

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
November 18, 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 November 18, 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 Barbara Moore

Council member Ricky Ruston

Council member Kim King

Council member Ouida Mayfield

Mayor Stancil Handley

**Absent:**

Council member Leslie Whiting

A quorum was present.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes: November 4, 2014 – Regular Meeting.
- B. Approval of Kathryn Jones and Rhonda Evans as subs for the Columbiana Public Library working on a part-time basis.

Council member Ruston moved to approve the consent agenda and Council member Mayfield seconded the motion which given to a vote and was approved unanimously by all members present.

Mayor Handley welcomed Officer Michael Bradberry to the Council Chambers. He has been a St. Clair County reserve deputy for 6 years. Officer Bradberry stated that he was excited to be here with the City of Columbiana. Chief Vick stated that that Officer Bradberry will be training with many different officers in the coming weeks helping him to assimilate into the PD and gain a working knowledge of our City. The Chief also noted that, with the addition of Officer Bradberry, it is good to have fresh eyes on the street.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

- **Police Department** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that his department has made 15 additional drug arrests here in the City. There were 6 officers working the drug bust operation the day of the bust. They seized a large amount of drug paraphernalia in one house and drugs and money were seized in another.

Mayor Handley and the Council expressed great appreciation for the drug arrest; noting that has made a huge difference in our City. Chief Vick stated that he appreciated the cooperation from the Sheriff's Office in this bust as well.

- **Fire** – Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Lamb reported that the Fire Department is wrapping up their annual Fire Prevention Program for this year. There were approximately 400 children that participated in this month long program. Also Assistant Chief Lamb stated that he will be going and making an abbreviated presentation to the seniors at

the Senior Center next week. Mayor Handley thanked Jerry for the efforts in getting this program into the schools and community.

- **Streets** – Department Head Allen Reynolds reported they are cleaning out ditches and hanging Christmas Decorations. Everything was business as usual.
- **Environmental Services** – Dale Lucas reported that he met with Trey from Shelby County about stubbing up and capping the sewer line for the new Senior Center. Dale also reported that we met with the contractor from the Shoals Mill development out on Hwy 25. There were several minor details that the City's wastewater engineer wanted to see changed. Columbiana Water also was in the meeting and made a few adjustments. Dale noted that there were no surprises during the meeting.
- **Library** – Council member Mayfield reported that the Library is still looking for a new Director. Agnes Pool has resigned from the Library and Jane Bailey has agreed to stay on for an additional 3 months working part time to help continue the smooth operation of the Library. The Library Board is hoping to fill the position by March.
- **Marketing Director** – Helen Dean showed the Mayor and Council a new display that has been purchased to promote the restaurants, businesses and events throughout the City. She has come up with some new brochures with restaurant and shopping opportunities to be given out to jurors at the Court House.

Helen thanked the Council for allowing her to go to the convention for the employees of the Alabama Rest Areas. During this conference, Mrs. Dean also saw that there is a real opportunity to actually host this event here in Columbiana. She noted that there would be no cost involved as the host city receives a grant to cover the cost of hosting this annual event. This event will make the State Welcome Center employees aware of our City and help promote future tourism for Columbiana.

- **Administration** – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that he was made aware about a discount available for our Workers Compensation Insurance premium. This program will give the City up to 10% annual savings on our premiums. New employee, Liz Taylor is working to help implement this program and she doing a great job.

Mark reported that we also had 100% participation in the City Health Screening for Employees. Due to our compliance, all employees that receive state insurance benefits will save \$120 in the coming year on their health insurance premiums.

Mayor Handley asked all of the Department Heads to work with Liz to get any information requested so that we can implement the safety program required in order to participate in this discount program. \$5000 is the projected savings off of the City's insurance premium. The Mayor thanked Mark and Liz for helping the City take advantage of this discount and saving the City money.

