

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
October 6, 2015**

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 6, 2015. Mayor Stancil Handley 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 Barbara Moore
Council member Kim King	Council member Ouida Mayfield
Mayor Stancil Handley	

**Absent:**

Council member Ricky Ruston	A quorum was present.
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**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes 09-15-2015 Regular Meeting.
- B. Re-Appointment of Amanda Randolph to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Term ending 10-01-2021.
- C. ~~Request to move Elizabeth Taylor from part time Court Assistant (Pay Grade V Step 1) to full time Court Assistant (Pay Grade VIII step 1) effective on current pay cycle (Oct. 2, 2015).~~ – REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – TO BE DISCUSSED AT WORK SESSION.
- D. Appointment of Stancil Handley to the Columbiana Water Board with term to expire ~~10-06-2021~~ 10-14-2021. Taking the place of Tom Seale (Term Expired 07-17-2014).

The Council discussed moving Liz Taylor from full time to part time. There was extensive discussion about the court's operation and also how much training that is required. Mayor Handley noted that we are not paying for any capital expenditures out of the court fund on this year's budget. The Council asked for item C to be discussed during the next work session. It was removed from the consent agenda.

Council member Mayfield moved to remove item C from the consent agenda and change the date for Mayor Handley's appointment to the Water Board (from 10-06-2015) to begin after the passing of the Water Board's FY2016 Budget on 10-14-2015. Council member Whiting seconded the motion which given to a show of hands vote and was approved as follows: 4 Yea to 1 Nay with Mayor Handley casting the descending vote.

Mayor Handley asked the Young Marines and Commander to stand. He thanked the Young Marines for coming and representing a drug free lifestyle and the Mayor read the Red Ribbon Proclamation.

**RED RIBBON PROCLAMATION**

**Whereas**, communities across America have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with illicit drug use and those that traffic in them; and

**Whereas**, there is hope in winning the war on drugs, and that hope lies in education and drug demand reduction, coupled with the hard work and determination of organizations such as the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League to foster a healthy, drug-free lifestyle; and

**Whereas**, governments and community leaders know that citizen support is one of the most effective tools in the effort to reduce the use of illicit drugs in our communities; and

**Whereas**, the red ribbon has been chosen as a symbol commemorating the work of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent who was murdered in the line of duty, and represents the belief that one person can make a difference; and

**Whereas**, the Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention and reduction efforts; and

**Whereas**, October 23-31 has been designated National Red Ribbon Week, which encourages Americans to wear a red ribbon to show their support for a drug-free environment;

**Now, Therefore, I, Dr. Stancil Handley, Mayor of the City of Columbiana** do hereby proclaim October 23-31 as **RED RIBBON WEEK** in **Columbiana, Alabama**, and urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

The Mayor encouraged all the businesses and citizens of Columbiana to show their support to the Young Marines and their Red Ribbon Campaign.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Environmental Services** – Dale Lucas reported the sewer line smoke test will begin out on Hwy 25 on October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Citizens are being notified. Dale received a call on Friday from the lab that there was a large amount of ammonia discharged into the sewer which caused the plant to discharge an excess amount of ammonia out of the plant. This was a one-time event and the plant was back to normal the next day. Dale reported that he is reporting this to ADEM and hopefully whoever put this in the sewer system won't do it again. He also stated that Skyler will be taking his Grade 2 Waste Water Operator test on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Streets and Maintenance** – Allen Reynolds reported his guys are staying busy picking up garbage and brush. The pickup days will be changing for several areas including: Pine Hill Circle and Pine Hill Drive. Everyone is being moved to a Monday / Thursday pickup instead of Tuesday / Friday. This only affects the customers that are on the big truck route. The new garbage truck has been ordered and it is on its way. Mrs. Mayfield, on behalf of the Beautification Board, thanked Allen and all of his crew for their help with the decorations downtown.

**Library** – Tom Rary reported an increase of 11.43% circulation for the year. The ACT study test will be starting soon. There are still several spaces available and he encouraged everyone that is taking this test to come participate. October 15<sup>th</sup> will be a Halloween Event and there are several other events scheduled this month. Check the library calendar for a complete list of the events. Mayor Handley thanked Tom for his efforts and all of the programs that he is implementing at the Library.

