

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
March 19, 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, March 19, 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 Barbara Moore	Mayor Stancil Handley
Council Member Ricky Ruston	

Absent:

Council Member Ouida Mayfield

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes 3-5-19 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes 3-12-19 Work Session Council Meeting
- C. Approval of Check Registers for March 7, 2019 and March 10, 2019 Accounts Payable Batches
- D. Authorizing the purchase of a new computer for the Assistant City Clerk from their FY 2019 computer hardware budget. Cost not to exceed \$800.62.
- E. Approval of increase for Police Department dispatcher Nick Beasley from Pay Grade III Step 9 to Pay Grade V Step 10 for completion of training effective on next pay cycle. Also moving from part time to full time.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Environmental** – Chris Lee reported that three more sewer inspections were done on lots at Springs Crossing Subdivision. A total of six have been completed. The model home will be finished in four weeks. Dale Lucas was selected as the Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator of the year for the State of Alabama.
- **Street** – Allen Reynolds reported that his department is busy with seasonal work. They have been spraying weeks, cleaning sidewalks and cutting grass.
- **Police** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that he has been moving everyone around in dispatch to cover shifts and training new dispatchers. They picked up their new vehicle today. They should have the equipment installed and on the road in a month. Burglaries are up. A truck and trailer was stolen from Bolton Funeral Home.
- **Library** – Charlene Tucker reported for Shelia Gallups. The library had seven people at the book signing with Michael Moore. They had nine for their St. Patrick's craft. The movie on the 21st at 5:50 pm is Fantastic Beasts 2. Nail painting for Columbiana Health and Rehab is at the end of the month. There is a resolution tonight approving for Shelia to apply for the LSTA

Technology Grant. This is for a \$20,000 grant with a city match of \$5000. This will be for the eleven patron computers and Window 10 licenses. It could possibly be for five or six laptops. The last computers the library bought was in 2014 for the LSTA grant that Dutcha Lawson wrote in 2013.

ORDINANCE NO. 03-19-01

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 09-07-01 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH ORDINANCE NO. 03-19-01 REGARDING EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS

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

Section 1 Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a standard policy for determining the City's and the employee's contribution toward the cost of health insurance premiums for the City of Columbiana employees.

Section 2 Employer Share of Medical Premium

The City of Columbiana, in an effort to control costs while still providing a benefit to its employees, hereby establishes the following:

That upon adoption of this ordinance, the City will pay 75% (seventy-five percent) toward the premium for single and family coverage.

The additional 25% (twenty-five percent) of the premium shall be paid by the employee through payroll deduction.

As the cost of health insurance increases or decreases, so will the amount of the contribution for the City and the employee but the percentages listed above will remain the same.

Section 3 Effective Date - Publication

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and shall be published as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 19th DAY OF March, 2019.

	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	<u>absent</u>		Mayor Handley	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

Council member Whiting introduced:

RESOLUTION 03-19-02

AMENDING THE FY 2019 BUDGET TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, ADMINISTRATION AND CEMETERY

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council has approved a beginning budget for FY 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council approved the participation in the AIRS58 radio system in 2018 and the majority of the expenses were paid at that time but did not include additional costs in the FY 2019 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council was called upon to aid the residents of Lee County after the storm damage earlier this month; and

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council approved a contract with Tyler Technologies for Incode Software in February 2019 but that did not include a Cemetery module and the related costs; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the City Council to approve a budget that is consistent with the revenue and expenditures reflecting their priorities for the City of Columbiana; and

WHEREAS, the expenditures referenced above requires an amendment to the FY 2019 budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council hereby amends the Fiscal Year 2019 budget to include the Fire Department Capital Expenditure in the amount of \$5500.00 for radio equipment, Administration Department expenditure in the amount of \$2000.00 for aid Lee County with the funds to be paid from the Marketing line item account and Cemetery expenditure in the amount of \$2005.00 for software in a new line item account. This also authorizes the City Clerk/Treasurer to update the line account listed above for the FY 2019 budget.

THEREUPON Council Member King 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. Results of the vote:

	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	<u>absent</u>		Mayor Handley	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

Adopted this 19th day of March, 2019.

Council Member King introduced:

RESOLUTION 03-19-03

AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTING THE AWARD OF THE LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA) GRANT FROM THE ALABAMA PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Columbiana Public Library had the opportunity to apply for grant funding through the Alabama Public Library Service for a Library Technology and Automation Grant, and

WHEREAS, Library Director Sheila Gallups submitted a grant application to the Alabama Public Library Service, and Mrs. Gallups received notification of the award of a grant, for library technology and automation SLD (Small Library Development). This grant will replace the patron computers in the library. The LSTA funds total \$20,000.00, with a local match of \$5,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbiana City Council hereby authorizes the payment of the \$5,000 local match funds for said LSTA Grant to be included in the FY 2020 year Library budget and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the contract by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept on file by the City Clerk.

THEREUPON Council Member Ruston 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>	<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	<u>absent</u>		Mayor Handley	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

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DISCUSSION – OTHER CITY BUSINESS

- None

MAYOR’S REPORT

- It has been busy in the Mayor’s office because of project in the city.
- The Senior Center is planning a trip to Hawaii.
- They are dry setting the fountain at Old Mill Square to get the wire placement to it.
- Two sculptors are working on pieces for the new SCAC building. There will be a foundry behind the building for them to work and teach classes. The roof is on schedule. They are four weeks ahead of schedule on the interior walls and two weeks ahead on interior construction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council Member Ricky Ruston mentioned that there was a Jack’s commercial filmed at the Columbiana Sports Complex and the children on the baseball teams are in the commercial.

PUBLIC COMMENT

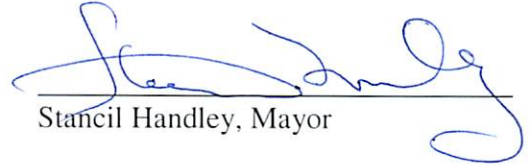
- Council Member Kim King asked where the city was in the abatement process for the house on Highway 47 North. The mayor advised that he just needs councils approval to move forward. Shane Merrell is ready to do the demolition for \$5000. Everyone agreed and the mayor said he would proceed.
- Council Member Kim King also asked about the abatement of the old pool hall on Main Street. The mayor advised that our public safety committee has declared the building a public safety hazard. The city will have to get another law firm to proceed if council agrees. Everyone agreed and the mayor said that he would proceed.

- Mr. Roger Porter asked about the new gas tax that was passed and what the impact on Columbiana would be. The mayor advised that we have not gotten any information yet on how that money will be spent. The gas tax money that we receive now is used for paving and the increase should mean that we receive more money for paving.
- Chief Lamar Vick thanked the council for the increase in the amount that the city pays for employee health insurance premiums. Council moved quickly on this for the employees and he appreciates that.

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 7:30 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



Stancil Handley, Mayor

