

**COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
Tuesday December 15, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met for the regular Council Meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers, Tuesday, December 15, 2015. Mayor Handley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present:

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| Council member Leslie Whiting | Council member Barbara Moore |
| Council member Ricky Ruston | Council member Kim King |
| Council member Ouida Mayfield | Mayor Stancil Handley |

Absent:

None -- A quorum present.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes 12-01-2015 Regular Meeting.

Council member Whiting made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Council member Ruston. The Council voted and the consent agenda passed unanimously.

Mayor Handley asked the Council to amend the agenda by adding 4B – The presentation of the trophies for the annual Christmas Parade. This motion was seconded by Council member Mayfield and approved unanimously by a show of hands vote of all of the Council.

Council member Mayfield and Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Lamb presented the 13th Annual Columbiana Christmas Parade awards. There were 4 awards presented.

1. Most Original Award Winner - Susan Conn
2. Christmas Spirit Award – South Shelby Baptist Church
3. Best Depicting The Theme of the Parade (An Old Fashioned Christmas) – Dr. Tim Nettles
4. The Best Overall Entry Grand Champion – Sweet Potato Queens

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Library – Director Tom Rary reported that this Thursday; the library is hosting Santa and Mrs. Clause. On the 22nd there will be Ornament Painting Project and on the 30th there is a Lego Event. On the 31st there is a Movie Event from 1pm to 7pm. There are many events happening at the Library and Tom invited everyone to come out and enjoy all that the Library has to offer.

Fire Department – Chief Johnny Howard Jr. reported that everything was running smoothly at the Fire Department and they are preparing for the holidays. Public assist call volume is up right now. The Christmas parade was a success. The Fire Department is looking for a brush truck to replace 2 1990 models currently in the Fire Department fleet. This purchase was put into the 2016FY Capitol Expense for the Fire Department and is going to be bid out. This truck will replace the 2 1990 model

trucks that they have had about 20 years. After much discussion the Council asked City Clerk Mark Frey to publish that the City is taking bids for a used 2012 or newer 4 door truck.

Environmental Services – Dale Lucas reported that they had mailed off the State Permit renewal and they are waiting on the rain to slack off so they can complete the smoke testing of the lines. They are almost complete with the new sewer office and Dale stated that he appreciates the School Board’s donation of this office.

Streets and Maintenance – Allen Reynolds reported that his guys are working on Christmas light bulbs and picking up lots of brush around the City. Trash will not be picked up from Christmas Eve until the following Monday on the 28th.

Police Department – Chief Vick reported that things have been going good. Domestic calls have increased, but this is normal for this time of the year. The final interviews are being done tomorrow and a new officer should be starting the first of the year. Mayor Handley asked if officer Burleson could come to a Council meeting in the future. He retired from Pelham PD and he is working part time for the City as well as at the Shelby County Courthouse. He is a certified evidence tech, firearms instructor, worked in the drug task force and is skilled in several other areas that make him a real asset to our PD.

Admin – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that his department is working to finish up a large filing project. Our new M4A employee is taking a full time job and City Hall is awaiting another volunteer from M4A. The old computers that are being replaced in the front office are going to be cleaned and set up at the new Senior Center. This will enable the Seniors to have easy access to on-line reading, email and computer games.

Mayor Handley asked Jon Harrison about events going on in the City. Jon reported that there is a meeting on January 7th, at the Senior Center, about the Main Street Alabama’s Online Network. On the 13th the South Shelby Chamber of Commerce is hosting Coffee With The Mayor at the Senior Center Mayor at 8am. On January the 19th there is another Main Street Alabama Event planned and more information is to come. There is a program called Bridge the Gap where high school students come in and help the seniors at the Senior Center with computer skills training.

Mayor Handley asked City Clerk Mark Frey to explain the resolution that is being presented to the Council. The Pantry Inc. is selling the Kangaroo location in Columbiana to Circle K. The resolution being presented will approve the transfer of the Beer and Wine ABC License over to Circle K from The Pantry Inc.

