

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
October 21, 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 October 21, 2014. 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 Ricky Ruston

Council member Barbara Moore
Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

Council member Kim King

Council member Ouida Mayfield

A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: October 2, 2014 – Regular Meeting.
- B. Probationary period successfully completed by Officer Galutza. 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.

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.

GUEST DISCUSSION

Group from FCCLA:

Mayor Handley introduced SCHS teacher Alana Ray and students Summer Hall, Brianna Bittle, Amber Kelley and Valery White from the Family Career Community Leaders Association (formally known as FFA and the FHA). Mayor Handley asked Amber Kelley to address the Council.

Mrs. Kelley explained briefly about the FCCLA program. She shared that this group identifies needs in our community and works to address those needs. They raise money to fund their program by sponsoring fundraisers. They are planning a 5k Color Run for April 18th 2015 that will draw runners from all over the State. All funds raised will go towards addressing needs in our community as well as starting a SCHS Family Scholarship Fund as well as promoting a canned food drive to benefit charities located here in Columbiana.

Mayor Handley encouraged this group to reach out to the civic organizations within the City such as the Lions Club so that they can help promote this event as well. The 5k Color Run will follow the same basic route as other race events have taken and Chief

Vick stated that he would help make sure that traffic wasn't an issue during the event. The Mayor thanked this group for coming in and letting the City know about this program. He also said that we would help promote this event any way that we can.

Senate Candidate, Dr. Jim McClendon:

Mayor Handley then introduced Dr. Jim McClendon. Dr. McClendon addressed the Council and audience speaking about his service in the Senate. He is currently running for the Senate Seat representing District 11. Dr. McClendon explained that several of the district lines have been moved due to changes in population. He encouraged everyone to contact him if they have any questions or feel strongly about any issues that are directed by the Senate. Mayor Handley thanked Dr. McClendon for coming by and addressing the Council.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Environmental Services** – Department Head Dale Lucas reported that he and the Mayor traveled to Chicago to look at equipment that removes Phosphorus from the discharge water at the waste water plant. State regulators have given notice that the removal of Phosphorus will be required in the next couple of years. Mayor Handley added that they were there to look at equipment that is used in this cleaning process. Mayor Handley stated that it was an educational trip and he thanked Dale for spending time away from his family.
- **Fire** – Fire Chief Johnny Howard Jr. reported that the Fire Department had started the annual Fire Prevention and Safety Program traveling from school to school. So far they have seen approximately 200 students. Chief Howard also reported that he had spoken with O'Reilly Auto Parts about their new location which is slated to open on November 27th this year in the old CVS building. Little Caesars Pizza will be opening in the back of the Kangaroo Gas Station. The station will continue to operate during the Kangaroo remodel. The Mayor thanked the Fire Department for the education given to the students and PR that is being done here in the City.
- **Police Department** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that his department had been unusually busy investigating the armed robbery at the Money Store next to Piggly Wiggly. The investigation has gone very well and a suspect will be arrested as soon as the warrant is issued. There was also a strong-arm robbery at McDonald's on Saturday and the investigation is going well on that case.

Chief Vick also reported that he was interviewing potential replacements to fill the vacancy created by Officer Bunn moving out of state. Monster Walk is planned for October 31st and the PD will be blocking off the streets just after lunch in preparation for this annual event. The Chief has ordered the police car that the Council approved in the 2015FY budget and it will be picked up later this week.

- **Administration** – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that he was in Tuscaloosa last week doing AMROA Revenue training. He stated that the training was informative and there was a real need for the City to look into addressing enforcement here in the City. Mr. Frey reported that the new Recycling Trailer had been delivered. This trailer will take the place of the old Boy Scout “Can Buggy.” This improved trailer will not only serve a repository for aluminum cans, it is also portable and a great way to educate our citizens about our recycling program with nice graphics on each side. This new trailer was 100% funded through a recycling grant written for last year.

The bids for the new Senior Center building have come in and the Council will be voting tonight for the acceptance of the lowest bidder on this project. If the Council passes the resolution, Douglas Built from Vincent Alabama will be the contractor for this project.

- **Streets** – Department Head Allen Reynolds was absent tonight but the Mayor reported that the street guys are enjoying the new flail mower that was approved by the Council in the 2015FY budget.

Council member Rushton introduced the following resolution: 10-14-02

After a brief discussion regarding the old plan and the decision to build a new building, Council member Whiting moved to accept this resolution which was seconded by Council member Moore followed by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present and the Mayor declared the same passed.

RESOLUTION 10-14-02
AWARDING THE BID FOR THE COLUMBIANA SENIOR CENTER

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana has received a Community Development Block Grant to build a new Senior Center that will benefit predominantly low and moderate income persons; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with CDBG regulations the City of Columbiana has solicited and received sealed bids from qualified construction companies to build the new center in accordance with the approved plans and specifications; and

WHEREAS, the City has evaluated the bids received and has determined that Douglas Built, LLC is the low bidder; and

WHEREAS, the low bid amount exceeded the budget for this project, and

WHEREAS, both the City of Columbiana and Douglas Built, LLC are agreeable to certain reductions in the project work, based on value engineering, that will reduce the contract amount.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Stancil Handley, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to enter into a construction contract with Douglas Built, LLC in the amount of \$565,877.00 to complete the senior center construction activities.

READ AND ADOPTED this the 21st day of **October 2014**.

Signed for the Columbiana City Council:


Stancil Handley, Mayor

Attest: 
J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor asked the Council to consider a proposal by a used automobile dealer to start with a modular office located on the lot beside Snap Fitness. The business owner is Chris Mundy and he would like to re-locate his business from Chelsea to here in Columbiana. The modular office is allowed for a period of 6 months at which time the council will discuss the options for said business. Chris has expressed an interest in selling a line of tractors at this location as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

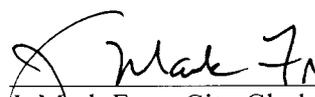
Mayor Handley asked about the bonfire and who attended. Several of those who attended stated that they didn't like the fact that the bonfire was held in place of the last pep rally. It was discussed that the next bonfire be put on in addition to the pep rally. The Mayor stated that the City wanted to be a part of the school system and rekindle that relationship – partnering with the schools and encouraging the community to support the schools here in Columbiana.

The Mayor also mentioned that as the City is looking to promote events with the school system, he would like to see students involved with the planning process so they would have a voice in planning these events. Students in attendance stated that they were disappointed that the last pep rally was canceled because of the bon fire.

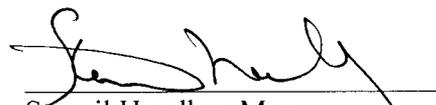
PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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 present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.


J. Mark Frey, City Clerk




Stancil Handley, Mayor