

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
April 6, 2021**

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 6, 2021. Mayor David Mitchell called the meeting to order and asked City Clerk, Charlene Tucker, to call roll after the invocation and pledge.

Present:

Council Member Karen Lilly	Council Member Ashley Phillips
Council Member Vickie Mizzell	Mayor David Mitchell
Council Member Kim King	

Absent:

Council Member Ricky Ruston

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes 3-16-21 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes 3-31-21 Council Work Session

Council Member Phillips made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, which was seconded by Council Member King and followed by a unanimous show of hands vote of all members present. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Fire – Johnny Howard, Jr. reported the following:

- There has been no loss time injuries for FY2021 to date.
- Current budget is on track for FY2021 to date.
- No changes in staffing.
- No changes in vehicle fleet.
- Routine Maintenance has been performed on Apparatus
- EMS Training is complete
- New Business inspections are complete for the trophy shop on Main Street and the Metal Art business on Highway 25
- Aging fleet – Down an admin vehicle. First out engine 12 years old.
- Facility – Possible second location in discussion.

Library – Shelia Gallups reported the following:

- Some people are getting a little lax with their masks but I think that is everywhere. We are not as concerned since we are wearing ours masks and have the sneeze guards. Few patrons are not wearing a mask when they come in but not concerned about it.

- Budget is on track.
- We are back to having backup on staffing.
- We are gradually picking up on patrons coming in to browse. We have noticed this in more in children's area.
- We are planning on having live summer reading programs unless something happens to change that.

Environmental – Dale Lucas reported the following:

- No injuries during this fiscal year.
- Our current budget is on track.
- We are currently at full staff.
- All the office buildings are in good shape. We have in the budget to build an equipment storage building.
- We are currently working on upgrading some of our collection system.
- The pista grit has been repaired at the plant. We are still waiting on the company to install the flow meter.
- We are still working on continuing education hours.
- We are working with ALDOT on permits for the Highway 25 sewer project.
- During the tornado, two lift stations went down while the power was out. We had a pump truck to keep those running until the power came back on. We are in the process of getting a generator for back-up.

Senior Center – Ali Payne reported the following:

- Staff CPR recertification needed for two employees
- Delivering 50 Meals a day. 1150 meals served in March
- We will open on April 12th with restrictions.
- Entry Doors need to be sanded and stained

Board Reports

Council Member Phillips made a motion to re-appoint Ricky Ruston to the Recreation Board for a term to expire April 5, 2026. Council Member Lilly seconded the motion and there was a unanimous show of hands vote of all members present.

Council Member King made a motion to appoint Allen Reynolds to replace Stancil Handley on the Columbiana Water Board for a term to expire July 17, 2026. Council Member Phillips seconded the motion and there was a unanimous show of hands vote of all members present.

The Beautification Board met on April 5 and they have scheduled a clean-up day for June 12. This is before Liberty Day. They will also have a Liberty Day pageant. The Board is bringing back the Tour of Homes and have three homes registered so far. They need a total of six homes. If anyone is interested in having their home on the tour, contact Kim King or a member of the Beautification Board.

A Planning and Zoning update was given by Dale Lucas. There are two new businesses that are coming into the Phobia Factory building and the old skating rink. Both are indoor storage businesses. Due to the tornado, building permits can be submitted and will not be held waiting on business licenses.

Mayor Mitchell introduced:

**RESOLUTION 04-21-01
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 6, 2021.

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 King and seconded by Council Member Mizzell and passed unanimously by a vote of the Council.

	Yea	Nay		Yea	Nay
Council Member Lilly	<u> x </u>	___	Council Member King	<u> x </u>	___
Council Member Mizzell	<u> x </u>	___	Council Member Phillips	<u> x </u>	___
Council Member Ruston	<u>absent</u>	___	Mayor David Mitchell	<u> x </u>	___

Mayor Mitchell introduced:

**RESOLUTION 04-21-02
AMENDING THE FY 2021 BUDGET**

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WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has, and will continue to, accumulate overtime for debris removal; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has a need for outside assistance with large debris removal; 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 2021 budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council hereby amends the Fiscal Year 2021 budget for each department as follows:

	Salary Line Item
Street	\$20,000.00
Sanitation	\$20,000.00

Street – \$110,000.00 – Tornado Expense Line Item

This also authorizes the City Clerk/Treasurer to update the line accounts listed above for the FY 2021 budget.

