

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
October 2, 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 October 2, 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 09-17-2018 Council Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes 09-18-2018 Regular Council Meeting
- C. Approval of an education increase for J. Mark Frey for the completion of his Certified Municipal Clerk designation in Feb. 2016, Revenue Officer Certification in Oct. 2016, and Master Municipal Clerk in Aug. 2017 - moving from pay grade XIV Step 6 to Pay Grade XIV Step 9 taking effect on next pay cycle.
- D. Approval for Senior Center Director Alison Payne to receive a 1 step increase moving from pay grade 10 Step 2 to pay grade 10 Step 3 to be effective on next pay cycle.
- E. Approval for Marsha Burns to receive an increase for additional duties including driving the Trolley. Moving from pay grade V Step 1 to pay grade III Step 9 to be effective on next pay cycle. (increased to Trolley Driver Rate)
- F. Authorizing the hiring of Corey Mizzell at Pay Grade IV Step 5 as a Street and Sanitation Worker.

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

REQUEST FROM SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR FOOD TRUCK LOCATION

Mayor Handley reported that the Sheriff has requested permission to allow a food truck to come into the parking lot at the Sheriff's Department on McDow Road once per month. Following a brief discussion, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Sheriff's Office as a designated Food Truck location.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Administration** – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that the City received a check for \$2,049.07 from the League of Municipalities last week. This check represents the City's portion of discovered municipal license fees from insurance companies that was discovered by the League

and remitted to the City. Fran is working three days per week training Kayce Watkins and everything seems to be running smoothly with the training.

- **Library** – Library Director Sheila Gallups reported that she had 30 people attend the most recent story time at the Library. She is hiring Ambry Martin as an additional part time person to fill in. Sheila is planning a Fall Festival at the Library on October 25th from 5-7pm. There will be games, prizes, a bake sale and a costume contest. Check the City’s website for a complete list of events.
- **Streets Department** – Allen Reynolds stated his guys are working to finish the grass cutting and preparing to decorate for fall. The Beautification Board purchased 50 new American Flags for the City and the guys will be replacing many of the worn flags with the new ones. There are still several paving projects that need to be completed. These include: Butler Street, Hughes Street, and Industrial Drive in front of the bus shop. Mayor Handley added that Buie Road will be the next street addressed as soon as funds are available.
- **Sewer** – Dale Lucas reported that everything was running pretty good. The new lift station had an issue on Friday, but the contractor that installed it was able to get it resolved. Since the new main line and pump station have been brought on line, there haven’t been any overflows. RG passed his written CDL exam and Chris Lee will be taking him up to Sumiton for his driving test.
- **Police Department** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that, at the request of the Public Safety Committee, two “NO PARKING” signs were installed on Mildred Street. Following the installation of the new signs, Renee Miller attached balloons to the sign in front of her house and put up a hand-made sign. Chief Vick removed the illegal signs and balloons, at which time Mrs. Miller came to the Police Department and asked Chief Vick for the sign back. Chief Vick explained that it is illegal to attach anything to the City’s poles and stated that the signage was against the City’s sign ordinance. The Chief also noted that derogatory remarks about the police had been written on the sign. It was unclear who wrote the derogatory words on the sign but the signage was not returned to Mrs. Miller.

Officer Peavy was honored during the Greater Shelby County Chamber’s First Responder Awards Ceremony. Chief Vick reported that Officer Peavy was an outstanding officer who was directly responsible for the apprehension of an out-of-state burglary ring that broke into Fred’s Pharmacy.

- **Fire Department** – Chief Johnny Howard Jr. reported that the Fire Department has started their annual Fire Prevention Program at the schools. Jerry Davidson, Jerry Lamb and Mark Robinson are doing a good job promoting fire safety with this program. Jared Hanscom has moved down to fire fighter and Trey Howard has been promoted to Lieutenant over communications.

Two areas that need to be addressed are Buie Rd and Shultz Rd. Both of these roads have low hanging branches that need to be trimmed back in order for the fire trucks to be able to access them without damaging the trucks. Allen Reynolds stated that he would address the low hanging trees. The Firemen are going to be cutting the grass away from the fire plugs to make sure they are accessible. Richard Sutton was recently honored as the Fire Fighter of the Year during the Greater Shelby County Chamber’s First Responder Awards Ceremony.

