

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
July 11, 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 11, 2017. This is the first meeting for July due to the July 4th Holiday. 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 Kim King Council member Ouida Mayfield
 Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent: Council member Ricky Ruston
 The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes 06-20-2017 Regular Meeting
- B. Authorization to hire Casey Dooley as the Assistant City Clerk in Training at Pay Grade XI Step 1 starting on 07-10-17.

Council member King made a motion to accept the Consent agenda as corrected which was seconded by Council member Mayfield and unanimously passed by a vote of all members present.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Fire Department** – Chief Johnny Howard Jr. reported that everything was going well with his department.
- **Streets and Maintenance** – Allen Reynolds reported that he was down two employees right now and everyone is struggling to keep up with grass cutting and picking up brush.
- **Police Department** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that everything was good. His department responded to the normal amount of fireworks calls during Independence Day celebrations. There was an extremely large court today due to citations written during the ADECA traffic check program. The Chief will be attending the annual Police Chief's conference in Orange Beach at the end of the month.
- **Environmental Services** – Dale Lucas reported that the Main Street Sewer Project is complete and a pre-construction meeting is planned for the CDBG Sewer Project. There has been a slight delay due to pumps that have been ordered, but not yet received. Dale also still needs a temporary worker for the summer.
- **Library** – Library Director Tom Rary reported that the Summer Reading Program is going good. The next Movie and Pizza event will feature *Fate of the Furious*. Lego Day is coming up and everyone should check the calendar for all of the daily events happening at the Library.
- **Administration** – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that he had met with the Auditor and the Council would be able to look at the 2016FY Audit before the next meeting. He has hired Casey Dooley as Assistant City Clerk in training and the Council recognized her in the audience. Casey thanked the Council for the opportunity. Mark noted that Kathy Corbitt was helping with training in Fran's absence.

Council member King motioned to suspend the regular Council meeting in order to hold a public hearing that was previously continued during the June 6th Council meeting. This motion was seconded by Council member Mayfield and passed by roll call vote of all members present. Mayor Handley called the public hearing to order.

PUBLIC HEARING – STEWART ABATEMENT

Mayor Handley reported that he and Mark Frey met with Kelly Fox earlier today about the Stewart Abatement. After some discussion the Council voted unanimously to allow Mrs. Hoffer, an heir to the property, to speak with Legal Counsel and demolish the property.

Council member Mayfield motioned to continue the hearing until the August 16th regular Council meeting in order to give Mrs. Hoffer time to do the demolition. This was seconded by Council member Whiting and passed by a vote of all members present.

Council member Mayfield motioned to end the public hearing and resume the regular Council meeting which was seconded by Council member Whiting and followed by a unanimous vote of all members present.

Mayor Handley declared the public hearing ended and the regular Council meeting back in session.

OLD MILL SQUARE PROPERTY UPDATE

- Mayor Handley wants to discuss the property line between the City Garage and the Farr/Howard parking lot during the next Council meeting. The property lines need to be defined and he wants Sid Wheeler to assist with this project.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Old Mill Square project is seeing progress. The remains of the old building are being demolished now and the County has agreed to assist with the final block wall demo in the next couple of weeks.
- Columbiana Tractor has hired a new mechanic out of Mississippi.
- Have the TV and new water fountain installed at City Hall.

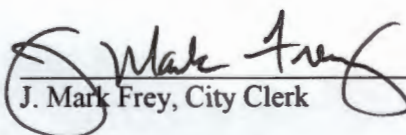
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council member King reported that she has had several complaints about Music on Main not carrying over into July and August.
- Main Street Columbiana is looking for a new Director.
- Council member Mayfield reported that Library Director Tom Rary has resigned and has accepted a job in Hawaii. Tom has done a great job and he will be missed. Mrs. Mayfield also reported that Tom has been training Sheila Gallups how to keep everything going until a new Director can be hired.

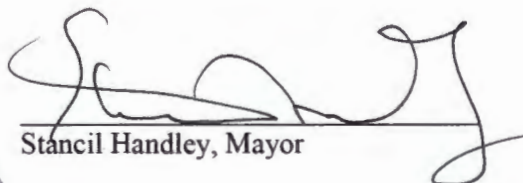
PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

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 7:15 p.m.


J. Mark Frey, City Clerk




Stancil Handley, Mayor