

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
December 5, 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 December 5, 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 Barbara Moore Council member Kim King
 Council member Ricky Ruston Council member Ouida Mayfield
 Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent: Council member Leslie Whiting

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes 11-21-2017 Regular Meeting

Council member Ruston 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.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Administration** – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that everything was good at the office. He has been recovering from surgery and all of the City Hall staff had done a great job of picking up the slack during his absence.
- **Library** – Library Director Shelia Gallup’s reported that yesterday was Senior Craft Day and the library was planning to show two Christmas Movies in the next couple of weeks. Sheila stated that she wants to apply for the 2019 LSTA Grant. This grant will expand the Youth Reading Program at the Library.
- **Streets and Maintenance** –Allen Reynolds reported it was business as usual and his department is working to keep up with all of the brush. The Mayor thanked Larry and Gary for painting the new crosswalk on Industrial.
- **Environmental Services** – Dale Lucas reported that the Depot and Butler Street sewer projects are almost complete. Dale reported that he has hired a full time employee, Robert Glen Clark, as a general laborer.
- **Police Department** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that his department has been working to wrap up certifications by the end of the year. He noted that there have been several burglaries around town. The Vershot Cemetery sign was stolen, but it has been recovered and an arrest is pending. There was also a burglary at Fred’s Pharmacy. Officers Perry and Morgan were able to apprehend two subjects fleeing the scene. The Bernie’s burglary suspect was also apprehended.

The new police vehicle has been ordered and should be here in 60-90 days.

- **Fire Department** – Fire Chief Johnny Howard Jr. reported that one of the fire trucks that has been out of commission has been repaired and is back in service. The overhead doors at the Fire Station have been repaired and everything is running smoothly.

MARKETING REPORT

Elizabeth Smith reported the following:

The annual Christmas Tour of Homes was a huge success and the new City website will be going live in January.

- This Thursday will be the annual Columbiana Christmas Parade – Grand Marshal Bonnie Atchison
- This weekend Elf The Musical will be performed at the High School
- The Methodist Church will be using the Trollies for caroling on the 9th
- Merchant’s Night on the Town will be on the 14th
- The Holly Jolly Trolley tour will be held on the 14th and 15th
- Santa will be on a fire truck in town on the 22nd at 6:00PM

Council member Mayfield introduced:

RESOLUTION 12-17-01

AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTING THE AWARD OF THE LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA) GRANT FROM THE ALABAMA PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Columbiana Public Library had the opportunity to apply for grant funding through the Alabama Public Library Service for a Library Technology and Automation Grant, and

WHEREAS, Library Director Sheila Gallups submitted a grant application to the Alabama Public Library Service, and Mrs. Gallups received notification of the award of a grant, for collection development. The LSTA funds total \$7,000.00, with a local match of \$1,750.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbiana City Council hereby authorizes the payment of the \$1,750 local match funds for said LSTA Grant to be included in the FY2019 year Library budget and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the contract by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept on file by the City Clerk.

THEREUPON Council member King moved and Council member Ruston 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.

Adopted this 5th day of December, 2017

DISCUSSION – POE PROPERTY ON HWY 25 W

The Council discussed the Poe Property and location being prepared by Terry and Tina Poe on Hwy 25 West. The property has been cleaned and the Council agreed to allow temporary power to be authorized until May 31. During the duration of this agreement, the City will have in place, a Power of Attorney allowing the City to be able to terminate the electrical power at any time.

DISCUSSION – LIBRARY EXPANSION BUILDOUT

The Council discussed the new part of the Harrison building that has been renovated and turned over to the Library. They are getting quotes for shelving and other furniture. There are also chairs stored at 110 Mildred Street that may be able to be refurbished and used.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS – CEC EMERGENCY PLANNING

Mayor Handley stated that the Community Education Center has hired additional staff and they are at 80 employees and 650 residents. The Fire Department is planning an emergency exercise to ensure that Fire Department Staff are prepared to coordinate with CEC employees in case of an emergency.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS – TRAM RENTAL

The Council discussed an event that is being held at Oak Island with Senator Jim McClendon. They have requested that the City Trams be rented for \$100 each to transport people during the event. The Mayor recused himself from the vote due to having an interest in Oak Island. All of the Council present voted unanimously to allow the rental of the trams.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Local Kitchen and Ale is opening on December 8th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council member Moore stated that the Church of the Nazarene would have their annual Live Nativity Scene set up on College Street
- Keep the Green, Smith and DeLoach families in your thoughts and prayers due to the loss of loved ones.

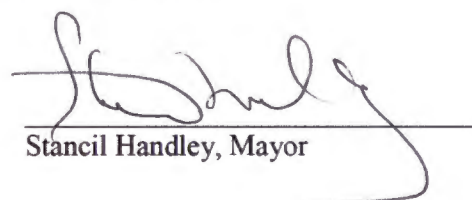
PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

There being no further business, Council member Ruston 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 7:08 p.m.



J. Mark Frey, City Clerk



Stancil Handley, Mayor

