

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
July 18, 2017**

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 July 18, 2017. Mayor Stancil Handley called the meeting to order and asked City Clerk, Mark Frey, to call roll after the invocation and pledge.

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

Absent: Council member Ouida Mayfield  
          The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes 07-11-2017 Regular Meeting
- B. Approval for Stanley Davis representing the Shelby County Quarterback Club to use the Rec Building at no charge on August 19<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Authorization for Chief Lamar Vick to use the credit card for Meals and Accommodations at the Chief's Summer Conference in Orange Beach July 31-Aug 4. Not to exceed \$500.00.
- D. The Columbiana Library Board has appointed Sheila Gallups as interim Library Director until a new Director is hired. They have requested Sheila be temporarily moved from Pay Grade VII Step 4 to Pay Grade VII Step 10 effective on the next pay cycle.
- E. Teres Cowart has completed one year probation and is receiving a 1 step pay increase from Pay Grade IV Step 4 to Pay Grade IV Step 5 effective on the next pay cycle.
- F. Jesse Blackwell has completed one year probation and is receiving a 1 step pay increase from Pay Grade IV Step 5 to Pay Grade IV Step 6 effective on the next pay cycle.
- G. Darrell Sammons has completed one year probation and is receiving a 1 step pay increase from Pay Grade IV Step 5 to Pay Grade IV Step 6 effective on the next pay cycle.
- H. Stephen McDonald is receiving a one-step merit raise moving from Pay Grade V Step 2 to Pay Grade IV Step 6 effective on the next pay cycle.

Council member Whiting made a motion to accept the Consent agenda which was seconded by Council member Ruston and unanimously passed by a vote of all members present.

Mayor Handley welcomed guest Jason and Shannon Buse.

**REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY LIVING QUARTERS**

Jason and Shannon Buse met with the Planning and Zoning Commission last week with a request. They have approximately 13 acres on Mooney Road that is zoned R3. They requested approval from

the Planning and Zoning Commission to have a temporary mobile home on the property while the home is being built. The P&Z Commission stated that this was not allowed in the ordinance and the decision would have to fall to the Council. The Buses' decided to proceed with the building of their garage on the property and live in their garage for approximately a year while they are building their new family home on the property. After discussion all Council members present voted unanimously to approve this temporary living arrangement pending all County inspections and approvals in regards to International Building Codes.

### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Administration** – City Clerk Mark Frey stated that the Shelby County Shindig BBQ competition was a huge success. New Assistant City Clerk, Casey Dooley is learning all of the ins and outs of her new job. Mark will be sending out budget information to all of the City Department Heads in preparation for their FY2018 budget request.
- **Streets and Maintenance** – Allen Reynolds reported that he is still down two employees and with all of the rain, they are having to cut the cemetery every week as well as many other areas all over town. Mayor Handley commended Allen and all of his employees who worked during the Shindig.
- **Police Department** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that he will be attending the summer Police Chief's conference in Orange Beach at the end of the month. Three officers are attending training classes next week and he is working around his departments' vacation schedules. There has been an uptick in drug dealing recently with people from Childersburg and Calera being arrested selling drugs in Columbiana. The Council thanked the Police Department and urged the Chief to keep the pressure on those who want to deal drugs in Columbiana.
- **Fire Department** – Chief Johnny Howard Jr. reported that his guys have been working on pre-fire planning and servicing fire hydrants. Last night Columbiana Fire Department and Calera Fire came together and did a unified training. This was very well received by all involved and they plan on holding more unified trainings with other departments.
- **Environmental Services** – Dale Lucas reported that his guys had set a new manhole for Shelby County on Hwy 70. Dale displayed the Trophy for Best Butts – People's Choice 1<sup>st</sup> Place that was won at last weekend's Shelby County Shindig by the City Chefs. The Council thanked Dale, Mayor Handley and all of the Department Heads that made up the City Chefs cooking team.

Council member Ruston introduced:

### RESOLUTION 07-17-03 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING 2016 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT

**WHEREAS**, the Columbiana City Council has appointed DeLoach, Barber, and Caspers, PC as the City Auditor; and

**WHEREAS**, they have prepared and submitted the audit for fiscal year 2016 to the City Council;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council hereby accepts the audit as prepared and presented to the Council.

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

The Mayor declared the resolution passed.

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017

### **REQUEST FROM ARESA**

The Council discussed a request from the Alabama Retired State Employees' Association request for a one-time lump sum payment as provided by Act 2017-367. Following a discussion, the Council voted 3 to 2 to not consider this request this year but noted that they will be happy to consider similar request in the future.

### **NEW 58INC PROGRAM**

Mayor Handley shared the new partnership between the Greater Shelby Chamber of Commerce and Shelby County. This economic development partnership is a result of efforts mainly between Shelby County and the Greater Shelby County Chamber of Commerce. This partnership is seeking additional strategic partners to assist in commercial and retail recruitment in Shelby County. The Council will consider participation in the strategic partnership during the next Council meeting.

### **ABATEMENT PROPERTY UPDATE**

City Clerk Mark Frey reported that the Stewart abatement was being delayed due to the owner's difficulty in contacting legal counsel to obtain a legal opinion regarding the demo of the property. Mayor Handley stated that he would contact Vicky Smith to see if she can assist Mrs. Hoffer.

Mark also reported that the Buic abatement was progressing as planned. Currently the owner has contracted to have the trailer demolished and the property cleaned. He has confirmed with Shane Merrell that he plans on doing the demo in the next two weeks – weather permitting.

### **SR70 / CR26 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Mayor Handley reported that following his meeting with John Cooper and Jim McClendon as well as CE&I work being performed by Shelby County, the project costs have been reduced to approximately \$395,000. He will be meeting with the property developer to discuss funding options and moving forward.

## OLD MILL SQUARE PROJECT

Mayor Handley showed the Council a project timeline that was provided by the Construction Manager for the Old Mill Square Park and Arts Center. Excluding any unforeseen delays, the building should be completed by the end of 2018.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

- Rence Wilder contacted the Mayor about a citywide fundraiser for Cancer Research. The streets would not be closed for the event, but the Mayor and Council expressed their support and offered the use of the City's pocket park that is located next to Bernie's. The Mayor also mentioned that he and the Council could wait tables or volunteer on that day as well. Details will be forthcoming.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

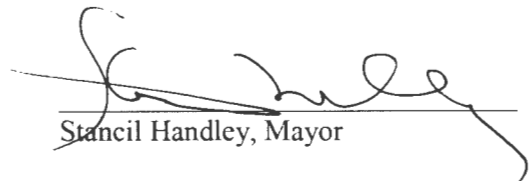
- None.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

There being no further business, Council member Ruston moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Council member Whiting. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

  
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J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

  
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Stencil Handley, Mayor

