

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
December 3, 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, December 3, 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 Ouida Mayfield
Council Member Kim King
Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

None

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes 11-19-19 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Check Registers for November 20, 2019 Accounts Payable Batches

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Library** – Shelia Gallups gave Council the December calendar for the Library and highlighted several events. Attendance at the Library will pick up after school gets out for Christmas break.
- **Environmental** – Dale Lucas reported that the pressure relief valves have been replaced at Cornerstone Christian School. Sewer lines have been run in Springs Crossings, Sector 2. They will be working on the storm drain next week. His department was budgeted for a small work truck. He found a used truck under budget and was able to get the City decals on the truck, a tool box and still have money left over.
- **Planning & Zoning** – Dale Lucas reported that lots of houses are being built. He has been working with Taco Bell on the drive thru signs and large sign out front. The new Mexican restaurant by the high school is open.
- **Street** – Allen Reynolds reported that his department has been busy decorating and getting ready for the Christmas parade. The Christmas tree for Main Street is up and decorated. They have been busy vacuuming leaves out of the gutters. They are working on getting the lights at the Sports

Complex on McDow Road replaced with LED lights. This will save money in the future. They will start with the walking track and parking lot at the Sports Complex and do others later.

- **Fire** – Chief Johnny Howard, Jr. reported that they have received some minor calls. His department is getting ready for the Christmas parade and finishing up training for the year.
- **Police** – Lieutenant Jeff Bowers reported that his department has increased patrols throughout subdivisions and all neighborhoods. They are asking residents to lock their car doors. During the holiday season there are a lot of thefts from unlocked cars. Their department raised \$1465.00 for No Shave November benefiting the Wings of Hope Pediatric Foundation. Lt. Bowers is waiting on training schedules from vendors so the department can start scheduling those.
- **Admin** – City Clerk Charlene Tucker reported that she and Kayce Watkins will be going to the clerk’s conference tomorrow for election training. Liz Taylor is sending out business license renewal notices next week. One of the heating units has been replaced at City Hall.

Council Member Ruston Introduced:

RESOLUTION 12-19-01

AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA IN THE 2020 SALES TAX HOLIDAY FOR SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS ITEMS

WHEREAS, the State Legislature of Alabama passed and the Governor of Alabama has signed into law House of Representatives Bill 436 (HB 436) of the 2012 Regular Session granting municipal governments authority to provide for the exemption of certain covered severe weather preparedness items from the payment of municipal sales tax during a period commencing at 12:01 a.m. Friday, February 21, 2020 and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday, February 23, 2020 under the same terms, conditions and definitions as provided for the state sales tax holiday for such covered items, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Columbiana, Alabama wishes to participate in the State of Alabama Sales Tax Holiday for Severe Weather Preparedness Items beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 21, 2020 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 23, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama as follows:

Section 1. That approval is granted for the exemption of certain covered severe weather preparedness items from the payment of municipal sales tax for the period commencing at 12:01 a.m. Friday, February 21, 2020 and ending at twelve midnight Sunday, February 23, 2020 under the same terms, conditions and definitions as provided for by House Bill 436 of the 2012 Regular Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the Council will consider participation in the State of Alabama Sales Tax Holiday for Severe Weather Preparedness Items on an annual basis.

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.

	Yea	Nay		Yea	Nay
Council Member Whiting	<u> X </u>	___	Council Member Mayfield	<u> X </u>	___
Council Member Moore	<u> X </u>	___	Council Member King	<u> X </u>	___
Council Member Ruston	<u> X </u>	___	Mayor Handley	<u> X </u>	___

ADOPTED this 3rd day of December, 2019.

DISCUSSION – OTHER CITY BUSINESS

There will be a work session Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00 pm.

The Library received an updated quoted on new patron computers and laptops. After discussion by council, everyone agreed to purchase these items. There will be a budget amendment at the next council meeting for this.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Judge Conwill met with the Mayor regarding the abatement of his property at 108 South Main Street. He asked if council would give him time to find someone to take the building down. He has Rob McLeroy looking at the building on Thursday.

The Mayor gave a financial update. Sales tax revenue from this October is up 35% from October four years ago. Sales tax revenue from this October is up 10% from last October. Sales tax revenue is up 20% overall this year.

The Holly Jolly Trolley Tour is Friday, December 13. The 6:00 and 7:30 tours are sold out. A 9:00 tour has been added.

The Christmas Parade is Thursday, December 5 at 7:00. Lineup is at Elvin Hill Elementary School. Miss Shelby County will be signing autographs at 5:30. Carols start at 5:30 and Dream Makers Dance performs at 6:15. Old Mill Square will be open at 4:00 for refreshments and building tours. Food trucks will be at the Broadway Entrance to Old Mill Square.

Breakfast with the Mayor is tomorrow at 8:30 in the Grande Hall at Old Mill Square.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None

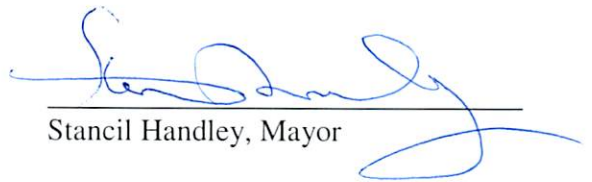
PUBLIC COMMENT

The Local is now open for lunch from 11:30 am – 2:00pm, Tuesday through Friday.

There being no further business, Council Member King moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Council Member Ruston. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



Stancil Handley, Mayor

