

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
April 2, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of Columbiana City Hall at 6:01 p.m., Tuesday, April 2, 2013. Mayor Handley called the meeting to order. City Clerk Gina Antolini noted that all members of the council except Council member Mayfield were present. Mayor Handley advised that Council member Mayfield had fallen and was in the hospital but was scheduled to come home.

Present: Leslie Whiting  
Barbara Moore  
Ricky Ruston  
Kim King  
Mayor Handley

Absent: Ouida Mayfield

The record reflects that a quorum was present.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes: – March 19, 2013 – Regular Meeting; March 28, 2013 – Special Called Meeting.

Council member Whiting moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council member King seconded and the consent agenda was approved by a vote of all members of the council present.

**PRESENTATION BY JUDY BATES AND LISA CLAYTON**

Judy Bates addressed the council and advised that Lisa Clayton could not be present to speak to the council regarding the opening of a private club in Columbiana. Judy gave a description of how the club was designed to operate and provided a copy of the business plan that Ms. Clayton had prepared. The club would have internet access and alcohol would be served, and designed to be a members' only club, with no more than one hundred members, with the intended hours of 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The council members addressed questions to Ms. Bates and she answered them and advised that Ms. Clayton was asking at this point for some indication if the endeavor would be supported so she could proceed. The council expressed their desire for Ms. Clayton to come back and speak to them since she would be the sole proprietor.

**RESOLUTION 04-13-01 RESOLUTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE 12-12-01  
BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE**

Council member Ruston introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 04-13-01**

AMENDING ORDINANCE 12-12-01 BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, has reviewed the current business license ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, under Section 31. License classifications, code 531, with respect to real estate rental and leasing of self-storage units, the current fee schedule is set at \$4.00 per unit, with no limitation on the number of units; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Columbiana, Alabama, has determined that the current fee schedule is not comparable with other municipalities in the County and desires to correct the imbalance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the fee should be set at \$4.00 per unit for the first fifty (50) units and \$2.00 per unit thereafter;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, as follows:

That the fee schedule for rental and leasing of self-storage units be changed from the current \$4.00 per unit, to \$4.00 per unit for the first fifty (50) units and \$2.00 per unit for each additional unit thereafter, effective with the 2014 business license year.

Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to repeal or amend any other portion of Ordinance 12-12-01, except as expressly provided herein.

**THEREUPON** Council member Whiting moved and Council member Moore seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by vote of all members of the Council present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

### **RESOLUTION 04-13-02 AMENDING THE 2013 FY BUDGET – DITCH REPAIR**

Council member Whiting introduced the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION 04-13-02**

#### **AMENDING THE FY2013 BUDGET – DITCH REPAIR**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbiana City Council has approved an amended budget for FY2013, and

**WHEREAS**, the Columbiana City Council recognizes that the budget did not adequately provide for the cost of repair for the ditch located behind City Hall, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the safety concerns and desires to adequately fund the repair of the ditch so that the entry into the Police Department is not impeded, and

**WHEREAS**, additional funding is necessary to fund the project and also, two adjustments are necessary to correct the funding of the purchase of equipment as indicated by the Mayor, and to accurately reflect the capital budget funding.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council hereby amends the Fiscal Year 2013 budget to include an additional \$11, 300.00 for the ditch repair with the funds to be paid from the Capital Expense account, and update the budget to reflect the expenditure with the additional funds to be transferred from the Court fund, and at the same time to update and correct the budget to include an additional \$10,000.00 transfer from the Cemetery fund and reduce the budgeted transfer from the General fund, included in the revenue by the same amount, to contribute towards the capital expenditures and authorizes the City Clerk/Treasurer to transfer the funds from both funds to the Capital Expense account and to update the FY2013 budget to include all amendments and present it back to the City Council at the April 16, 2013 council meeting.

**THEREUPON** Council member King moved and Council member Whiting seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by vote of all members of the Council present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Library-Director Dutcha Lawson reported that she is working on a grant for new computers. She also provided an update on events, including Miss Shelby County's appearance at the Tea Party scheduled for Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and the movie, The Iron Lady, on April 11th. Mayor Handley mentioned the Friends of the Library meeting and upcoming Antiques & Appraisal Market.

Administration-City Clerk Gina Antolini discussed the upcoming League of Municipalities convention and requested to be advised of those wishing to attend so registration could be sent in to meet the early bird pricing. She also reminded the council of the deadline for filing the Statement of Economic Interest, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Street, Sanitation and Park & Recreation-Allen Reynolds reported on the truck purchase, grass cutting and the CEMP worker from DHR (worked two days and was able to find permanent work). Mayor Handley updated the council regarding the program and indicated that he hoped the city would be able to utilize it further to get additional workers to assist the city.

