B. Approval of Minutes 09-20-2016 Regular Meeting.
- C. ~~Approval for Court Assistant Elizabeth Taylor to receive a 1 step increase for completion of her Magistrate certification. Moving from pay grade VIII Step 1 to Pay Grade VIII Step 2 to be effective on next pay cycle.~~ (Removed from agenda in order to consider at the next meeting.)

Mayor Handley and the Council removed item C in order to discuss having employees sign contracts to repay trading cost that resulted in a pay raise if they leave the City within a set amount of time. 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.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Administration** – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that he had finished up with budget entries for the year. Mark would like to discuss with the Council at a future work session the City's bad debt from the Sewer and Garbage utility billing. Only water currently carries a deposit for service. Mark met with John Caspers and the 2016 audit is underway. The City is taking applications for a Bookkeeper / Front Office Clerk and interviews have been ongoing.
- **Streets and Maintenance** – Allen Reynolds reported that everything is business as usual with cleaning ditches, edging sidewalks and picking up brush. His guys continue working on the crosswalk re-stripping project. They are trying to complete 2 crosswalks per day.
- **Environmental Services** – Dale Lucas reported that Allen will be taking his WW test next week. There was a main sewer line break behind City Hall that was contained and cleaned up. The State was notified and everything was handled properly.
- **Library** - Tom Rary reported that numbers continue to be strong in the Library. Some of the upcoming events are: 8th Quilts for Kids; 12th Block of the Month; 18th Story Time; 27th Final

Thursday Movie Night; 29th is the Friends of the Library Quilt Walk. The Library is preparing to offer Wireless Hot-Spots that can be checked out for up to 7 days at a time.

- **Police Department** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that there have been several thefts of property and he encouraged everyone to be vigilant. 2 arrests have been made in those cases. They are still working on several drug investigations. Anyone who dresses as a Clown and acts threatening can be charged with menacing. Several CPD officers are working with the SC Fair.
- **Fire Department** –Chief Johnny Howard Jr. joined the meeting at approximately 7:10. He responded to a mutual aid fire call down in Shelby. Chief Howard reported that the house was saved and there was a very quick response from Wilsonville. The homeowner was burned, but refused to go to the hospital. Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Lamb resigned and the new Assistant Fire Chief is Brett Ashworth. One of the merchants was cooking on the sidewalk with a grill. There was a safety issue because of the overhanging awning as well as if someone walked up from the street and got burned. Mayor Handley thanked Chief Howard for watching out for the safety of our City.

Council member Ruston introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 10-16-01
CITY RECREATION BUILDING RENTAL FEE CHANGE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Columbiana has reviewed the rental fee of the City Recreation Building; and

WHEREAS, the Council as part of the review, has determined that the City Rec building is no longer being used as the Senior Center during the week and is available for rental.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the following rates are being made available:

Monday through Thursday rate: \$50 per rental
Friday through Sunday rate: \$100 per rental

All other policies, procedures, deposit fees, etc. shall remain the same.

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

	Yea	Nay		Yea	Nay
Council member Whiting	<u>X</u>	___	Council member Moore	<u>X</u>	___
Council member Ruston	<u>X</u>	___	Council member King	<u>X</u>	___
Council member Mayfield	<u>X</u>	___	Mayor Handley	<u>X</u>	___

Council member Whiting introduced the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION 10-16-02
RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2017 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council has been presented the 2017 Fiscal Year budget and has had the opportunity to review it prior to this council meeting; 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,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council hereby adopts the Fiscal Year 2017 budget to include projected revenues of \$6,909,768.09 and projected expenditures of \$6,909,768.09 for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016, and authorizes expenditures consistent with the budget by the designated departments at the approval of the department head, and charges the City Clerk/Treasurer to monitor the budget to insure that each department remains compliant with their approved budget and to provide updates to the Mayor and subsequently to the Council as is necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any expenditure not in keeping with the budget as adopted by the City Council, be presented to the Council in resolution form for consideration, and upon approval, result in the amendment of the current budget to maintain a balanced budget.

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

	Yea	Nay		Yea	Nay
Council member Whiting	<u>X</u>	___	Council member Moore	<u>X</u>	___
Council member Ruston	<u>X</u>	___	Council member King	<u>X</u>	___
Council member Mayfield	<u>X</u>	___	Mayor Handley	<u>X</u>	___

Mayor Handley declared the same passed.

Adopted this 4th day of October, 2016.

