

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
April 16, 2019**

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. on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. Mayor Stancil Handley called the meeting to order and asked City Clerk, Charlene Tucker 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 that a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes 3-19-19 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes 4-2-19 Regular Council Meeting
- C. Approval of Check Registers for March 20, April 1 and April 10, 2019 Accounts Payable Batches
- D. Authorizing an increase for RG Clark with the Sewer Department for acquiring his Class B Commercial Driver's License. Moving from Pay Grade V Step 7 to Pay Grade V Step 9, effective on next pay cycle.
- E. Approval for City Clerk Charlene Tucker to use the city credit card for AMROA (Alabama Municipal Revenue Officers Association) training on April 3-5 in Tuscaloosa. Costs for registration and meals not to exceed \$250.
- F. Recommendation from the Columbiana Housing Authority and Director Peggy Horton for the Appointment of Kim Hankins as the Resident Commissioner to the Columbiana Housing Board. Her term will expire on 10-17-2023.
- G. Authorizing a one-step merit increase for Sandra Crumpton with the Senior Center. Moving from Pay Grade IV Step 1 to Pay Grade IV Step 2, effective on next pay cycle.
- H. Authorizing a one-step merit increase for Donna Higgins with the Senior Center. Moving from Pay Grade V Step 1 to Pay Grade V Step 2, effective on next pay cycle.

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Admin** – City Clerk Charlene Tucker reported that everything is going good at City Hall. She went to Revenue training a couple of weeks ago and is working with Liz Taylor on business licenses and sales tax remittances.
- **Street** – Allen Reynolds reported that his department has been cleaning the cemetery for Easter. They have been busy cutting grass and putting up the Easter egg tree on Main Street.

- **Environmental** – Dale Lucas reported that the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention report is finished and ready to be sent to the state. Sewer lines have been put in at Freeman Estates and the empty lot by Dr. Thornburg’s vet clinic. Everything is going good at the wastewater plant.
- **Planning & Zoning** – Dale Lucas reported that he has receive a lot of calls about property and zoning. The sewer should be complete at Springs Crossing the first of next month and they have been working on the lift station.
- **Library** – Shelia Gallups reported that they have ten new hotspots for patrons to check out. Homeschool and high school art is being displayed at the library until the 26th. She is working on the summer reading calendar.
- **Police** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that his department served fourteen felony warrants and six people, mostly drug charges. They have arrested five of the six people. The executed a search warrant on Egg and Butter Road and they collected drugs, guns and cash. There was a theft from a storage buildings on Sterrett and Thompson streets and a suspect was arrested today.
- **Fire** – Chief Johnny Howard, Jr. reported that his department has had sixteen active calls between Saturday night and today. There were eighty-five people logged in the storm shelter over the weekend. There were lots of trees down during the storm. There was a large tree down on Highway 25 and Washboard Road. His department used the aerial truck to get it out of the road and the road was cleared in 45 minutes. They responded to several mutual aid calls from other cities. The AEDs are being sent to city buildings in the next two weeks. Brett will train employees after those have been installed in the buildings. The training is open to the public but employees will be trained first. His department has done several inspections including the new gas station by Dr. Nettles’ office, the Courthouse and Kevin Ricke’s property for the haunted house (old ECA property). Touch a Truck was a huge success.

DISCUSSION – Auditing Services for Sales Tax & Business Licenses

City Clerk Charlene Tucker and Revenue Officer Liz Taylor met with a company that audits businesses in Columbiana to verify that they are remitting the correct amounts for sales tax and that they are reporting the correct amount for business licenses. This company will come into the city and go into businesses to audit the records. They have a set hourly rate but the city will tell them how much time to spend on an audit and what to specifically look for. Council was concerned about the reluctance of businesses to allow access to their books.

Council Member Ruston introduced:

RESOLUTION 04-19-01

AMENDING THE FY 2019 BUDGET TO INCREASE THE CITY PORTION OF HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council has approved a beginning budget for FY 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council passed Ordinance No. 03-09-01 on March 19, 2019 to increase the city’s portion of health insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the City Council to approve a budget that is consistent with the revenue and expenditures reflecting their priorities for the City of Columbiana; and

WHEREAS, the expenditures referenced above requires an amendment to the FY 2019 budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council hereby amends the Fiscal Year 2019 budget for each department as follows for the city's increased portion of health insurance premiums:

Administration	\$5171.76	Sewer	\$932.58
Library	\$1827.54	Street & Sanitation	\$6104.34
Police	\$10,654.38		

This also authorizes the City Clerk/Treasurer to update the line accounts listed above for the FY 2019 budget.

THEREUPON Council Member Whiting moved and Council Member King 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. Results of the vote:

	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 16th day of April, 2019.

Council Member Ruston introduced:

**RESOLUTION 04-19-02
MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM**

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Columbiana, Alabama wishes to inform the Department of Environmental Management that the following actions were taken by the City Council at a regular meeting held on April 16, 2019.

1. Reviewed the MWPP Annual Report which is attached to this resolution.
2. Set forth the following actions and schedule necessary to maintain effluent requirements contained in the NPDES Permit, and to prevent the bypass and overflow of raw sewage within the collection system or at the treatment plant.
 - a. We will continue using methods such as television inspections and smoke testing to begin repair and rehabilitation of the old lines.
 - b. Continued program of cleaning, root control and TV inspections to prevent buildups in the system and increase the capacity for handling the additional inflow during flooding.
 - c. Continued preventative maintenance of pump stations and acquire additional standby pumps for use in emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Columbiana does adopt the above actions into its Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program. The motion was made by Council Member Mayfield and seconded by Council Member Ruston and passed unanimously by a vote of the Council.

	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 16th day of April, 2019.

DISCUSSION – OTHER CITY BUSINESS

- Personnel at Rescue is asking for new A/C units for the building. The Mayor is waiting on a report from Nelson Heating and Cooling and will report back to council.
- The Mayor attended a meeting this morning and police jurisdictions were mentioned. We currently provide fire and police services to citizens and business that are in our police jurisdiction but do not collect sales tax or issue business license to those businesses. This will be discussed at a later date with council, police and fire personnel.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Brownfield, a division of ADEM, toured the city yesterday. They look at areas that have had contamination, do an assessment on the property and bring the property up to code. Their mission is to revitalize closed businesses.
- The Mayor's breakfast with the merchants is tomorrow morning at 8:30 am at the Senior Center.
- The Mayor thanked the fire department for their participation at Touch a Truck.
- The spring carnival is set up at the Courthouse overflow parking area and is starting tonight through Saturday night. This is through the Kiwanis Club.
- Master's General Store is moving into the old eye doctor location on Main Street and turning it into a real old fashioned general store. They are keeping the building across the street from City Hall for their homemade soaps and boutique items.
- Update on the abatement on Highway 47: Ms. Hofer contacted the mayor and she wants to tear the house down herself instead of it being abated. She asked the mayor if she could have more time to do this and the mayor agreed to give her more time to get everything in order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

There being no further business, Council Member Ruston moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Council Member Whiting. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



Stancil Handley, Mayor

