

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
December 17, 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 December 17, 2013. Mayor Handley called the meeting to order. After the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Handley 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: December 3, 2013 – Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of City Clerk Mark Frey to use the credit card to cover cost of meals and accommodations for Alabama Training Institute Certified Public Managers Training in Auburn on Jan 9th & 10th. Not to exceed \$170

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

COLUMBIANA CHRISTMAS PARADE AWARDS PRESENTATION

Mayor Handley asked Council member Mayfield to make the presentation on behalf of the City and the Beautification Board. Mrs. Mayfield stated that she believed that this year's Christmas Parade was the largest and best attended Christmas Parade that Columbiana has had. She attributed the success to the Fire, Police Departments as well as Helen Dean and Mayor Handley, who announced the floats as the parade came through town. The judges were Bruce Andrews from the Shelby County Arts Council, Keyla Finley Handley from the Greater Shelby County Chamber, and Lisa Niven the new owner of Gail's Florist in Columbiana.

Most Original Award
Shelby County Livestock Club

Christmas Spirit Award
Antioch Baptist Church

Best Christmas Theme Award
Sweet Potato Queens

Grand Champion Award
Brown Lumber

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Administration** – Mark Frey reported that there are many projects going on in the City. The Zoning Board of Adjustment met in September about the new cellular tower proposed for Jonesboro Circle and unanimously approved its location. We have just sent out almost 2000 business license renewals and Joanna Seale is doing a great job handling the revenue side of our City.

It was also noted that any business that has had a change due to the update to the Business License Ordinance was also contacted to make sure they understood how that change would impact their business license.

- **Library** – Dutcha Lawson reported that the annual Biblio Stat report has been completed and mailed to the State of Alabama. This report is also reported at the Federal level. Many of the patrons of the library participated in the Christmas for the County Jail outreach by bringing individually wrapped sweets to be given out to those who are incarcerated during Christmas. Council member Whiting thanked the library for helping with this drive.

Santa is going to be here this weekend and the movie, The Grinch, will be shown on Monday. Mayor Handley stated that we are working with the County to move forward with the renovations at the library.

- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that the guys are working on keeping the leaves out of the gutters and garbage picked up. His guys are also working on keeping the Christmas lights and decorations up and running.
- **Waste Water** – Dale Lucas reported that he and his two guys went over to Tuscaloosa today to work on continuing education and see how their operation worked over at their plant. There was some good information given and he noted that many of our lines have been in use since the 30's and even the newer lines are only guaranteed for 30 years. He noted that the City will need to consider updating these lines in the future.
- **Fire** – Johnny Howard reported that Santa will be coming to town riding a fire truck on the 23rd trying to visit all of the kids in town. The Fire Department celebrated Christmas last night at the fire station. Trey Howard finished up his EMT training this summer and was named as the fire fighter of the year. Mayor Handley and the Council expressed their appreciation for all of the fire department and especially Trey on his accomplishment.
- **Rescue** – They will be working on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. They are here 24/7 365 days a year available when there is an emergency. Mayor Handley added that we should all appreciate our first responders and their sacrifice especially during the holidays.

- **Police** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that business as usual and he invited everyone to come out and witness how well our City Court system is run. Mayor Handley added that our court system works very well and this is due to Judge Atchison and Joanna Seale.

Resolution introduced by Council member Mayfield:

RESOLUTION 12-13-04

REDIRECTION OF PAVING FUNDS FOR MEYER STREET PAVING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Columbiana has been desirous of resurfacing Meyer Street in the City of Columbiana, and

WHEREAS, the Shelby County Highway Department agreed to include the paving of Meyer Street in their 2013 paving program, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has approved funding paving projects within the city for the FY 2014 City Budget and authorizes the redirection of a portion of the \$14,000.00 paving funds from Reed Drive to cover said \$12,450.19 expenditure for Meyer Street with funding provided by the following account:

Capital Expense Account	\$12,450.19
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

The Mayor of the City of Columbiana is hereby authorized and directed to submit to Shelby County the required payment for the inclusion of this street in the Shelby County 2013 paving contract; and that the City Clerk be authorized to transfer the amount to the Capital Expense account as indicated above out of the General Fund Account.

THEREUPON Council member Whiting moved and Council member King seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by a roll call vote as follows.

Yea:

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

Ney:

none

Adopted and approved this the 17th day of December, 2013.

CITY OF COLUMBIANA:

Stancil Handley, Mayor

Attest

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Handley reported that Breakfast with Santa sponsored by the Columbiana Merchants and Professionals Association was a success as well as the Beautification Board sponsored Christmas Tour of Homes. Mrs. Mayfield noted that they had at least 225 people come through and tour the homes and this event made approximately \$1400 for the Beautification Board.

The South Shelby Chamber of Commerce is highlighting business in Columbiana on January 9th at the Methodist Church.

Mayor Handley stated his appreciation for Council member Whiting's heading up the outreach to the inmates at the County Jail. They were able to give over 400 goodie bags out with 15 items in each bag. Council member Whiting stated that it was wonderful and expressed his thanks for the City of Columbiana as well as Sheriff Chris Curry for all of the support.

Last week the Planning and Zoning Board met with the developer from Shoals Mill about constructing an additional 42 units adjacent to the existing facility.

The Old Summer Classics property project is taking bids for dirt work and grading.

The Eagle Scout project will be started in front of City Hall and will include a flag court as well as updating the front entrance to City Hall.

Mayor Handley expressed his and the Council's appreciation to Trey Howard for all of his hard work and accomplishments in the past year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council member Whiting reminded everyone about the basketball game that is at Shelby County tonight against Sylacauga.

Mayor Handley announced that the Trolley was being prepared for its debut here this spring offering free rides in a circular route covering the high traffic areas of town.

City Marketing Director Helen Dean announced that there would be a purple toilet making its way around town as a fundraiser for Relay for Life and encouraged everyone to participate.

There being no further business, Council member Ruston moved that the meeting be adjourned, Council member King seconded and the motion passed by vote of all members of the Council. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

Stancil Handley, Mayor