

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
February 18, 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, February 18, 2020. Mayor Stancil Handley called the meeting to order and asked Assistant City Clerk, Kayce Watkins, 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 2-4-20 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Check Registers for February 10, 2020 Accounts Payable Batches

Council Member Whiting 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**

- **Admin** – City Clerk, Charlene Tucker reported that she is in Clerk’s training three days this week. 2020 business license payments are wrapping up, and delinquent notices will be sent out next week. Overall, things are going well at City Hall.
- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that his department has been busy working on the ball fields. They have been working on picking up brush to keep the pipes from getting stopped up with all of the rain. He also reports that the light pole that was damaged in front of the Methodist church is being repaired, and should be completed before Cowboy Day.
- **Fire** – Chief Johnny Howard, Jr. reported that his department has had no major calls over the last couple of weeks. They have been spending their time following up on inspections. Brett Ashworth will be out of town for the next two weeks for training. The fire department has also been working with the county on occupancy concerns for the Shelby County Exhibition Center.
- **Police** – Detective David Alexander reported that Chief Bowers is away at training. They are working hard to be visible in the community. They are encouraging everyone to lock their cars,

set the alarm, and do not leave valuable in their vehicles. The police department also has a new Dodge Durango. It is painted in school colors, and will be used by the School Resource Officer.

- **Environmental** – Dale Lucas reported that it has been a very busy couple of weeks with a lot of rain, and therefore, many long hours for his crew. They have been working on several pump stations around town. He has two workers that are going to school on Thursdays and are enjoying their training.
- **Planning & Zoning** – Dale Lucas reported that rain has been holding up progress at Springs Crossing, but phase one is almost one hundred percent complete.
- **Library** – Shelia Gallups reported that the Library has been slow with patrons, but she has been ordering materials. She recently went to a directors’ meeting, and auto-renewals have been approved.
- **Marketing** – Elizabeth Smith gave the following dates:
  - Mardi Gras Bash is February 21 at the Shelby County Arts Council
  - Arts Council Fundraiser is February 22 in the Grande Hall at Old Mill Square
  - Cattlemen’s Rodeo is February 28-29 at the Exhibition Center
  - Cowboy Day is February 29
  - Shelby Iron Works Pancake Breakfast is March 7<sup>th</sup>
- **Senior Center** – Ali Payne reported day trips have been planned, and they are getting ready for the Hawaii trip April 16-26. February 29 is Cowboy Day. It will be located between Depot Street and Carter Lane from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. There will also be a special needs rodeo on February 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:15. The Cowboy Day lineup is on the website and Facebook, and the parade starts at 2:30.

Council Member Mayfield Introduced:

**ORDINANCE NO. 02-20-01**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA ANTI-LITTERING  
ORDINANCE, NUMBER 277**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA,  
AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 13** of Ordinance 277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Any person, firm or corporation committing an offense within the corporate limits of the City of Columbiana, Alabama or within the police jurisdiction thereof, which is in violation of this ordinance, shall upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than three thousand dollars (\$3000.00), plus court fees. In addition thereto, any person so convicted may be imprisoned for a period not exceeding six months, at the discretion of the court trying the case, and mandatory community service.

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication or posting as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY FEBRUARY, 2020.

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

Council Member Rushton Introduced:

**ORDINANCE NO. 02-20-02**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ABSENTEE ELECTION MANAGER AND COMPENSATION**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1.** The City Clerk shall be the Absentee Election Manager for all municipal elections for the City of Columbiana.
- Section 2.** Compensation for the Absentee Election Manager for the City of Columbiana, Alabama, shall be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum of \$50.00 per day for each day absentee election services are performed from the date of delivery of the absentee ballots to the Absentee Election Manager and including the day of the election, to be paid from the City of Columbiana treasury.
- Section 3.** This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975 § § 11-46-27, 17-11-14, as amended, and all other applicable laws of the State of Alabama, and shall be effective for all municipal elections, both general and special, from and after the date of adoption.

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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>	___

**DISCUSSION – OTHER CITY BUSINESS**

None

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

The meeting at the Arts Council Building regarding the proposed toll bridge was packed tonight. It was very informative, and there was a lot of involvement with the community, county, construction company and commissioners. The county is trying to make sure that everyone is informed, and they are making an effort to hear what the citizens have to say.

Regarding the Pool Hall, Rob McLeroy and his crew are making progress. Everything is out of the building. They are working with an engineer and will hopefully be pouring footings soon. They are hoping to get a roof on as soon as possible.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Member Ruston announced that a Senior Citizen group will be coming to Columbiana from Autauga County on March 7<sup>th</sup> to tour the courthouse and eat lunch. He will get the information to Ali Payne.

Council Member Whiting announced that the Shelby County High School Girls’ Basketball team is still in the playoffs. He stated that we should pray for them, encourage, and motivate them.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Paul Hartz stated that he has done a lot of research on the proposed toll bridge project, which he has provided to the county. He says that he will be happy to provide that information to the Mayor and City Council as well, either in person, by email or over the phone.

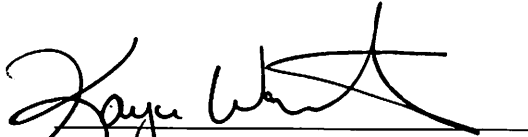
Chris Sutton stated that a sub-contractor doing work for Brown Lumber took some brush to a site and burned it, and he would like for that to be looked into. Mr. Sutton also stated that he had some brush and debris that had not been picked up. Allen Reynolds stated that he would have that picked up as soon as possible.


Lisa Davis stated that she is thankful for the anti-littering law, but would like for more to be done to take care of eyesores like old lawn mowers and junk vehicles that are all around town. She doesn't want our neighborhoods to become landfills. She would like for there to be more regulations, and perhaps a city-wide clean-up day.

Susan Conn stated that she has filed several complaints about junk cars near her house. This is still an issue. Some have been removed, but they are still at the residence. The Mayor advised that he would follow up on the situation.

Julie Horton stated that the Shelby County High School Soccer Team won their first game last week after three seasons. She would like to see our community sports grow, and have a city soccer league. She also stated that she would like to see Columbiana have a full time Park & Recreation Director. The Mayor asked Council Member Ruston to add this to the next Park & Recreation agenda.

There being no further business, Council Member Whiting moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Council Member King. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

  
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Kayce Watkins, Assistant City Clerk

  
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Stencil Handley, Mayor

