

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
March 2, 2021**

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 2, 2021. Mayor David Mitchell called the meeting to order and asked City Clerk, Charlene Tucker, to call roll after the invocation and pledge.

Present:

Council Member Karen Lilly	Council Member Ashley Phillips
Council Member Ricky Ruston	Mayor David Mitchell
Council Member Kim King	

Absent:

Council Member Vickie Mizzell

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes 2-16-21 Regular Council Meeting

Council Member Ruston made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, which was seconded by Council Member Phillips and followed by a unanimous show of hands vote of all members present. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Fire – Mayor Mitchell reported the following:

- There has been no loss time injuries for FY2021 to date.
- Current budget is on track for FY2021 to date.
- No changes in staffing.
- Possible second station location in discussions.
- No changes in vehicle fleet.
- Performing routine maintenance on apparatus
- EMS Training in progress
- Aging fleet – Down an admin vehicle. First out engine 12 years old.
- ISO audit next month

Library – Shelia Gallups reported the following:

- Sneeze guards in place, having everyone wearing mask and sanitizing hands.
- We are little under budget at this time but this will be fluctuating due to spending grant money. We will get reimbursed for this.
- Staffing is good but we don't have any backup at this time but we are working on it.
- Traffic at the Library is improving during the tax season.

- Grant application was mailed on the 24th for \$10,000 LSTA collection development grant for Spanish materials and more Young Adult graphic novels. Application was due in April, we got a little head start.
- Working on last year's grant buying non-fiction books.
- Our concern is with summer reading and how much we will be able to do inside. We may do some shows at the amphitheater outside the arts council.

Environmental – Dale Lucas reported the following:

- No injuries during this fiscal year.
- Our current budget is on track.
- We are currently at full staff.
- All the office buildings are in good shape. We have in the budget to build an equipment storage building.
- We are currently working on upgrading some of our collection system.
- We are still waiting to hear from the manufacturer on the pump located at the Cornerstone lift station that was sent in for repair.
- We are still working on continuing education hours.
- Chris Lee and Dale Lucas will be attending the ARWA (Alabama Rural Water Association) Technical Training Conference in Mobile, March 14th – 17th

Senior Center – Ali Payne reported the following:

- Staff CPR recertification needed for two employees
- Delivering 50 Meals a day. 1000 meals served in February
- We hope to open April 1st
- Ireland Trip postponed until 2022
- Entry Doors need to be sanded and stained in the spring

Board Reports

The Beautification Board is ordering light pole banners so there will be banners up all year and will change with the season. Keep it Clean Alabama will provide trash bags for city clean up days and the board will work on those dates. The board will start awarding business and yard of the month again. Submissions can be sent to Kim King.

The next Planning Commission meeting is on March 11 at 6:00 pm at City Hall. This Thursday city officials have a meeting with Highpointe regarding their plans for the subdivision on Highway 70 & 343 (Amos Mitchell Road).

Discussion – Other City Business

None

Mayor's Report

- The Cultural Facilities Cooperative District is meeting tomorrow at 2:00 pm to pass a resolution regarding the debt refunding
- The Mayor and Public Works Director are working on the statement for work and preparing to bid the Public Works Facility & Satellite Fire Station
- New Business / Development in Columbiana at the old Vulcan Electro Coating building on Highway 70. 58 Inc. has a tour at the end of the month to look at the Golf Course.
- ADECA / Opportunity Alabama Meeting was February 17 to discuss the Opportunity Zone
- Mayors' Luncheon with Rep Gary Palmer was February 18
- State of Our Communities Presentation was February 24. The link for the presentation is <https://vimeo.com/516728374>.
- The City Clerk and Assistant City Clerk attended AAMCA (Alabama Association of Municipal Clerks & Administrators) Training on February 24-26. The City Clerk reported that there was a lot of good information at the training including zoning, current legislation and simplified sellers use tax. Simplified sellers use tax is collected on internet sales and distributed to all cities based on population.
- COVID Vaccine Clinic was held Old Mill Square on February 25. There will be a clinic every Thursday through April 15
- The Cattlemen's Rodeo was February 26-27
- Cowboy Day was February 27. There was a lot of good feedback regarding the events taking place at Old Mill Square. This allowed vendors and participants to socially distance in the park.

Announcements

- Thursday, March 4th-COVID Clinic at Old Mill Square. Food Trucks (Taco Magic & Beignets and Lattes)
- Friday, March 5th-SCAC presents the Red Hot Rodeo at the Black Box Theater
- Monday, March 8th-Park and Rec Board Meeting
- Tuesday, March 9th-Water Board Meeting
- Thursday, March 11th-Planning and Zoning Meeting
- Thursday, March 11th-COVID Clinic at Old Mill Square. Food Trucks (PAZZO Pizza & PAP Popsicles)
- Friday, March 12th-Ladies Night in Downtown District
- March 13th-2:00 Main Street Columbiana Easter Bunny Tea at Old Mill Square
- COVID Clinics each Thursday at Old Mill Square through April 15th
- April 24th Columbiana Art Walk – Collaboration with Shelby County Schools and Main Street Columbiana

Public Comments

None

There being no further business, Council Member Ruston 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 Mitchell declared the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



David Mitchell, Mayor

