

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
May 7, 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, May 7, 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	Council Member Ouida Mayfield
Council Member Ricky Ruston	Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

None

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes 4-16-19 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Check Registers for April 20 and May 1, 2019 Accounts Payable Batches
- C. Authorizing a promotion for Kim Fuller with the Police Department from Dispatcher I to Dispatcher II (supervisor). Moving from Pay Grade V Step 10 to Pay Grade VI Step 10, effective on next pay cycle.
- D. Authorization for Insane McCain to bring in a temporary Fire Works Trailer for the Fourth of July Holiday.

Council Member Whiting made a motion to approve the minutes 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** – City Clerk Charlene Tucker reported that everything is going good at City Hall. They have received a lot of calls for Liberty Day and Music on Main.
- **Environmental** – Dale Lucas reported that everything is going good at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. They installed a sewer extension on Highway 25 by Dr. Thornburg's vet clinic. They also added 6" line on Mill Street for the SCAC Building. The Municipal Water Pollution Prevention report has been submitted to the state. This is a report that is done yearly.
- **Planning & Zoning** – Dale Lucas reported that he has been busy with planning and zoning. Lot #9 at Springs Crossing has sold. He has been helping Charlene and Liz by checking for business licenses while he has been on job sites.
- **Street** – Stephen McDonald reported that his department is busy cutting the right of ways and they started pressure washing the sidewalks. There was a light pole on Main Street that was hit by an 18 wheeler and will be replaced once the insurance claim is processed.
- **Library** – Shelia Gallups reported that they are getting ready for the summer reading program. They had 25 students from Elvin Hill Elementary that toured the library yesterday.

- **Police** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that his department has been working traffic at the intersection of Highway 26 & 70 during the construction. He is ordering new bulletproof vests for his officers. Theirs are out of date by the manufacturer’s standards and need to be replaced.
- **Fire** – Police Chief Lamar Vick reported for fire because there was a structure fire on Looney Road that was a total loss and they were still there putting out hot spots. They have also been on alarm calls at the old Winn Dixie shopping center.

DISCUSSION – VANESSA SMITH REQUESTING TO USE REC BUILDING FOR CAREER COUNSELING.

Vanessa Smith was not at the council meeting so this was not discussed.

DISCUSSION – HIRING FULL TIME ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The Mayor and Police Chief Lamar Vick have been discussing the need for a full time ordinance enforcement officer. We need this now and especially as we grow. People are violating the business license and other ordinances. Chief Vick and the Mayor agree that this position needs to be an APOST certified officer so they can issue citations. We want to use an officer that is currently in service because they already know Columbiana and the area. We will hire another officer to replace the ordinance enforcement officer that is taken off patrol. Council Member Mayfield suggested that this be discussed at a public safety meeting before the next council meeting and everyone agreed.

DISCUSSION – OTHER CITY BUSINESS

- The Beautification Board is having signs made for venues in town to advertise upcoming events. They will be sandwich boards with removable slats to put the information on. They will also have a banner to advertise cleanup day.
- Cleanup day is June 15. Everyone will meet at the gazebo in front of City Hall at 7:30 am to get bags, t-shirts and waters. This is an annual cleanup day that takes place a week or two before Liberty Day.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- The roof is going on the new SCAC building.
- Highway improvements at the intersection of Highway 26 & 70 are in progress. They state is paving the acceleration lanes next week.
- Retail sales taxes are up by around 20% this March compared to March of last year.
- There is a new sign business coming into town. They will be located across the street from Renasant Bank. They offer banner, signs and store front signage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Police Chief was asked by dispatcher Kim Fuller, who helps with Girl Scouts, if they could make improvements and paint the Girl Scout room at the Rec Building. The Mayor recommended that she get with Allen Reynolds on the improvements and paint but didn’t see any problem with 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 7:04 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



Stancil Handley, Mayor

