

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
December 1, 2020**

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, December 1, 2020. Mayor David Mitchell called the meeting to order and asked City Clerk, Charlene Tucker, to call roll after the invocation and pledge by Boy Scout Troop 560.

Present:

Council Member Karen Lilly
Council Member Vickie Mizzell
Council Member Ricky Ruston

Council Member Kim King
Council Member Ashley Phillips
Mayor David Mitchell

Absent:

None

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes 11-17-20 Regular Council Meeting

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 have been no loss time injuries for FY2021 to date.
- Current budget is on track for FY2021 to date.
- Department is down 10 personnel slots and applications are currently being accepted and reviewed.
- Current facility was constructed in 1995 and continuous maintenance will need to be addressed. Due to population/housing increase, a second station is needed on the West side of the city.
- Newest suppression apparatus is a 2009 year model with the second newest being a 2001 year model. National data suggests the average lifespan of a front line fire apparatus should not extent 10 years. Currently down 2 administrative vehicles.
- Due to the very nature of firefighting, tools and equipment need constant replacement. Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) as well as PPE are on a rotating replacement plan. Approximately 10 SCBA's are due for replacement and 5 sets of PPE are purchased yearly to retire older/ worn sets.
- Dedicated group of volunteers

- Columbiana Fire Department holds an ISO rating of 3
- Communication system is among the best in the nation
- With proper staffing, the opportunity for community outreach would increase the safety and well-being of our citizens
- Adding a second station would not only aid in recruitment and retention of staff, but would also allow for improved fire protection to our community
- Daily staffing- the duties of the Columbiana Fire Department are a 24/7 commitment. Not only in responding to emergencies but also includes building inspections and code enforcements along with actively educating the public. In the current format of volunteer only personnel, the duties are often delayed in serving the citizens. Adding addition weekday personnel would ensure the timely delivery of services.
- Aging fleet- Our first line apparatus are currently 10 years or older. Over the last 50 years, Columbiana Fire Department has been on a 10 year replacement plan for apparatus. No plan for replacement was entertained by the prior administration. The department will be in need of a pumper in the very near future and is also down two staff vehicles which limits our ability to conduct daily operations.
- Facility- With our current stations being 25 years old, constant maintenance is required. Due to space limitations and better serving a growing community with new housing, a second station is necessary on the West side of the city. We currently have all necessary apparatus to house and provide services for the new facility.

Library – Shelia Gallups reported the following:

- Everyone wears masks and sanitizes hands when entering library
- Below budget for the month of October.
- All shifts are covered at this time
- Gradually improving since we are open for the public to browse our shelves now and will be offering Storytime again starting Nov. 19th.
- We were awarded \$9000 of the \$10,000 LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) Collection Development Grant applied for from (APLS) Alabama Public Library Services
- As Covid gets better so should visits to the library

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.
- Our vehicle fleet is in good shape and up to date.
- There is some equipment we have scheduled for repair at the treatment plant. The collections system is in need of updating.
- We are still working on continuing education hours. We are working on getting an employee certified through ADEM for the collection system.
- The yearly plant inspection report from ADEM was good and there were no violations.
- We have one employee scheduled for the collection system test on December 29th.
- Bringing all of our staff up to a competitive pay scale so we are not a training facility.

Planning Commission Appointments

The Planning Commission is appointed by the Mayor. Mayor Mitchell made the following appointments:

- Re-appointing Ryan Tallie – term to expire November 19, 2025
- Appointing Karen Lilly – term is ex-officio
- Re-appointing Charlene Tucker – term is ex-officio
- Appointing Scott Owen – term to expire December 1, 2026

Council Member King made a motion to approve the appointments which was seconded by Council Member Ruston and followed by a unanimous show of hands vote of all members present.

Beautification Board Appointments

The Beautification Board is appointed by Council and the following appointments were made:

- Appointing Kim King – term to expire October 1, 2023
- Appointing Susan Conn – term to expire October 1, 2022
- Appointing Jonathan Harrison – term to expire October 1, 2023
- Appointing Hope Finley – term to expire October 1, 2023
- Appointing – term to expire October 1, 2022

Council Member Mizzell made a motion to approve the appointments which was seconded by Council Member Phillips and followed by a unanimous show of hands vote of all members present.

Library Board Appointments

The Library Board is appointed by Council and the following appointments were made:

- Appointing Karen Lilly – term to expire October 1, 2024
- Re-appointing Beth Strickland – term to expire October 1, 2022
- Re-appointing Twyla Fryer – term to expire October 1, 2023
- Appointing Teresa Whiting – term to expire October 1, 2021

Council Member Ruston made a motion to approve the appointments which was seconded by Council Member Phillips and followed by a unanimous show of hands vote of all members present.

Recreation Board Appointments

The Recreation Board is appointed by Council and the following appointments were made:

- Re-appointing Richard Sutton – term to expire April 5, 2022
- Appointing Ashley Phillips – term to expire December 1, 2023
- Re-appointing Andrew Lewter – term to expire April 5, 2024
- Re-appointing Ali Payne – term to expire April 5, 2025

Council Member Ruston made a motion to approve the appointments which was seconded by Council Member King and followed by a unanimous show of hands vote of all members present.

Discussion – Other City Business

The following announcements were made:

- Business License renewal notices will be mailed no later than December 15.
- The Police Department is sponsoring their first annual Candy Cane Buddies program to help parents that need assistance with Christmas. Candy canes can be picked up now and parents will pick presents up on December 20.
- The Senior Center is delivering 50 meals each week day to the homebound in Columbiana. They have stopped Coffee on the Patio and Picnics on Friday for now because Shelby County is red on the COVID map.
- The fire department is currently taking applications for volunteer firefighter positions.

Mayor's Report

- 100 – Day Plan
 - Posted on City Website
- Boards and Commissions
 - Two incorporated Boards have vacancies
 - Public Park and Recreation Board (Cooperative District)
 - Cultural Facilities Cooperative District of the City of Columbiana
- Policies and Procedures
 - Lengthy process will extend well into next year
- Website Enhancement
 - In-work
- Visioning, Strategic Planning and Economic Development
 - Preliminary discussions with 58 Inc., Main Street Alabama, Planning Commission
- Budgeting and Financial Reporting
 - Monthly budget reports posted on City Website
- Selection of Chief of Police
 - Interviews scheduled

Announcements

Dec 4

- ***Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting***
 - 5:00 PM Food Trucks and Carols at Old Mill Square Park
 - 6:00 PM Dream Makers Dancers at Old Mill Square Amphitheater
 - 6:30 PM Parade Line Up at Shelby County License Office
 - 7:00 PM Christmas Parade on Main Street – Grand Marshal is Ouida Mayfield
 - 7:30 PM (When parade ends) Tree Lighting and Carols at Old Mill Square Park

Dec 5

- ***SCAC Artist Market at the Grande Hall***
 - 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Dec 9

- *Shelby County Mayors' Association Luncheon*
 - Grande Hall, Old Mill Square

Dec 12

- *Santa on Main*
 - 8:00 AM – 10:30 Breakfast at Fat Johnny's
 - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Shopping
 - 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Santa in front of the Shelby County Museum

Dec 18

- *Columbiana Merchants Ladies Night*
 - 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM Shopping and Games

Public Comments

Shelia Gallups asked about decorating the City's Christmas tree. Kim King responded that the tree will be decorated tomorrow at 1:30 pm and that everyone is invited to come and help.

There being no further business, Council Member Ruston moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Council Member Mizzell. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



David Mitchell, Mayor

