

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
July 21, 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, July 21, 2020. 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 Kim King
Council Member Ouida Mayfield
Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

None

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes 7-7-20 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes 7-14-20 Council Work Session
- C. Approval of Check Registers for July 10, 2020 Accounts Payable Batches
- D. Approval for Liz Taylor and BreAna Windham to attend magistrate training in Gulf Shores, AL on September 23-27. Also approving the use of the city credit card for registration, lodging and meals not to exceed \$1600.00.

Council Member Ruston 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

- **Admin** – Charlene Tucker reported that Columbiana’s Census response rate is up to 64% and urged everyone to complete their Census survey. Qualifying ended today at 5:00 for the municipal election. Everything is going good at City Hall.
- **Fire** – Johnny Howard, Jr. reported that they have been testing equipment and ladders. The fire department will have three tents on Main Street for Liberty Day due to COVID-19 and to practice social distancing. The fireworks are good to go for Saturday night.
- **Environmental** – Dale Lucas reported that sludge broke a clarifier but that was repaired this morning.

- **Planning & Zoning** – Dale Lucas reported that Springs Crossing Sector 2 has four homes built and 5 foundations poured to build houses. Sector 3 was approved at the last planning and zoning board meeting for 70 homes. Highpointe presented a subdivision plan to the planning and zoning board and that was approved. There will be 202 homes on 60' x 120' lots, 12 homes on 100' x 150' lots and 12 homes on lots starting at 4 acres. They may annex in 21 acres and that will be zoned as R-3 to comply with our planning and zoning ordinance.
- **Police** – Jeff Bowers reported that everything is going good. His department is getting ready for Liberty Day. They have firearms training in the next couple of weeks. Cornerstone Christian School and the parsonage at Bethel Baptist Church were broken into a couple of weeks ago. 4 of the 5 suspects were caught that night. There have been vehicle break-ins all over the city and they have not had a lot of leads on those. He urged everyone to lock their car doors. Officer Bain left for a position with Ashville Police Department so we are accepting applications for his replacement.
- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that the brush truck has been down for three weeks and is getting a new transmission. The bucket truck is down. The grass cutter for the side of the road is in the shop. They are using the county's brush truck today and tomorrow to pick up as much brush as possible. His department is getting ready for Liberty Day. They are sweeping the streets and sidewalks downtown. Allen received a quote of \$1300.00 to take down a dead tree at the Niven's House.
- **Library** – Shelia Gallups reported that she received a \$100.00 donation from Feel Good Convenience Store and she will be spending that on the summer reading list for Columbiana Middle School. The children's summer reading program ended last week.
- **Senior Center** – Ali Payne reported that she is not sure when the state will allow them to open back up. She is working on a drive in concert with Bruce Andrews. They are still delivering around 50 meals per day. This Friday for Liberty Day, food trucks will start arriving at 5:00 and will be parked on the Broadway. Saturday at 9:00 am is the Mayor's welcome. 6:00 pm is the kick-off at the football field. 8:00 pm Thompson Square will perform and 9:30 pm is fireworks. There are currently 68 vendors and they will be spread out for social distancing. Roger Porter reported that car clubs from around the state will be attending. He wanted to thank the local merchants for donating door prizes.
- **Marketing** – Elizabeth Smith reported that the Folk Art Exhibit is open at the Ebsco Art Gallery. There will be a dance recital in the Grande Hall on July 31-August 1. They are having 4 separate mini recitals to comply with social distancing. Three on a String will perform in the Black Box Theater on August 8. This will be at half capacity and it is already sold out.

DISCUSSION – UPDATE 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Qualifying ended today at 5:00 pm for the municipal election. Charlene Tucker read a list of all of the qualifying candidates and the office that they are seeking. She will be ordering ballots tomorrow. The Mayor reminded everyone about placement for political signs. They cannot be in the right of way and only one sign per candidate can be on a parcel of property. For absentee voting, contact Charlene Tucker at City Hall. There is a provision from the state for COVID-19. That will be marked under the medical reason for requesting an absentee ballot.

Council Member Mayfield introduced:

RESOLUTION 07-20-01

ADDING OLD MILL SQUARE MAINTENANCE AS PART OF DUTIES OF STREET & SANITIATION SUPERINTENDENT& ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

WHEREAS, the job of managing the day to day maintenance at Old Mill Square for the City of Columbiana is the responsibility of Allen Reynolds, Street and Sanitation Superintendent and Stephen McDonald, Assistant Street and Sanitation Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Allen Reynolds and Stephen McDonald have been trained on all maintenance aspects of Old Mill Square; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council adds Old Mill Square maintenance as part of Allen Reynolds and Stephen McDonald’s job duties. They will perform all maintenance required with the following pay increases. Allen Reynolds from pay grade XIV step 7 to pay grade XIV step 10 and Stephen McDonald from pay grade VIII step 3 to pay grade VIII step 4 for assuming these additional duties, effective on the next pay cycle.

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

DISCUSSION – OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The Mayor discussed the Nature Trail land donation with Council. If Council accepts the donation, he will have the legal description drawn up and no survey will have to be done. This will either be done as a donation or a long term lease of \$1.00 per year. The City was awarded a \$5000.00 grant for the trail. We have a quote for the steel for the bridges for \$5900.00. Grading of the property still has to be done. After discussion, Council asked to table this until a later date.

Mayor and Council will ride in the Liberty Day parade.

MAYOR’S REPORT

The city wide clean-up day was last Saturday and there was a large turnout. This is headed up by the Beautification Board.

There has been a marriage proposal and a marriage performed at the fountain at Old Mill Square.

Shelby County has loaned tables and benches at the colonnade at Old Mill Square until we purchase our own.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT


Keith Holland thanked the police for patrolling Pine Hill Drive. Residents are concerned with speeding on that street, drug activity and safety issues on their street. Jeff Bowers asked that they stay after the meeting so he could get information from them.

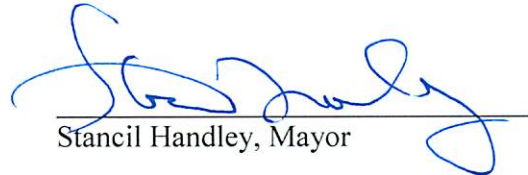
David Mitchell introduced himself as a candidate for Mayor. Every candidate running for office introduced themselves and the office that they are seeking.

Susan Conn reported that there are still 14 or 15 vehicles at her neighbor's house. Jeff Bowers informed her that the police department has sent a certified letter to the property owner. Once it has been received, he has ten days to comply. After that, the police department will issue a citation.

Lisa Davis reported that there was someone living in a tent in their back yard in her district and that there are nuisance issues all over the city. She will give this information to Jeff Bowers and he will have someone investigate.

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 7:45 p.m.


Charlene Tucker, City Clerk


Stancil Handley, Mayor

