

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
April 3, 2018**

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 April 3, 2018. 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
Council member Ouida Mayfield	Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

None

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of Minutes 03-20-2018 Regular Meeting

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

**PRESENTATION – PHILLIP BAHAKEL**

Mayor Handley welcomed Phillip Bahakel, candidate for Circuit Judge of Shelby County. Mr. Bahakel addressed the Council and all in attendance and presented facts about his past employment and experience.

Mayor Handley read the following proclamation:

**SOCIAL WORK MONTH 2018 PROCLAMATION  
“SOCIAL WORKERS: LEADERS. ADVOCATES. CHAMPIONS.”**

**WHEREAS**, the Social Work Profession is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of others and meeting the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in our society;

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers embody this year’s Social Work Month theme, “**Social Workers: Leaders. Advocates. Champions.**”;

**WHEREAS**, the Social Work profession is expected to grow faster than average over the next seven years, with more than 649,000 people expected to be employed as social workers by 2024;

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers are present throughout our society, including the government, schools, universities, social service agencies, communities, the military and in health care and mental health organizations;

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers are the largest group of suppliers of mental health services in the United States and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is one of the largest employers of social workers holding advanced degrees;

**WHEREAS**, Social workers are present in times of crisis, helping people overcome issues such as death and grief and helping people and communities recover from natural disasters such as floods and hurricanes;

**WHEREAS**, the Social Work Profession has helped bring about some of the most profound, positive changes in our society over the past century, including voting rights, improved workplace safety, minimum wage and social safety net programs that help prevent poverty and hunger;

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers continue to engage and bring together individuals, communities, agencies and government to help society solve some of the most pressing issues of the day, including immigration reform, equal rights for all, affordable and good health care and mental health care for all; and protecting the environment;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by America's Social Workers, I, Mayor Stancil Handley proclaim the month of March 2018 as National Social Work Month and call upon all citizens to join the National Association of Social Workers and Shelby County DHR in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

- **Library** – Mayor Handley stated that Sheila Gallups was unable to attend however the plans for the ribbon cutting are being made for the new library space. There are also many events and new programs being implemented. See the library calendar for a full list of programs and events.
- **Administration** – City Clerk Mark Frey stated that he received over two dozen applications for the open position in the front office. Letters are being drafted to be delivered to any businesses in town that have failed to renew their business licenses for 2018. Chief Vick will be delivering. The Old Mill Square project financing is requiring daily effort to make sure everything is ready for both the validation as well as rating call.
- **Streets and Maintenance** – Allen Reynolds reported that there have been a few complaints about Asplundh and the job that they are doing around town. They are working to get everything cleaned up following the ROW clearing project.
- **Environmental Services** – Dale Lucas reported that the new trunk line project has approximately two weeks left until completion. The CDBG project is complete except for some subcontractor work to be completed on Butler Street.
- **Police Department** – Chief Lamar Vick stated that the PD has been working to reduce speeding through many of the congested areas of town including the school zones. He will be receiving ADECA funding that will be used for over time for the officers. They will be setting up check points around town in the coming weeks.
- **Fire Department** – Fire Chief Johnny Howard reported that they were making progress on the fire station. The ladder truck is here, but they are waiting on Scott to letter it. There has been an increase in mutual aid calls recently. There are several vacant buildings in town that could be training opportunities for the FD. Mayor Handley asked the Public Safety Committee to discuss during their next meeting.

**MARKETING REPORT**

Elizabeth Smith reported that the website is being converted now and should be up in the next 24 to 48 hours. April 5-8 will be the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Dog Show at the Exhibition Center. There will be a career fair held at the rec building on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Next Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> grade from Elvin Hill Elementary will be touring the Fire Department, Police Department and City Hall. April 21<sup>st</sup> is the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Touch-A-Truck event sponsored by Edward Jones. May 4<sup>th</sup> is the first Music On Main and everyone is invited.

**DISCUSSION – OLD MILL SQUARE**

Mayor Handley talked to the Council about the Old Mill Square project and started laying out the timeline for the funding of the project.

Council member Mayfield made a motion to set aside the rules and consider Resolution 04-17-03 at its first reading which was seconded by Council member Whiting and passed by a roll call vote of all the members in attendance. The results of the vote were as follows:

	Yea	Nay		Yea	Nay
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>	___

Council member King introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 04-18-03**

**Authorizing Mayor to Sign Notice To Proceed**

**Whereas**, the City of Columbiana recognizes the added benefit of the Old Mill Square project: and

**Whereas**, the City Council of the City of Columbiana did include funding in the City’s 2018FY budget and understands the need to lock in pricing for the steel on the project.

**Now, Therefore**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to sign and execute any and all documents necessary to give a notice to proceed on the project with the understanding that final financing is still in process on said job.

**THEREUPON** Council member Mayfield moved and Council member King seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed unanimously by a roll call vote of all members of the Council and the Mayor declared the same passed.

	Yea	Nay		Yea	Nay
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>	___

Passed, adopted and approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2018.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Handley has spoken with Chad Scroggins about improving the look of the County Highway Department facility on the entrance to town.
- Mayor Handley, Elizabeth Smith and Mark Frey will be attending a meeting with Congressman Garry Palmer to discuss the needs of Columbiana.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

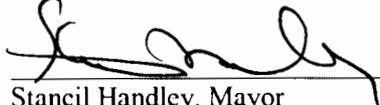
- None

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Premier Buildings is moving out of town, but another company is interested.
- The assistance offered by the City was a huge help for the Owens House.

There being no further business, Council member Whiting moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Council member King. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
 J. Mark Frey City Clerk

  
 Stancil Handley, Mayor

