

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
October 15, 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 October 15, 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: October 1, 2013 – Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of City Clerk Mark Frey to use credit card to cover meals and accommodations the AAMCA Institute Annual Conference in Opelika November 20 – 22. Not to exceed \$500

Council member Whiting moved to approve the consent agenda and Council member Moore 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
Mayor Stancil Handley

Nay: None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Library** – Dutcha Lawson reported that the library will be hosting the author of “Strange Alabama” as a Part of the "Eat Drink Read" visiting writer series hosted by the Shelby County Arts Council and the Columbiana Library. The library is also preparing for the first annual Columbiana Quilt Walk on November 2nd to benefit Friends of the Library.
- **Waste Water** – Dale Lucas reported that everything was going good and his department was making sure that local restaurants were keeping their grease traps cleaned out. He also reported that Jacob had submitted his application to take his certification test for the plant.

- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that the guys are cutting the grass and showing special attention to the ditches in and around the City. He also reported that the most recent trolley bus that the City bid on – sold to another party for \$21,750. It was noted that this price was above the \$20,000 approved by the Council.
- **Rescue** – Mark Bray reported that it was business as usual however; the helicopter had been in and out more due to several wrecks.
- **Police** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that it was business as usual. He is starting up a reserve officer program again and was planning on bringing in 2 people to start working with our officers. They will participate in this 14 month program through Jefferson County. Chief Vick also reported that there were some businesses in town that had expressed an interest in sponsoring these new reserve officers.
- **Fire** – Fire Chief Johnny Howard Jr. reported that it was business as usual and the Fire Department had started a fire prevention program. The Shelby County 911 service had installed a recorder to verify the problem with the radios. They have contacted a company, out of Atlanta, to aid in running down the problem. The burn ban is scheduled to be lifted as of November 1st and citizens are urged to contact the Columbiana Police Department for burning instructions.
- **City Clerk** – Mark Frey reported that the federal funding for ClasTran would continue and per the council's instruction, he would prepare the resolution to fund Clastran with \$1500 matching funds for the coming year. The 2014 fiscal year budget is coming along well and we hope to present it at the next council meeting.

City Hall is helping prepare for Monster Walk and promoting many activities during the coming holiday season.

Mayor Handley welcomed several members of Boy Scout Troup 560 to the council meeting. Troup 560 had approached Mayor Handley about several Eagle Scout projects that they would like to do for the City.

Joshua Davis has chosen to repair an iron fence and gate that Horace Ware, who was the owner of Shelby Iron Works, had constructed around his wives grave in the City Cemetery. Jackson Pickens project will consist of identifying street signs in need of repair or replacement all around the City and helping the street department with these repairs. Both of these Scouts are Life Scouts working towards becoming an Eagle Scout. These projects must be complete before the boys turn 18.

Mayor Handley asked the Council for a show of hands to allow these Scouts to perform these projects for the City. All of the Council was in agreement that these would be great projects for the Scouts and it would benefit the City of Columbiana.

Council Members Ruston and Whiting reported that the request for new members for the Park and Rec Board had been put on the City website and they were encouraging anyone who has an interest in promoting recreation in our City to apply.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Handley said that we are still getting outbid on the trolley buses that are being auctioned off on GovDeals. He also encouraged the Council to look over all of the information in their budget worksheets so as to be prepared for next week's work session.

The Mayor also mentioned that this year was the most successful Music on Main that the City has ever seen. Bernie's on Main has offered to sponsor additional weekends of music downtown. Beginning October 18th and continuing until November 22nd, the City of Columbiana presents, Music After Dark. Mayor Handley encouraged everyone to get out and support this extension of the Columbiana Concert Series.

It was also noted that after this Concert Series, there will be many festivities for the Christmas holiday season including: Columbiana Tour of Homes, Breakfast With Santa, Christmas Parade, Christmas Shopping Days, Shelby County Arts Council events and many other festivities.

During the spring, Mayor Handley said that the City plans on promoting a "Spring" Concert Series. "The idea is to have something for our citizens – year round."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Glen Whitfield addressed the council and as a retired City employee, he asked for a cost of living raise for all of the retired employees from the City. It was mentioned that there were 5 employees drawing retirement from the City at this time. The council agreed to consider this during their budget work session coming up next Tuesday.

Elvin Hill Elementary is having their annual Fall Festival at the school on Thursday.

The library and Methodist Church is preparing for the Quilt Walk on November 2nd.

The Church of the Nazarene is having a fall festival on October 22nd at the church on Hwy 25.

There being no further business, Council member King moved that the meeting be adjourned, Council member Whiting seconded and the motion passed by vote of all members of the Council. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

Stancil Handley, Mayor