Council member Ruston introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 11-14-02**

**Authorizing Mayor to Sign Agreement for Project Number: STPAA-HSIP-0025(542) Planning, 2' Safety Widening, Resurfacing and Permanent Traffic Stripe along SR-25 from Business Hwy 25 in Columbiana to CR-61 Wilsonville**

**Whereas**, the City of Columbiana recognizes the added benefit of the repaving of 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 Mayfield moved and Council member Ruston seconded the motion that said resolution be given a roll call vote and the results were as follows:

Yea:	Council member Barbara Moore	Council member Leslie Whiting
	Council member Ricky Ruston	Council member Ouida Mayfield
	Council member Kim King	Mayor Stancil Handley
Nay:	None	

Passed, adopted and approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

Council member Ruston introduced the following resolution:

**Resolution – 11-14-03**

**Approving Agreement with the ALDOT and the Federal Highway Administration for Project Number: STPAA-HSIP-0025(542)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbiana, Alabama (hereinafter at times referred to as City) is desirous of having certain improvements made on SR-25 within the City Limits of Columbiana, in accordance with plans prepared by the Alabama Department of Transportation and designated as Project Number: STPAA-HSIP-0025(542) Planning, 2' Safety Widening, Resurfacing, and Permanent Traffic Stripe along SR-25 from Business Hwy 25 in Columbiana to CR-61 in Wilsonville.

**WHEREAS**, The Alabama Department of Transportation is now or may later be desirous of receiving Federal Aid for improvement of said highway; and

**WHEREAS**, The Federal Highway Administration, an agency of the United States of America, will not participate in any funding for the construction of said project until and unless the City will agree to certain requirements of the Federal Highway Administration.

The City for the purpose of complying with requirements of the Federal Highway Administration in regard to its funding of improvements of the type and kind in this agreement provided for, does hereby pass and adopt the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Columbiana that the plans of said project including alignment, profile, grades, typical sections and paving layouts as submitted to this City and which are now on file in the office of the City Clerk are hereby approved and that the location of said project as staked out by the Alabama Department of Transportation and as shown by said plans referred to are hereby approved and the Alabama Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, is hereby authorized to proceed with the grading, draining, paving, and otherwise improving and construction of said project in accordance with said plans.

The City by and through its Council hereby grants to the Alabama Department of Transportation the full use of and access to the dedicated widths of any existing streets for the construction of said project and hereby agrees to permit and allow the Alabama Department of Transportation to close and barricade the said project and intersecting streets for as long as necessary while the said project is being graded, drained, paved, and otherwise improved, and hereby agrees that the use of any street or highway for parking within an interchange area will not at any time be permitted.

The City hereby further agrees to adopt or pass such legally effective ordinances and/or laws as will permanently barricade and/or relocate certain intersecting streets as required by the State and to permanently deny or limit access at certain locations as required by the State along said improvements, all of which are more specifically stated as follows:

N/A	
Please refer to: Project Notes	(Sheets 2F - 2K)
Please refer to: Traffic Control Notes	(Sheets 2L- 2P)
Please refer to: Traffic Control Plan	(Sheets 6- 13)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the City Council, that for and in consideration of the Alabama Department of Transportation in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, constructing said highway and routing traffic along the same through the City over said project, such City hereby agrees with the Alabama Department of Transportation and for the benefit of the Federal Highway Administration, that on the above mentioned project the City will not in the future permit encroachments upon the right of way; nor will it pass any ordinances or laws fixing a speed limit contrary to those limits provided for in Title 32, Chapter 5, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and other laws of Alabama; nor will it permit other than parallel parking in areas where parking is permitted; nor will it allow the placing of any informational, regulatory, or warning signs, signals, median crossover, curb and pavement or other markings, and traffic signals without written approval of the Alabama Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, of the location, form and character of such installations. The traffic control devices and signs installed during construction, and those installed after completion of this project shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the National Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and accepted standards adopted by the Alabama Department of Transportation of the State of Alabama and by the Federal Highway Administration. The City further agrees that subsequent traffic control devices deemed necessary by it in keeping with applicable statutes, rules and regulations to promote the safe and efficient utilization of the highway under the authority of Title 32, Chapter 5, Code of Alabama 1975, and all other applicable laws of

Alabama, shall be subject to and must have the approval of the Alabama Department of Transportation of the State of Alabama and of the Federal Highway Administration, prior to installation and the City further agrees that it will enforce traffic and control the same under the provisions of Title 32, Chapter 5, Code of Alabama 1975, and other applicable laws of Alabama.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by this City Council:

1. That the City agrees to perform all maintenance on crossroads, service drives, or relocated roads that are not designated Federal or State highways that are in the jurisdiction of the City.
2. That the City agrees to perform all maintenance on any existing road which has been replaced by a new road; or, if the existing road is not used, the City has the option of vacating same.
3. That the City agrees to perform all maintenance on interchanges to the theoretical crossing of the denied access line.
4. That the City agrees to perform all maintenance on grade separations along the roadway to the end of the bridge, or the denied access fence, whichever the case.

It is understood and agreed that no changes in this Resolution or Agreement shall in the future be made without having obtained the prior approval of the Federal Highway Administration.

