

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met for a Work Session in the City Hall Conference Room, Tuesday, January 28, 2020. Mayor Handley called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**Present:**

Council Member Barbara Moore  
Council Member Ricky Ruston  
Council Member Kim King  
Council Member Ouida Mayfield  
Mayor Stancil Handley

**Absent:**

Council Member Leslie Whiting

**Discussion – Rent Amount for the Grande Hall for The Shelby Chamber**

Council discussed the rent amount that would be charged to The Shelby Chamber to use the Grande Hall at Old Mill Square for various chamber events. There are thirteen dates that they have asked to reserve. After discussion with Council, this will be added as a discussion item on the next council agenda. Leslie Whiting joined the meeting at 6:20 pm.

**Discussion – La Patrona Mexican Restaurant – Private Club License**

Council discussed the possibility of issuing a private club license to La Patrona Mexican Restaurant. This would be a temporary license until they have their liquor license. Council asked for more information. This will be added as a discussion item on the next council agenda.

**Discussion – Drug Testing Policy**

Council discussed our current zero tolerance drug testing policy for City employees. Our current policy states that if an employee tests positive, they will be terminated and can never be re-hired by the City. After discussion, Council recommended changing the policy to a case by case basis. Council asked for more information before a decision is made.

**Discussion – Coosa River Bridge Project**

Council discussed the Coosa River bridge project. There were several residents from Shelby Shores that voiced concerns and opposition for the bridge. The Mayor was given information from a third party who had polled the resident of Perkin's Landing subdivision and was told that 60% of them were in favor of the bridge. The Mayor advised Council that this information was not confirmed. Council wants more information before a decision is made regarding passing a resolution in favor of the project.

**Discussion – Salary Change for Council**

February 25 is the last date to change the salary for the incoming council after the August 25 election. Council discussed the current salary and does not want to change the salary at this time. There are two council meetings before the deadline.

**Discussion – Sign Ordinance Variance for Old Mill Square**

The type of clock tower/monument that is being built at Old Mill Square is not addressed in the City's sign ordinance. After discussion, Council agreed for the Mayor to sign a variance letter for Shelby County to allow permitting for this sign.

**Discussion – Old Pool Hall**

Council discussed the new owner of the old pool hall property. The property was bought by Rob McLeroy. His company is in the process of taking down the inside of the building. The Architectural Review Board will have to approve the outside design/colors for the building.

**Discussion – Highway 47 North Abatement**

Council asked the progress of the abatement on this property. The Mayor said he would contact the property owner one more time. If she does not respond, he will have the property abated. This has already been approved by Council at a regular council meeting.

**Discussion – Littering Ordinance**

Council discussed the City’s current littering ordinance and fines. The state has increased fines to \$3000.00, plus court cost, with possible jail time and community service. The City’s current fine is \$500.00. After discussion, Council agreed for our ordinance and fines to match the state’s.

**Discussion – 2019 Public Safety Awards**

Council discussed the lack of representation from the Fire Department at the 2019 Public Safety Awards. This was held on September 25, 2019 at the Pelham Civic Complex. After discussion by Council, Council Member Mayfield said that she would work to make sure that the City is represented at this year’s event.

**Discussion – Comments from Council**

Ricky Ruston asked for an update on the noise ordinance. This is regarding complaints made by a resident and his neighbor’s roosters. Jeff Bowers will give an update at the next council meeting.

There is an issue with people driving their cars into the sports complex on McDow Road and even onto the track. Ricky Ruston asked for a solution for this. The Mayor suggested getting Allen Reynolds to install blasters to keep cars out.

A section of the street on Sunnywood Circle is caving in after a sewer line repair. The Mayor will get with Allen Reynolds to have this repaired.

Kim King asked for an update on the sale of the Vulcan Electro Coating building. The Mayor informed Council that the building has not sold at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Council Member King made the motion to adjourn and Council Member Whiting seconded the motion which was followed by a vote of members present to adjourn. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Charlene Tucker, City Clerk

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