

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
Tuesday, December 29, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met for a Work Session in the Council Chambers of Columbiana City Hall, Tuesday, December 29, 2020. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**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

**Discussion – Southeast Shelby Emergency Medical Services District**

Council discussed the upcoming election to establish a medical services district on January 26, 2021 at the Shelby County Exhibit Center. Mayor Mitchell asked Johnny Howard, Jr. to give information received at the fire chiefs meeting regarding this election. The election does not include anyone in the city limits of Columbiana. SE Shelby Emergency Medical wants to discuss a city contract. Mayor Mitchell will discuss this option with SE Shelby and others.

**Discussion – Annexation on Highway 343**

Council discussed the potential annexation of property on Highway 343. The city may take ownership of a portion of Highway 343 and maintain it. This will be voted on at a later date.

**Discussion – Annexation on Joinertown Road & Highway 331**

Council discussed property that is already in city limits and potentially annexing in more property, at the owner's request. This is seven miles outside of city limits. Fire protection is only five miles outside of city limits. This property would not have city sewer. This will be voted on at a later date, if the property owner makes the request.

**Discussion – Potential Public Works Facility & Fire Station**

Council discussed two potential locations for a public works facility and second fire station. This will be one building, housing both departments. The city is getting quotes for repairs and/or buildings on each site. This will be brought to council at a later date when more information is received.

**Discussion – Organizational Alignment**

The Mayor will evaluate roles, responsibilities and requirements of positions and will discuss with council at a later date.

**Discussion – Policy and Procedure**

Council discussed the need to update and/or create various city policies. The policy committee will meet and work on the pay scale, employee performance evaluations, purchasing and travel policies.

**Discussion – Debt Re-Funding**

Council discussed the possible refinancing of existing debt to lower current payments. The Mayor is waiting on information from the city auditor and city attorney. This will be brought to council at a later date to refinance.

**Discussion – Integrated Five Year Plan**

Council discussed the budget process, the city's vision, strategic plan and economic development.

**Discussion – Old Mill Square Events**

Council discussed various events at Old Mill Square. Council Member King gave information for a Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band concert in August. There would be two shows allowing 350 people in each show. She is looking at sponsors for this event. If it is a success, this could be a quarterly event with different bands and

genres of music. Council Member King will get more information and this will be brought to council at a later date.

**Discussion – Jeanette Niven House**

Council discussed the cost to maintain the Jeanette Niven House versus the benefit. The Mayor is looking at the disposal options. This will be brought to council at a later date.

**Discussion – CARES Act Funding**

Council discussed the CARES Act Funding from the state for COVID-19 related items. City Clerk Charlene Tucker gave an update on the amount of money allotted to the city and how much has been spend. All reimbursement requests have been submitted to the state and the city is waiting on those reimbursements.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Council Member Ruston made the motion to adjourn and Council Member Lilly seconded the motion which was followed by a vote of members present to adjourn. Mayor Elect Mitchell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



David Mitchell, Mayor

