

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
January 8, 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, January 8, 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 Kim King
Council member Ricky Ruston

Council member Barbara Moore
Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

Council member Ouida Mayfield

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes 12-18-2018 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Mayor's appointment of Charlene Tucker to the Planning and Zoning Commission – filling the Administrative Officer vacancy left by Mark Frey
- C. Approval for City Clerk Charlene Tucker to use the credit card for meals at the AAMCA Clerks Training on February 6-8 in Hoover. Cost not to exceed \$200.

Council member Whiting made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which was seconded by Council member King and followed by a unanimous show of hand vote of all members present.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Library** – Shelia Gallups reported that is has been quiet during the holidays but the activity will pick back up next week. The quilts for kids is this weekend.
- **Admin** – Charlene Tucker reported that BreAna Windham is going to Magistrate training starting at the end of January for six weeks. Charlene starts clerk training in February. Classes are February and August for two years and then she will be a Certified Municipal Clerk.
- **Fire** – Rodney Reed reported for Fire Chief Johnny Howard, Jr. He said that is has been quiet and slow during the holidays. There were no fires or wrecks.
- **Police** - Chief Lamar Vick reported that there were no major incidents during the holiday season, only minor accidents. They are working on the radio system. The radios were installed in the vehicles before Christmas. He is looking to hire part-time personnel. He has one part-time employee that has been deployed to Afghanistan and one that is on sick leave. Officer Peppers is still out on sick leave until February. The new dispatch employees are working out well. He is sending them for more training when it becomes available.
- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that his department has been taking down Christmas decorations. They should be finishing up with that tomorrow. They are still working on the bleachers at the softball field and will be finished before season starts. The trolley was out of the shop and had to go back in because the brakes needed to be repaired.

- **Environmental** – Dale Lucas reported that his department has been busy with the Columbiana Crossings project at Highway 26 & 70. The force main passed testing. Tomorrow they are going to inspect the sewer lines with cameras. There will be more discussion about this project at Thursday night’s planning and zoning board meeting.
- **Marketing** – Elizabeth Smith gave the following dates for everyone to put on their calendar and attend:
 - Mayor’s breakfast with merchants – January 16 – 8:30 am – Senior Center.
 - Web-site training/refresher – January 17 – Info Media. This is for department heads that want or need a refresher and for new employees who have not been trained.
 - Cowboy Day – February 23 – 10:00 – 5:00. Partnering with the Cattleman’s Association. This is the same weekend as the rodeo. The parade will be at 2:30.
 - SCAC Heart for the Arts – February 23 – First Baptist Church Columbiana.
 - Trade days will start back in March.
 - Liberty Day – June 28 - 29

Council member King introduced:

**RESOLUTION 01-19-01
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR
2019 SHELBY COUNTY SENIOR CENTER GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Shelby County Commission has appropriated \$26,000.00 for the Senior Center Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana has the opportunity to submit an application for a grant of up to \$2,000.00 or provide assistance to the Columbiana Senior Center in sustaining activities, services, programs and to promote health, wellness, educational, and recreational opportunities to area seniors, and there are no City matching fund requirements for this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbiana City Council, the Council hereby authorizes Ali Payne, under the direction of Mayor Stancil Handley or City Clerk Charlene Tucker to submit an application for the 2019 Shelby County Senior Center grant.

THEREUPON Council member Ruston moved and Council member Whiting seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by show of hand vote of all members of the Council, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

ADOPTED this the 8th day of January, 2019.

Stancil Handley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Charlene Tucker, City Clerk

Council member Ruston introduced:

**RESOLUTION 01-19-02
AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH
BERNEY OFFICE SOLUTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for the City of Columbiana recognize the value of utilizing an outside firm to provide copy machines, toner and the labor to maintain such equipment; and **WHEREAS**, the type of equipment needed, available and authorized:

In accordance with the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 41-16-51 and the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 16-13B-2, we have reviewed the competitive bidding process used by National IPA, a national purchasing cooperative, and their participating awarding authorities for the contracts awarded as of the date of this letter. We noted no matters we felt were contrary to proper purchasing procedures or routine governmental procurement practices. These contracts were awarded by various governmental entities, based on competitive bid requirements of their respective local governments.