**Police Department** – Chief Vick reported that last week he went over for the Greater Shelby Chamber's annual event honoring officers. Detective Alexander is the police officer of the year and Rodney Reed is the fire fighter of the year for Columbiana. Chief Vick is still searching for someone to fill the slot left by Officer Bradberry. There are also several officers that are working to help with security during the Fair this year.

Mayor Handley asked about the part time officers that are being hired to help out at night. The Chief reported that so far he doesn't have any part time officers hired yet. He noted that it is difficult to find qualified officers.

**Marketing Director** Jon Harrison reported that there are many events happening in town. Leeann Langley, a local barber on Main Street, is sponsoring an event for Halloween on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at her home. This is a fund raiser for the CMPA and the Trolley will be transporting everyone to these events on both nights.

Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> is Karaoke Night on Main. Monster Walk is being held on October 30<sup>th</sup> on Main Street. Several State Cabinet members are going to be here on Friday to see all of the great things that Columbiana has to offer. Jon met with the President of the State Brewers Guild and he is looking for potential bottling or brewing companies that can locate in the Columbiana.

Round hay bales have been placed out where the Trade Days are held in order to facilitate a Halloween decorating contest. This is a free event. The City is asking for everyone who can to participate in the Christmas Light Tour – to do so. The Annual Shelby County Bonfire is planned for the last home game of the year.

**Fire Department** – Chief Howard reported that everything is good with the Fire Department. There was a structure fire out on Looney Road last night. Crews are working the Fair all week. Each night they provided one trained EMT and one Fire Fighter to assist patrons. Last year there were 7 or 8 calls during the Fair (mostly trip and fall assistance).

**Admin** – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that he was working on several annual reports for the State as well as finalizing the documentation and setting up the procedure to start the new random drug testing program. He also reported that he had been working with the Senior Center Director and Shelby County to order furniture, fixtures and equipment for the new Senior Center.

#### **Bentley Abatement Update**

Mayor Handley stated that at the last meeting there was a request for an abatement update from the Bentleys. Terry Bentley was unable to attend the Council meeting tonight. The Bentleys were in negotiation with someone that was interested in purchasing the property so they have been in a holding pattern. They are now moving forward with renovation as the person interested in purchasing the property has backed out. The Bentleys will make a report at the next Council meeting.

Council member Mayfield introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 10-15-01**  
**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 26, 2016 and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday, February 28, 2016 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 26, 2016 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 28, 2016.

**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 26, 2016 and ending at twelve midnight Sunday, February 28, 2016 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 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.

**ADOPTED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

Council member Whiting introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 10-15-02**  
**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL**  
**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

**WHEREAS**, the following capital expenditures were inadvertently excluded in the passing of the FY 2016 Budget:

- Garbage Truck price difference \$5,668.00

**WHEREAS**, this purchases was approved as a capital expenditure during a budget work session, and the Mayor and Council have approved the purchase of the items and expenditure as being necessary,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Clerk to make the necessary amendment to the Fiscal Year 2016 budget effective immediately, resulting in an increase to projected capital expenses in the amount of \$5,668.00 and authorizing the transfer of funds from as needed from the General Fund account to the Capital account to facilitate these purchases.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk has prepared an updated budget, reflecting this change and all other changes to the Fiscal Year 2016 budget previously approved by resolution by the City Council and that it be presented today with an updated status of revenue and expenditures through October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**THEREUPON** Council member King 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 Mayor Handley declared the same passed.

	Yea	Nay
Leslie Whiting	<u>X</u>	_____
Barbara Moore	<u>X</u>	_____
Ricky Ruston	<u>absent from meeting</u>	_____
Kim King	<u>X</u>	_____
Ouida Mayfield	<u>X</u>	_____
Stancil Handley	<u>X</u>	_____

Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

Council member Mayfield introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 10-15-03  
APPROVAL OF OLD HWY 25 REPAVING PROJECT**

Council member King moved and Council member Whiting seconded. The results of the roll call vote were as follows:

	Yea	Nay
Leslie Whiting	<u>X</u>	_____
Barbara Moore	<u>X</u>	_____
Ricky Ruston	<u>absent from meeting</u>	_____
Kim King	<u>X</u>	_____
Ouida Mayfield	<u>X</u>	_____
Stancil Handley	<u>X</u>	_____

Mayor Handley declared the Resolution passed unanimously.

