

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
November 19, 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 November 19, 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 Rickey Ruston
Council member Kim King

Council member Ouida Mayfield
Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

Council member Barbara Moore

A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: November 5, 2013 – Regular Meeting
- B. Reappointment of Ryan Tallie to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Term to expire on November 19, 2019.

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Police** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that his department had been trying to serve warrants that have been piling up and preparing for years end. The weather sirens are being checked out and he has spoken with 2 different companies about their service.

The new officers that have come onboard are working out very well and the Chief hopes to have 2 new police cars in service by February.
- **Library** – Dutcha Lawson reported that she had received a letter from Irene Latham in regards to the Columbiana Quilt Walk, commenting about how beautiful Columbiana is. Mrs. Lawson commented about all of the groups meeting at the library and events planned weekly.
- **Waste Water** – Dale Lucas reported that things were going well and his guys have been cleaning out lines around the city to prevent any problems this winter. His department has installed lines for the new apartments on Thompson Street.

- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that the guys are cleaning gutters and working on the Christmas lights. The new trolley was unloaded at 10:30 today and they hope to have it ready for the annual Christmas Parade. Council member Mayfield noted that she had received a letter from Judy Roberts expressing appreciation for the work done by the Street Department on Beacon Drive.
- **Administration** – Mark Frey reported that the updated budget information has been entered into the financial program. The developer that built the apartment homes out on the Hwy 25 Bypass came into City Hall and is planning an additional 42 unit project beside the first development.

Mayor Handley welcomed Andrew Melsen, with Boy Scout Troup 595 and Shelby County High School, to address the Council. Melsen thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to speak. His attending the Council Meeting helps earn a merit badge and advance within the Scouting program. Andrew will be flying to New York City this weekend to prepare for the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, in order to play tuba in the Great American Marching Band. Mayor Handley and the Council congratulated him on his accomplishments and wished him well while traveling to New York.

Council member Mayfield introduced resolution:

RESOLUTION 11-13-04

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE SOUTH SHELBY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Columbiana as follows:

1. That the City enter into a contract with South Shelby Chamber of Commerce, to assist the City in promoting economic development and general promotion of the City, which contract is before this Council;
2. That the contract be executed in the name of the City, for and on behalf of the City, by its Mayor.
3. That it be attested by the Clerk and the seal of the City affixed thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the contract by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept on file by the City Clerk.

Stancil Handley, Mayor

ATTEST

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

After some discussion, Council member Mayfield asked that the 3.5% Cost Of Living increase be added to the December 5th council meeting which was seconded by Council member King and unanimously recommended by the council.

Council member Mayfield is on the Beautification Board for the City. Mrs. Mayfield explained that the City originally had 5 welcome signs, but the one on Hwy 25 W had been vandalized and taken down. The Beautification Board said that the cost to replace this sign is approximately \$5800 and the board is asking that the City cover half the cost of the new sign for Highway 25 West. After much discussion, the Council asked City Clerk Mark Frey to draft a resolution for the next meeting to have the City cover ½ the cost of the new sign.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Handley reported that the Streets Department had purchased a new service truck as well as the trolley that the Council had approved in the budget. The trolley was purchased from the City of Charlotte and needs only minor cosmetic work. The new trolley will be used for City Events and he hopes to have a loop route that is running in the spring. This trolley will service our high volume areas, some of which will be: Shopping, Schools, Post Office, Downtown, Apartments, Sports Complexes and Grocery Stores. There are currently 5 volunteer drivers and the City is seeking additional drivers to aid in covering a 1 day per week - 4 hour shift.

The Mayor also noted that all of the City's Capital Improvement projects are moving forward and he will be reporting on them in the near future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council member Whiting announced that there is an outreach planned for the inmates at the jail during this Christmas Season. He encouraged everyone to bring prepackaged sweets for distribution and contact him if they needed additional information.

Andrew Melsen offered that he would be able to help with bus stop signs as an Eagle Project or perhaps going door to door and giving out postcards with the new trolley route information.

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 7:37 p.m.

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

Stancil Handley, Mayor