Based on our review, we approve the competitive bidding process used by National IPA through November 30, 2019, for the purchase of goods or services; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council; the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents required to enter a contract with Berney Office Solutions for the printing and copying services for the City of Columbiana. Said agreement shall begin the day the contract is signed and end in 36 months.

Council member Whiting moved and Council member Ruston 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>	<u> </u>	Council member Moore	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Council member Ruston	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Council member King	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Council member Mayfield	absent	<u> </u>	Mayor Handley		<u> X </u> <u> </u>

Adopted this 8th day of January, 2019.

Stancil Handley, Mayor

Charlene Tucker, City Clerk

DISCUSSION – ALLEY OFF MAIN STREET

The alley off of Main Street needs some work done. This is very close to the new Arts Center. The mayor wants input from the council and others about what should be done. The street department shop will be moved and that entire area will possibly be a cobblestone or brick parking area. Businesses can be opened in the back and have entrance from Main Street and the alley. We could possibly get more businesses in location that way.

**DISCUSSION – CHANGING ZONING ON OLD HIGHWAY 25 WEST
FROM RMH TO B2**

The planning and zoning board will discuss this at Thursday night’s board meeting and make a recommendation to council. Right now this area is zone for residential mobile home. The only B2 area is Jimmy Eaves’ garage. Since Columbiana is an Opportunity Zone, we want to make this area B2. There is a business that is interested in putting a nursery there, similar to Petals of the Past.

DISCUSSION – ABATEMENT OF HIGHWAY 47 NORTH HOUSE

Shane Merrell was hired to tear down the house. The mayor talked to Shane and he said that the homeowner changed her mind. The city will hire him to tear down the house for \$2000.00. This is to tear down and remove all of the debris. Council agreed with this recommendation and the mayor said that he would contact Shane and tell him to proceed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The mayor met with Shelby County today to discuss the plans for the Arts Building. They discussed have a fountain on the grounds. It was advised that the water basin should have water that could be recycled. The mayor is looking for a European style, three-tiered fountain. The idea of a splash pad was discussed but that would be a liability for the City. The county is going to talk about the areas surrounding Old Mill Square. We all are working together to make the area more appealing.
- Update on Columbiana Crossings – Houses will be started by the end of this month. There will be 13 cottage style homes built ranging in price from \$175,000 - \$200,000.
- Update on Abatement of pool hall – There were people of the roof and when another business owner asked them what they were doing, they said they were repairing it for Judge Conwill. We have not gotten a response from him regarding the abatement.
- Denisen Justice and Elijah Hockman's Eagle Scout Court of Honor is Sunday, January 13 at 1:30 at the First Baptist Church Columbiana. Everyone is invited and encouraged to go. This is a great honor for these young men. Denisen's Eagle Scout project was the shaded seating at the city cemetery and Elijah's Eagle Scout project was the benches at the trolley stop locations.
- There are people in the city limits that are living in illegal structures, such as storage buildings. We have ordinances against that and we need to enforce it. Recently one caught on fire but luckily no one was in the unit at the time. This has now become a public safety issue. The enforcement of this will be discussed at the next work session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None

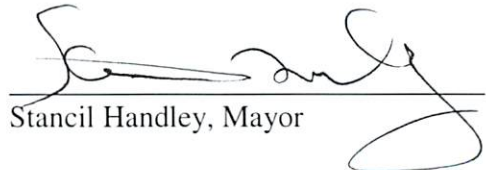
PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

There being no further business, Council member Whiting 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 7:11 PM.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



Stancil Handley, Mayor

