

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
September 4, 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 September 4, 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 AGENGA

- A. Approval of Minutes 08-07-2018 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Request for Rec Building from Bridgetta Haynes for an event on Saturday, Oct 6th

Council member King made a motion to approve the minutes as presented which was seconded by Council member Whiting and followed by a unanimous yes vote of all members present. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Handley read the following proclamation:

FAMILY DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children are our future and society's greatest asset, and committed families shape and guide children by preparing them for obstacles and encouraging them to overcome life's demanding challenges; and

WHEREAS, the cornerstone of an orderly society is the family, but Alabama's families have grown progressively weaker and children are living in a world where TVs, cell phones, and electronic devices have replaced playgrounds and conversation; and

WHEREAS, children who spend significant time with both parents show lower risks of suicide, dropout, teen pregnancy, incarceration, and drug abuse; however, the importance of children having two parents is diminishing in society as approximately 40,000 Alabama children a year experience court ordered visitation with one parent for only two to six days a month; and

WHEREAS, the widespread availability of illegal drugs from outside the state, increased local manufacture of illegal narcotics, and the growing problem of prescription drug abuse, are all contributing factors to the increased drug concerns for Alabamians, especially teenagers; and

WHEREAS, children of concerned and active parents are far less likely to exhibit risky and unhealthy behaviors such as smoking, drinking, or using illegal drugs because of the valuable time spent with parents and the positive examples set by parents, and social scientists agree that shared parenting should be the norm for children of all ages; and

WHEREAS, simple daily activities like sharing a meal, a conversation, or a book can have an enormous impact on the life of a child. Strong and engaged families help build a strong Alabama, and

it is our responsibility as concerned family members to help create a solid foundation for the future health and happiness of all of Alabama's children; and

WHEREAS, Family Day in Alabama has grown to promote the importance of family interaction and connecting with kids throughout the Day/Week, and to stress that children need both parents, and during Family Day/Week we honor the devotion of parents and recognize their critical role in teaching children positive and healthy behaviors; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all Alabamians to visit CASAFamilyDay.org for information on talking with children about the perils of drug use, and we call on community and state leaders to support shared parenting because of its benefits for children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stancil Handley, Mayor of the City of Columbiana, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2018 as **FAMILY DAY** and the week of September 23 through September 29, 2018 as **FAMILY WEEK** and in the City of Columbiana and encourage our citizens to join together in observing this day/week by spending time with their families and by engaging in appropriate ceremonies and activities to honor and strengthen both our city's and state's families.

Stancil Handley, Mayor

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Library** – Sheila Gallups reported that the last bookcase had been installed in the new library area. The library is getting a new copy machine from Berney Office Solutions. The old office area is being converted to a meeting space and is receiving minor sheetrock work and paint. On September 11th @ 5:30 PM the library will hold an event, “Our Quilted Past”.
- **Administration** – Mark Frey reported that he met with the city auditor about requirements of the recent city bond issue. The bond requires two accounts to be set up: 1. Debt Service Fund (trust account) and 2. Acquisition Fund (pass through account). These two new accounts are used to facilitate bond proceeds received as draws are made, and payments for our debt service are processed. The Council affirmed that these two accounts should be set up as authorized with the bond documents.

Mark also reported that he has been working on updating the Trolley route in an effort to get it back on a regular schedule and eliminate much of the backtracking that the drivers have to do.

- **Streets Department** – Allen Reynolds stated that his guys are struggling to keep up with the grass cutting and they are working on the bleachers at the ball field. Towne Creek apartments now have dumpsters and this is making a big difference in the amount of trash cans that are scattered all over their property.
- **Environmental Services** – Dale Lucas reported that they are preparing to clean the diffusers at the plant and have just finished up with most of the cleanup following the sewer project. Dale also noted that there haven't been any overflows since the new main and lift station were brought on line.
- **Police Department** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that his department just completed several details that were funded by a \$4000 ADECA grant. This included extra patrols and traffic stops on Mildred Street as requested during the last Council meeting. Several officers are finishing up with their annual training and this should be completed by the end of November. The Columbiana Drug Task Force is working on several cases.
- **Fire Department** – Assistant Chief Brett Ashworth reported that wrecks and lift assist calls are up right now. The FD is working to complete several maintenance projects by the end of the

fiscal year. October is Fire Prevention Awareness Month and several fire department members are planning to go into the schools for fire safety education.

MERGER OF GREATER SHELBY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND SOUTH SHELBY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The City Council discussed the merger of the Greater Shelby Chamber of Commerce and the South Shelby Chamber of Commerce and support for the future. This will be discussed during the upcoming budget meeting.

JEANETTE NIVEN HOUSE

The City Council discussed the Jeanette Niven House's current use and future opportunities. Following an extensive discussion, the Council all agreed that they would like to explore rental opportunities as the house is being under used.

RENEAU INC – SALES TAX

The City Council set a public hearing for Reneau Inc for the upcoming Council meeting.

HORTON FARM ROAD

The City Council discussed Horton Farm Road and the condition that it was in. At this point there isn't a ROW owned by the City and the County stated that a large amount of chert is needed for this road repair. Chief Howard noted that there appears to only be two citizens on this road.

The Stewart Abatement project is moving slowly with rain delays. The property owner has contracted with Merrell Construction for the demolition.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor met with Dr. Lewis Brooks about the refusal of the bus to use Alabama Avenue and the fact that over twenty students are being picked up and let out on CR 47. The Mayor has not heard back from the school yet, but will report at the next meeting.
- The two Eagle Scout Projects are nearing completion. Isaiah Hockman and Dennison Justice have been raising money and working on their projects. The new trolley stop benches and cemetery improvements are much appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tomorrow morning will be Breakfast with the seniors at the Senior Center.
- The old Pool Hall building is going to have to be abated.
- September 13th is going to be another "Night on the Town" event

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

There being no further business, Council member King moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Council member Ruston. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


J. Mark Frey, City Clerk


Stancil Handley, Mayor

