

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
March 17, 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, March 17, 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 Ouida Mayfield  
Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

Council Member Kim King

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes 3-3-20 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Check Registers for March 10, 2020 Accounts Payable Batches

Council Member Whiting 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** – City Clerk Charlene Tucker reported that her department has been disinfecting City Hall amid the COVID-19 outbreak. They are trying to limit public contact at City Hall but can answer questions by phone and e-mail.
- **Fire** – Chief Johnny Howard, Jr. reported that his department met last night and discussed protocols that need to be followed. When 911 calls are received, dispatchers will ask additional questions regarding COVID-19 symptoms. For EMS/in home calls, first responders will ask questions before they go into home. Fire calls will continue as usual.
- **Police** – Chief Jeff Bowers reported that his department has protection for their contact with the public during traffic stops. They are just being more cautious and using preventative measures when they have contact with the public.

- **Library** – Shelia Gallups reported that the library has limited access for the public. They have received lots of calls. They are disinfecting materials and have set up a link on the web-site for online story time.
- **Environmental** – Dale Lucas reported that they are limiting access to the sewer department. Dump drivers will stay in the vehicle and one of his employees will go out and get the paperwork from them instead of the driver coming into the office. We have a mutual aid agreement with Calera for a Waste Water Operator. If our operator is out, Calera will send one of their operators over to cover his shifts.
- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that his department is using extra precautions because they are handling garbage.
- **Marketing** – Elizabeth Smith reported that all events have been cancelled
- **Senior Center** – Ali Payne reported that they have postponed the Hawaii trip and are waiting on dates to get that re-scheduled. The Senior Center is closed to the public but they are still delivering meals. They usually deliver 25 a day. Today they delivered 50. The seniors have a lot of questions and concerns.

**ORDINANCE NO. 03-20-01**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COURT CORRECTIONS FUND**

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

The City of Columbiana establishes a Corrections Fund pursuant to Section 11-47-7.1 of the Code of Alabama 1975. Beginning on March 18, 2020, court costs for all cases tried in the municipal court of Columbiana shall assess an additional court cost known as “The Corrections Fund” which shall increase its court costs for all traffic and misdemeanor/ordinance cases up to the maximum amount assessed by the District Court of Shelby County for traffic and misdemeanor/ordinance cases. These additional court costs shall be distributed by the Court Clerk to the Corrections Fund and such monies will be used exclusively for the operation and maintenance of the municipal court.

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

Council Member Mayfield moved and Council Member Whiting seconded the motion that said ordinance be given vote, and said ordinance passed by vote of all members of the Council present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

	Yea	Nay		Yea	Nay
Council Member Whiting	_X_	___	Council Member Mayfield	_X_	___
Council Member Moore	_X_	___	Council Member King	_absent_	___
Council Member Ruston	_X_	___	Mayor Handley	_X_	___

## DISCUSSION – OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The Mayor requests, as of the end of this meeting, that the City of Columbiana be put under a state of emergency. This will be for seven days and can be renewed for seven days. This means that the Mayor can make decisions without council approval or without having to call a special meeting. This also frees up funds for emergency purchases. Council Member Mayfield made a motion to approve the state of emergency and Council Member Ruston seconded. A roll call vote of all members present was unanimous.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

The dine in areas of restaurants have been closed by the Alabama Department of Public Health due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Drive through and take out is still available.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roger Porter announced that the Liberty Day car show will be at the First Baptist Church this year. This will keep everything on Main Street.

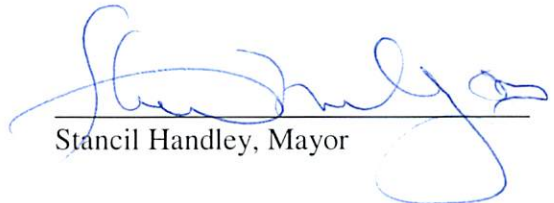
## PUBLIC COMMENT

None

There being no further business, Council Member Ruston moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Council Member Whiting. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



Stancil Handley, Mayor