Police-Chief Vick updated the council on the weather sirens regarding repair and replacement of batteries to return those that were not to operational status, the Easter Egg Hunt (approximately 350 attended) and expressed thanks to the merchants and banks that donated to the hunt. Marketing Coordinator Helen Dean will be publicizing the donors in the Shelby County Reporter and on Facebook. Chief Vick also indicated that a citation had been issued for dumping.

Fire-Chief Howard reported on a house that was on the abatement list and the lot is now clean, discussed the need for attendance of three firefighters at Fire College in Decatur to obtain SCBA certification, on April 19<sup>th</sup> and a request would be submitted on the next agenda for accommodations and meals while there. Mayor Handley commended the

department for their work on a fire on Highway 47 and expressed his appreciation for the professional way they operated at the scene.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

The mayor discussed the paving of Meyer Street and the Alley behind the Main Street businesses. The city has the opportunity, as has been the case in the past, to piggyback onto the County's paving contract and pay the County for any paving work done for the city. The cost of paving Meyer Street (1,070 foot x 12 foot wide) would be \$10,758.00. The mayor indicated this paving project was a priority and inquired about the alley cost (approximately \$8,500.00) and indicated that it could possibly be a future project. Council member Whiting asked about other paving that needed attention, including Wood Lane, as did other council members. The development of a paving list was discussed and recommended so that in the future they could be accomplished.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Handley discussed the proclamation for Bonnie Atchison Day and the recognition of her scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup> by the Daughters of the American Revolution for her community service. Also he addressed the work of the Street department on the pavilion to prepare the area for future work. He discussed the Trail project and indicated there were several groups interested in participating. He and Terri Sullivan visited ADECA and spoke with Jim Byard regarding the Shelby County Arts Council and while the city is ineligible to apply since we have an active grant for the Senior Center, other options were discussed.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Joe Schulz reported from the Park & Recreation Board that several lights were out at various locations, including the SportsComplex, Lewis and Bolton fields and the football field. Allen Reynolds will obtain information regarding the cost and logistics of replacement of the lights and discussion ensued regarding equipment necessary to perform the job and possible solutions. Also reported that the concession stand at Bolton field has been broken into several times and solutions were discussed to repair and alleviate that in the future. Joe also indicated the board is short two members due to resignations and they would be meeting on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Council member King asked about the duties of Jeff Jones, contracted by the city for field maintenance, and there was discussion relative to his duties.

Marketing Coordinator Helen Dean noted the following events:

Spotlight on Columbiana at the South Shelby Chamber luncheon, Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>; Shelby County Arts Council's Best BBQ on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, Tasting tickets are \$10.00, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; the Kennel Club is at the Expo Center on Friday and Saturday.

Joe Schulz also reported that April 6<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup> are free days at the landfill.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council member King moved that the meeting be adjourned, Council member Whiting seconded and Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Immediately following the adjournment, Mayor Handley realized that one remaining piece of business had not been addressed and the meeting was called back to order at 7:37 p.m. to address the item.

### **ADDITION TO THE AGENDA – RESOLUTION 04-13-03 PITTS DRIVE SURVEY FOR EASEMENT ALONG EXISTING SIDEWALK**

Council member Whiting moved to add Resolution 04-13-03 to the agenda for immediate consideration. Council member King seconded the motion to add to the agenda. Mayor Handley discussed the purpose of the resolution as it is the last item needed to meet the state's requirements prior to letting the bid for the project. There was some additional discussion regarding the project.

Council member King introduced the following resolution:

### **RESOLUTION 04-13-03**

#### **PITTS DRIVE SURVEY FOR EASEMENT ALONG EXISTING SIDEWALK**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbiana is planning to install a public sidewalk along Pitts Drive, and

**WHEREAS**, in order to install the sidewalk as proposed, due to additional requirements by ALDOT, a permanent easement is necessary, and

**WHEREAS**, the original survey did not include this property, along the City Cemetery, and

**WHEREAS**, the City attorney concurs that this is necessary and recommended to satisfy ALDOT's requirements for this project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, as follows:

1. That additional hourly services under the existing contract with Gresham, Smith and Partners, be authorized in order to complete the survey and that Gresham, Smith and Partners work with the City Attorney to obtain the necessary easements for this project to continue.
2. That the City authorizes up to \$5,500 in additional funds for survey work, acquisition of the necessary documents and coordination with the City and ALDOT, to meet the requirements.
3. That Gresham, Smith & Partners will complete and submit the remaining work in order to meet the May deadline for having the project authorized for construction.

**THEREUPON** Council member Ruston moved and Whiting seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by vote of all members of the Council present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Council member Whiting moved that the meeting be adjourned, Council member King seconded and Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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Stancil Handley, Mayor

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Gina Antolini, MMC, City Clerk