THEREUPON Council Member King moved and Council Member Phillips 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 Lilly	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	Council Member King	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Mizzell	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	Council Member Phillips	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
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Council Member Ruston	<u>absent</u>	<u> </u>	Mayor Mitchell	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

Mayor Mitchell introduced:

**ORDINANCE NO. 04-21-03
AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, Highpointe Partners LLC has filed a petition with the City of Columbiana, Alabama, as required by §§ 11-42-20 and 11-42-21, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, petitioning and requesting that the property hereinafter described be annexed to the municipality of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, which petition contained an accurate description of the property proposed to be annexed together with a map of the said property showing its relationship to the corporate limits of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, and the signatures of all of the owners of the property described were signed thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City of Columbiana, Alabama, does adopt this Ordinance assenting to the annexation of the following described property to the municipality of the City of Columbiana:

See attached Exhibits

2. That the corporate limits of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, be extended and rearranged so as to embrace and include such property, and such property shall become a part of the corporate area of such municipality upon the date of publication or posting of this Ordinance, as provided for in the Code of Alabama as cited above.

3. That the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this Ordinance, including an accurate description of the property being annexed, together with a map of the said property showing its relationship to the corporate limits of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, to which said property is being annexed, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama.

4. That the Zoning Map of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, and any other official maps or surveys of the City shall be amended to reflect the annexation of the above-described property, and that a copy of this Ordinance be transmitted to the City Planning Commission.

THEREUPON Council Member Phillips moved and Council Member King seconded the motion that said ordinance be given vote, and said ordinance passed by show of hands 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 Lilly	<u> x </u>	___	Council Member King	<u> x </u>	___
Council Member Mizzell	<u> x </u>	___	Council Member Phillips	<u> x </u>	___
Council Member Ruston	<u>absent</u>	___	Mayor Mitchell	<u> x </u>	___

Discussion – Other City Business

Mundy Motors/Columbiana Tractor was granted a six month extension for the mobile office located on the Highway 25 Bypass.

Mayor’s Report

- There was tremendous support during the tornado from our first responders, community and volunteers.
- There has been no federal disaster declared to date. The state declared a state of emergency. Shelby County has been supportive and have active the ACCA (Association of County Commissions of Alabama) contract for debris removal and have waived the landfill charges for the city. City employees are working overtime to clear debris.
- Alabama Power, AT&T, Red Cross, faith based organizations, Shelby County EMA and State of Alabama EMA have all been fast to respond to the needs in our city.
- We are waiting on the uninsured amount reported to Shelby County. If this amount is \$750,000 or more, the Governor will ask the President to declare a disaster. After that, FEMA could reimburse for expenses and could possibly set up temporary housing.
- The City is in the process of signing a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for debris removal.
- The Christ in Action organization will be coming into the city to help citizens with debris removal. This group can go onto private property, with the owner’s permission, and move debris to the right of way.

- Columbiana, Ohio reached out to help. Their Chamber of Commerce is doing a fundraiser for our city.

Announcements

- COVID Vaccination Clinics at Old Mill Square Park on Monday, April 5th; Tuesday, April 6th; Wednesday, April 7th; Thursday, April 8th; Thursday, April 15th; Monday, April 26th; Tuesday, April 27th; and Wednesday, April 28th. Appointments are available for those 16 and older. To schedule an appointment go to shelbyal.com and click on COVID-19 Information.
- Tuesday, April 6th the Shelby County Arts Council Presents Allen Tolbert Unit and Bluegrass Jam at Old Mill Square. This is a free concert. Taco Magic food truck will be set up.
- Thursday April 8th Christ in Action to bring heavy equipment to Columbiana Baptist Church and Columbiana United Methodist Church.
- Sunday, April 11th Shelby County Arts Council presents Choko Aiken Matinee Jazz
- Monday, April 12th 6:00 Park and Rec Board Meeting
- Tuesday, April 13th 5:30 Water Board Meeting
- Thursday, April 15th Planning and Zoning Meeting
- Saturday, April 17th Shelby County Arts Council presents Find Your Voice Workshop with Lindsay Benedict.
- Saturday, April 24th Arts on Main 10:00am to 7:30pm. This is a partnership between Columbiana Main Street and Shelby County Schools. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Shelby County Arts Council.

Public Comments

Chris Zitzmann with Christ in Action spoke about their organization. They are based in Virginia and are partnering with the First Baptist Church, United Methodist Church and the Baptist Association to help citizens with tree removal and home demolition, if needed.

Dale Lucas recognized Ali Payne for her hard work during the tornado relief.

Susan Conn reminded everyone that the dog show is this week at the Exhibition Center.

Vickie Mizzell asked for an update on the Public Works building. The Mayor reported that he has a meeting with an architect tomorrow and they will be looking at the cost for several options.

The Mayor reported that a Main Street Director has been hired and she will start on May 3.

Council Member Lilly brought up several issues at a work session and the Mayor asked her to give a report on those. Council Member Lilly reported that storm shelters are needed on Highway 47. There is an old building by Union Baptist Church that needs to be torn down and the storm shelters can go there. There is a need for garbage cans at the basketball court by Union Baptist Church along with more basketball goals. There is also a need for more lighting in neighborhoods.

There being no further business, Council Member Mizzell moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Council Member Lilly. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Mitchell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



David Mitchell, Mayor