Council member Mayfield introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 12-15-07

**RESOLUTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF ABC LICENSE FROM
THE PANTRY INC TO CIRCLE K STORES INC**

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana has received a transfer request from The Pantry Inc., through the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board requesting a transfer of License 050 Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana recognizes that this business has complied with the requirements of the State of Alabama to transfer such licenses;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council of the City of Columbiana does hereby grant the request and charge the City Clerk with providing a letter to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board indicating their approval of the license request.

THEREUPON Council member King moved and Council member Ruston seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by roll call vote of all members of the Council, and the Mayor declared the same passed. The results of the roll call vote were as follows:

| | Yea | Nay | | Yea | Nay |
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| Council member Whiting | <u>X</u> | ___ | Council member Moore | <u>X</u> | ___ |
| Council member Ruston | <u>X</u> | ___ | Council member King | <u>X</u> | ___ |
| Council member Mayfield | <u>X</u> | ___ | Mayor Handley | <u>X</u> | ___ |

Adopted this 15th day of December, 2015.

ANNEXATION DISCUSSION

The Council discussed a pending annexation request from Jim Suttle at Mountain Meadows Farm. The majority of this property is already within the city limits, but this request, if approved, will bring in the remainder of his property into the city limits. Everyone spoke favorably about this request and Mayor Handley will be talking to the surrounding property owners regarding their interest in annexation.

MAYORS REPORT

- The new cabinets have been installed at the Senior Center Quilting Room and they look very good.
- Mayor Handley stated that he will be meeting with ALDOT's John Cooper on December 28th regarding the Hwy 70 and CR 26 red light project. This project is on the books, but it is moving very slowly. Mayor Handley also asked that the State consider a 3 lane Hwy from that intersection into the red light at McDonalds.
- A couple of months ago the City began a concentrated effort to eliminate the drug problem here in Columbiana. There have been some real successes with each "roundup" and the City is making a difference for many of the at-risk areas of our City.
- Mayor Handley reported that the quarterly Shelby County Mayors meeting was held today in Alabaster and it has been a great opportunity for all of the Mayors to exchange information and help one another.

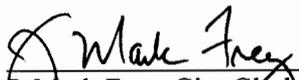
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- Council member Moore stated that there is a fence located between Subway and the house to its right that has fallen down. Chief Vick stated that he was looking into the owner of the property and gathering information. Mayor Handley asked Mrs. Moore to look into this as it is located in her district and she said that she would work on it.
- Fire Chief Howard stated that there was a problem with the license renewal for the Turnipseed building. One of the fire plugs was covered up and another was removed. These plugs are located on private property and they are the responsibility of the business owner to maintain and make sure they are properly functioning. This inspection is holding up the renewal of the license until an inspection can be done by the Fire Department.
- The old ECA building also needs to make sure that they are compliant with the Fire Code prior to being rented or occupied by a tenant.
- Mrs. Mayfield stated that the Holly Jolly Trolley Tour, benefiting the Columbiana Merchant's and Professionals Association, is being held this Thursday and Friday night at 6pm and 7pm. Tickets are \$5 each for adults and 12 years and younger are free.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Billy Joe Walker stated that he has seen a dramatic drop in drug dealing on Nelson Walker Road. He said that everything is "quiet" out there now and he is not seeing the vehicles with out of town tags in and out like before. Mayor Handley stated that he didn't want there to be any place in our City that people are afraid to go into.
- Chief Vick was joined by Detective Alexander and he expressed appreciation for the job that he is doing for the Police Department. He is part time, but he is a real asset for the City and was named the officer of the year this year. Mayor Handley said that he echoes everything that the Chief just said and appreciates the passion that Detective Alexander shows in serving our citizens.

There being no further business, Council member Whiting moved that the meeting be adjourned, Council member Ruston seconded and the motion which was passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.


J. Mark Frey, City Clerk




Stancil Handley, Mayor