

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
June 16, 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, June 16, 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 6-2-20 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Check Registers for June 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** – Charlene Tucker reported that the city’s census response rate is up to 63%. The election page has been added to the city’s web-site and has lots of information and links to forms. Everything is going well at City Hall.
- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that his department has been busy picking up brush and garbage. The loads that they are taking to the Landfill have doubled or tripled. They have also been busy cutting grass and working on equipment.
- **Environmental** – Dale Lucas reported that his employees are scheduled to take their waste water operator test on July 21 and 22. They finished reviewing the material last week. His department has been busy cutting grass and weed eating at the plant.
- **Planning & Zoning** – Dale Lucas reported that Randy Goggans presented the plat for Sector 3 of Springs Crossing. The Planning & Zoning Board is working on revising the zoning ordinance and lot sizes for R-1. There is a work session planned for June 23 to discuss lot sizes. The Mayor

invited council to attend the Planning & Zoning Board meetings for updates and information on the proposed new ordinance.

- **Police** – David Alexander reported that the Unity March that was held on Saturday was peaceful. There was around 25 in attendance. Alexander commented that we are not perfect but we're trying to do better. Call numbers were given for May. The number of calls listed as “demented, irrational” persons are up. This could be due to the pandemic and other issues that are going on in the world.
- **Fire** – The Mayor reported for fire department. Their call volume is down and there is nothing to report at this time.
- **Senior Center** – Ali Payne reported that her department is still delivering meals. They are waiting on the State to determine when the Senior Center will open. The A/C went out in the building but Allen Reynolds is working on getting that back up.
- **Marketing** – Elizabeth Smith reported that the Chuck King Trio will be the Black Box Theater online event this Thursday at 7:00 pm. The fountain at Old Mill Square will be turned on at 5:00 pm this Thursday. This is open to the public and there will be music performed in the colonnade.

DISCUSSION – UPDATE ON MOBILE FOOD VENDORS AT SPRINGS CROSSING

Springs Crossing has a homeowner's association but it is run by an outside agency. Randy Goggans gave his approval to have food trucks in the subdivision. One possible temporary location is the green space. This location can be moved at a later date.

DISCUSSION – DOG PARK

Misty Brasher inquired about opening a dog park in the city in memory of her daughter Madigan who passed away last year at the age of 15 from leukemia. She is working on raising money and the Mayor is going to look at dog parks in other cities. She is also looking for property for the park and is working with Ken Jackson on the park design and fundraising.

DISCUSSION – LIBERTY DAY BANNER

Ali Payne presented Council with a drawing of the Liberty Day banner and asked that it be hung at the intersection of East College and Main Streets. This will go up this week and stay until the Monday after Liberty Day. Council approved for the banner to be displayed.

Ali informed Council that there will be other banners that will be displayed the week of Liberty Day at all major intersections coming into the city. This will be discussed at a later date.

Council Member Mayfield introduced:

RESOLUTION 06-20-02

**A RESOLUTION GIVING THE MAYOR THE AUTHORITY TO
APPLY FOR CDBG FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana, acting by and through its City Council proposes to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the purpose of performing eligible community development activities that will benefit low and moderate income residents in the City of Columbiana;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Stancil Handley, Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute and submit an application with appropriate assurances to the State of Alabama, Department of Economic and Community Affairs, requesting Program Year 2020 Community Development Block Grant Funds in the amount of \$450,000.00 for sewer system improvements; and

THAT, THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA will provide a local match of \$217,500.00 in support of this project.

Council Member Ruston moved and Council Member Whiting seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by 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>	___

DISCUSSION – OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The city has been picking up a lot of brush from residents lately. These are taken to the Landfill and those costs are going up. The current resolution that we have limits brush pick up to one load a month and then the resident will be charged \$25.00 for each additional load. This fee has been waived and is not currently being charged. Council needs to decide if we will charge residents for additional loads or continue to waive the charges. The city has burned brush on city property in the past but citizens do not want that. That is another option that council needs to look at. This will be discussed at a later date.

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Grande Hall was booked for Barry Alvis’ wake last week. There are other bookings that we are waiting on a contract for. The building has been signed over to the city.

General Shale is the largest brick making manufacturer in the world and they pick twelve of their favorite worldwide construction sites for their calendar. Old Mill Square will be in their calendar.

This is for the building and the sign tower. Old Mill Square is also in the running for an award by the Association of General Contractors and the Institute of Architects.

The Unity March on Saturday was peaceful. There was a briefing at 8:00 am in the Police Department and preventative steps were taken to ensure the safety of everyone. This was a group effort with the Columbiana Police Department and the Shelby County Sheriff's Office. There were 31 people in attendance.

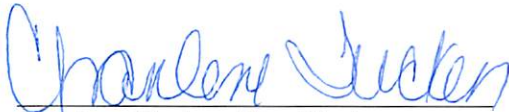
ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

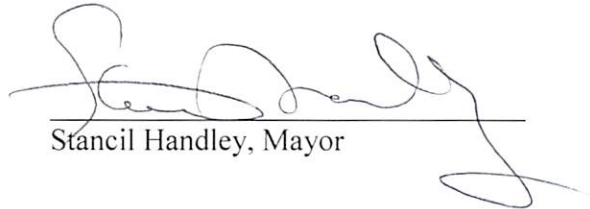
PUBLIC COMMENT

Theresa Whiting wanted to thank Detective Alexander on his presentation and his comment that "we are not perfect but we're trying to do better". She thanked him for that and added that we are all human and we all make mistakes. The important thing is that we are all trying to do better.

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



Stencil Handley, Mayor