Council member Mayfield introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 10-16-03

**AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA IN THE
2016 SALES TAX HOLIDAY FOR SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS ITEMS**

WHEREAS, the State Legislature of Alabama passed and the Governor of Alabama has signed into law House of Representatives Bill 436 (HB 436) of the 2012 Regular Session granting municipal governments authority to provide for the exemption of certain covered severe weather preparedness

items from the payment of municipal sales tax during a period commencing at 12:01 a.m. Friday, February 24, 2017 and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday, February 26, 2017 under the same terms, conditions and definitions as provided for the state sales tax holiday for such covered items, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Columbiana, Alabama wishes to participate in the State of Alabama Sales Tax Holiday for Severe Weather Preparedness Items beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 24, 2017 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 26, 2017.

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

Section 1. That approval is granted for the exemption of certain covered severe weather preparedness items from the payment of municipal sales tax for the period commencing at 12:01 a.m. Friday, February 24, 2017 and ending at twelve midnight Sunday, February 26, 2017 under the same terms, conditions and definitions as provided for by House Bill 436 of the 2012 Regular Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the Council will consider participation in the State of Alabama Sales Tax Holiday for Severe Weather Preparedness Items on an annual basis.

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

ADOPTED this 4th day of October, 2016.

Item 9 (10-16-04 Amending the 2016FY Budget) was removed from the Agenda.

SHELBY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S HISTORICAL CEMETERY TOUR DISCUSSION

Mayor Handley explained that there is a planned Historical Tour of the cemetery which features live actors who portray different people who once lived in the Columbiana area. The Mayor stated that he has received feedback from 3 people regarding this planned event. Mrs. Melba Connell called and was concerned about the Tour and she wanted to express that she and a few others were not happy with this planned tour. Mrs. Connell's call was the only negative call that was received by Mayor Handley. Mrs. Connell stated that perhaps the event would not be as offensive to those who oppose the Tour if it wasn't being held in close proximity to Halloween and after dark. The Mayor stated that he will discuss her concerns with the Historical Society as this is intended to be an annual event.

Mayor Handley read 2 written letters to the Council that he had received regarding the Tour. One was from Clem Muck and the second was from Ted Erckhart. Both expressed their appreciation for the tour and the City's partnership in keeping history alive. Many others have

Council member Mayfield introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 10-16-05
AMENDING THE FY2017 BUDGET TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council has approved a beginning budget for FY2017, and

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council has identified the need to provide funding for the salary line of the Court Fund which line item was unintentionally not included when the new budget was passed; 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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council hereby amends the Fiscal Year 2017 budget to include the salary line in the Court system for \$14,500. This resolution also authorizes the City Clerk/Treasurer to transfer the funds from the General Fund Previous Year's surplus to the Court Fund Salary line on the FY2017 budget in order to keep a balanced budget.

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

	Yea	Nay		Yea	Nay
Council member Whiting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Council member Moore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council member Ruston	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Council member King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council member Mayfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mayor Handley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Adopted this 18th day of October, 2016.

Stancil Handley, Mayor



J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

expressed their excitement over the event. Ticket sales have been strong and the Mayor stated that this event will be done in good taste.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Old Mill Square project is still moving forward. The core samples are in and we are getting pricing together on the building.
- This is the 67th year that the Kiwanis Club has run the Shelby County Fair. Some have said that it was the best ever.
- Mrs. Moore mentioned the letter that was received from Cornerstone Christian School. Mayor Handley read a letter of thanks for the Fire Department's tireless service provided over the years for all Cornerstone Home Football games.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

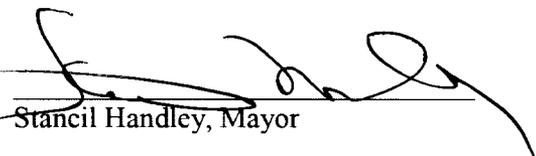
- During the Monster Walk event this year, the First Baptist Church will have a "Touch A Truck" event.
- The Methodist Church will have games and candy on their lawn during Monster Walk.
- Council member Mayfield presented a plaque to Brett Ashworth in appreciation for being Columbiana's Firefighter of the Year.
- Mayor Handley added that Sargent Lilly was also recognized as Columbiana's Police Officer of the year for this year as well.
- Tuesday, the 11th, will be a first responder luncheon that is being put on by the First Baptist Church.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Nancy Davis expressed her appreciation for the City and Shelby County Museum keeping our history alive with events like the walking tour.
- Clem Muck thanked the Mayor and Council for promoting the History Tour. A dress rehearsal will be held tomorrow for all of the actors participating in the tour. There will be 10 people with flashlights to light the way during the tour as well.
- Craft Mayer stated that Jennifer is excited about the History Tour. Craft has been on similar tours before and he appreciates the cooperation of everyone who is making it a success. He said that it will be very respectful.

There being no further business, Council member King 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 7:34 p.m.


J. Mark Frey, City Clerk


Stancil Handley, Mayor