THIS RESOLUTION PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

Council member Ruston made a motion which was seconded by Council member King and said Resolution was put to a roll call vote and the results are as follows:

Yea:	Council member Barbara Moore	Council member Leslie Whiting
	Council member Ricky Ruston	Council member Ouida Mayfield
	Council member Kim King	Mayor Stancil Handley
Nay:	None	

There was some discussion about the City helping with the funding of Dustin Smith's Chromebooks and the Council. Mayor Handley and the Council agreed to provide up to \$2000 in matching funds to aid in raising the money for the Chromebook Project. They asked City Clerk Frey to prepare a resolution for the next regular Council meeting.

#### **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Handley and the Council asked the City Clerk to prepare the one time pay increase for the first pay cycle after Thanksgiving.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends that the Council award the contract for the update for the City's Comprehensive plan to Epiphany Collaboration, LLC (Katherine Ennis). The cost of this contract will be \$16,000.00 and does not include mapping. Typically all mapping is contracted through Shelby County as this is the most economical

producer of such maps. The Council unanimously asked the City Clerk to prepare a resolution awarding the contract for the next Council meeting.

Council member Mayfield will be the Grand Marshal for the Christmas Parade. Mayor Handley congratulated Mrs. Mayfield for this honor as well as expressing the City's appreciation for her work with the Beautification Board.

Mayor Handley announced that Mrs. Moore will be having knee replacement surgery on December 1<sup>st</sup> and asked that people be praying for her quick recovery. He also said that we will be sending over council information so as to keep her up to speed on what is happening during her absence.

The Trolley will be running during the Holidays and the new drivers are doing great.

There are also many things happening daily over at the new Columbiana Mill Square Park. Engineers are determining what will be required for the pavilion building renovation as well as all of the facilities needed for this large project. Bob Enoch will be speaking to the Council at the next meeting in order to give an update as well as lay out the scope of this project.

The County has sent over the deed to the property for the building of the new Senior Center. There was some discussion in regards to making sure that the property will be used as a Senior Center in the foreseeable future. It was noted that if this building is not used for a senior event for a period of a year, the property will revert back to the County. The Council asked the Mayor to go ahead and register the deed at the probate office.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council member Mayfield inquired about the possibilities of keeping the street name Summer Classics Way or renaming back to Mill Street. This will be addressed at a future meeting.

A prospective Eagle Scout is coming to chart out the Trolley Stops and look at signage and benches. Mayor Handley asked Chief Vick to come out with this Scout and make sure the stops for the Trolley aren't going to interfere with traffic.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Helen Dean reported that November 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a "Shop Small" Event here in Columbiana. Bags, bandanas, pens, floor mats and various other items have been distributed to many merchants throughout the City to promote shopping local during the Holidays and beyond. There is a 12 Days of Christmas shopping event here in town. As you purchase merchandise at select local merchants (between December 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) you will be entered to win a \$25 Gift Certificate good for our local merchants. These "Columbiana Bucks" will be drawn for daily during the 12 Days of Christmas event. This event encourages everyone to shop local and support the businesses that are there for you. The many giveaways are sponsored by American Express through their Shop Small Program.

On December 13<sup>th</sup> will be the Mutt Strut Dog Parade here on Main Street.

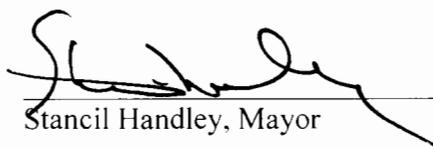
Marketing Director Helen Dean also mentioned the Holly Jolly Trolley Christmas Tour hosted by the Mayor. Also on December 6<sup>th</sup> the Columbiana Beautification Board is sponsoring the annual Christmas Tour of Homes from 10-3. This year 4 homes and one business will be featured.

There was some discussion about the new business, Mundy Motors, and how it has really livened up the area on College Street. Mayor Handley mentioned that several people have mentioned this new car lot that has opened and all of the activity going on with new businesses here in the City. Chief Vick recommended that Chris add some lighting because the lot appears pretty dark.

Mayor Handley asked the Council about City Clerk Mark Freys request to participate in the CPM II program. After a couple of minutes of discussion, the Council asked that the entire years CPM II Training and accommodations be placed on the consent agenda for the next meeting.

There being no further business, Council member Ruston moved that the meeting be adjourned, Council member Moore seconded and the motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

  
J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

  
Stancil Handley, Mayor