Council member Ruston introduced:

RESOLUTION 10-18-01

**AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA IN THE
2019 SALES TAX HOLIDAY FOR SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS ITEMS**

WHEREAS, the State Legislature of Alabama passed and the Governor of Alabama has signed into law House of Representatives Bill 436 (HB 436) of the 2012 Regular Session granting municipal governments authority to provide for the exemption of certain covered severe weather preparedness items from the payment of municipal sales tax during a period commencing at 12:01 a.m. Friday, February 22, 2019 and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday, February 24, 2019 under the same terms, conditions and definitions as provided for the state sales tax holiday for such covered items, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Columbiana, Alabama wishes to participate in the State of Alabama Sales Tax Holiday for Severe Weather Preparedness Items beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 22, 2019 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 24, 2019.

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

Section 1. That approval is granted for the exemption of certain covered severe weather preparedness items from the payment of municipal sales tax for the period commencing at 12:01 a.m. Friday, February 22, 2019 and ending at twelve midnight Sunday, February 24, 2019 under the same terms, conditions and definitions as provided for by House Bill 436 of the 2012 Regular Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the Council will consider participation in the State of Alabama Sales Tax Holiday for Severe Weather Preparedness Items on an annual basis.

THEREUPON Council member King moved and Council member Whiting seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by roll call vote of all members of the Council present, 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>	___

ADOPTED this 2nd day of October, 2018.

Council member Mayfield introduced:

RESOLUTION 10-18-02

AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR AUDITING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for the City of Columbiana recognize the value of utilizing an outside private auditing firm to provide supplemental tax auditing and examination services; and

WHEREAS, Rivertree Systems, Inc. will aid the City with doing our due diligence by aiding in discovery and recovery of said licensing and taxes; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council; the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents required to enter a contract with Rivertree Systems, Inc. for the discovery and recovery of

taxes and licenses for the City of Columbiana. Said agreement shall begin the day the contract is signed and end with the term of the current Mayor and Council.

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

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Council member Ruston	<u>X</u>	___	Council member King	<u>X</u>	___
Council member Mayfield	<u>X</u>	___	Mayor Handley	<u>X</u>	___

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SOUTH SHELBY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VACATING THE JEANETTE NIVEN HOUSE

The Council discussed a letter from the South Shelby Chamber of Commerce that notified the City of the Chamber's intent to vacate the Jeanette Niven House at on December 31st, 2018. Following discussion about the repairs that have been done to the house; the Council instructed the Mayor to move forward with the promoting and renting of the Jeanette Niven House.

ABATEMENT OF 108 S MAIN STREET

The Council discussed the condition of the Old Pool Hall building and concerns expressed by the Public Safety Committee. Multiple efforts have been made to get the owner of the building to address these serious safety issues. All efforts have been ignored. Following discussion about the options; the Council decided to have Hand Arendall proceed with the abatement process with hopes that the owner will address the Council's concerns.

RENEAU TAX DELINQUENCY

City Clerk Mark Frey reported that Reneau continues to make progress in remitting the past due sales tax payments. The Council asked the City Clerk to report on their progress during the next Council meeting.

HORTON FARM ROAD

There was nothing new to report. The Council asked to place this on the next agenda.

ONE TIME INCREASE FOR RETIREES

The Council discussed a request from RSA Retirees that requested a onetime payment for retirees and retiree designees. There was discussion in favor and against the proposed resolution. The majority of the Council didn't want to proceed with the resolution for this year, so no motion was made to add this resolution to the next meeting's agenda.

FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor presented an update to the Council on the finances of the City. There were no questions from the Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- October 13th will be the Employee's Appreciation Picnic at the Handley Barn
- The first concrete slab pour on the Old Mill Square is scheduled for the 12th
- October 9th First Baptist Church will have a First Responder's Luncheon from 11:30-1:00
- Tomorrow the Beautification Board will meet and begin decorating downtown for Fall

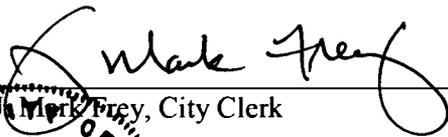
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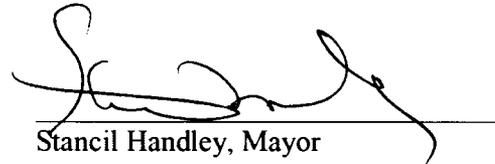
- The 2nd annual Cemetery Walk will be held this Saturday from 5:00 – 7:00 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Teresa Whiting thanked Sheila and the Library for hosting the movie and popcorn at the Juvenile Detention Center.
- The Methodist Church is hosting a Trunk or Treat event on the 16th of October. There will be food, games and candy starting at 7:00 PM.

There being no further business, Council member Whiting 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 7:30 p.m.


Mark Frey, City Clerk


Stancil Handley, Mayor