Council member Mayfield introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 10-15-04  
Authorizing Mayor to Sign Agreement for Project Number: ACAA61019-ATRP(012)  
Resurfacing and Traffic Stripe Old SR-25 between SR-25 to Walton Street in Columbiana**

**Whereas**, the City of Columbiana recognizes the added benefit of the repaving of Old SR-25 for its citizens;

**Now, Therefore**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to sign and execute any and all documents necessary to approve this project.

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

	Yea	Nay
Leslie Whiting	<u>X</u>	_____
Barbara Moore	<u>X</u>	_____
Ricky Ruston	<u>absent from meeting</u>	_____
Kim King	<u>X</u>	_____
Ouida Mayfield	<u>X</u>	_____
Stancil Handley	<u>X</u>	_____

Passed, adopted and approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

Mayor Handley introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 10-15-05**  
**APPROVAL OF HWY 30 REPAVING PROJECT**

Council member Mayfield moved and Council member King seconded. The results of the roll call vote were as follows:

	Yea	Nay
Leslie Whiting	<u>X</u>	_____
Barbara Moore	<u>X</u>	_____
Ricky Ruston	<u>absent from meeting</u>	_____
Kim King	<u>X</u>	_____
Ouida Mayfield	<u>X</u>	_____
Stancil Handley	<u>X</u>	_____

Mayor Handley declared the Resolution passed unanimously.

Council member Whiting introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 10-15-06**

**Authorizing Mayor to Sign Agreement for Project Number: ACAA61026-ATRP(012)**  
**Resurfacing and Permanent Stripe CR-30 between SR-25 Business Loop in**  
**Columbiana to SR-145**

**Whereas**, the City of Columbiana recognizes the added benefit of the repaving of CR-30 for its citizens;

**Now, Therefore**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to sign and execute any and all documents necessary to approve this project.

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

Passed, adopted and approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

## MAYORS REPORT

- Mayor Handley thanked the Street Department for their work in getting everything ready for the Senior Center grand opening. There was a huge turnout including all of the Council. Yesterday Senator McClendon came by and spoke to the seniors. He said, "This is by far the nicest Senior Center in my district." Tomorrow at the center, there will be line dance classes at 1:00. Sarah Atchison has agreed to head up a sewing / quilting / handwork class. Mayor Handley encouraged everyone to go by and see what is happening. Hours are 8 to 4 Monday through Friday.
- Several State Cabinet members will be here on Friday and this will allow them to take a look at what Columbiana has to offer. These include: Lee Sintel, Jim Bayard, John Cooper and Greg Canfield. The itinerary will include a visit to Mike and Carol Hill's home for brunch, the Senior Center, the Hwy 26 and 70 intersection, new City Park, the Industrial Park and Museums. We will show what we have to offer here in Columbiana. This is a real opportunity to show Montgomery Columbiana's potential.
- The Department of Correction has sent out a mandate that the CEC will lose 250 inmates and this will affect jobs for 20 to 25 residents of Columbiana. The Mayor spoke with the Governor on Friday about the impact this will have on our City. The Governor is aware of what this will do to Columbiana and he stated that he would have to justify the reversal of this mandate. The Mayor will be calling the Governor back tomorrow about trying to keep these jobs.
- The Mayor reported that there are 3 dirt streets that we have inside the City of Columbiana. We paved 2 streets last year and this year we have brought in gravel and graded 2 of the 3 dirt roads so far here in town. This is helping, but there is more work to be done.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fire Chief Howard reported that the AED that is at the Rec Building may need to be moved. There was some discussion and the Council asked the Chief to find out if we can get a grant for another AED so we can leave the other one at the Recreation Building.

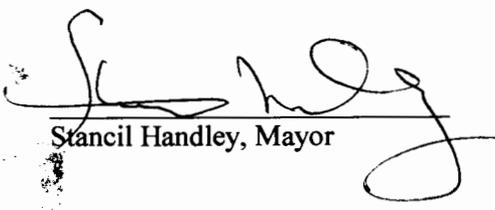
## PUBLIC COMMENT

- Billy Ray Walker asked if the City knew when the mobile VA truck was going to be in town. The Mayor stated that we don't know but Jon Harrison will find out when the dates are and how this is operating and report back to the Council.

There being no further business, Council member Whiting moved that the meeting be adjourned, Council member King seconded and the motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
J. Mark Frey, City Clerk



  
Stencil Handley, Mayor