

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
October 15, 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, October 15, 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 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 10-1-19 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Check Registers for October 1 and October 10, 2019 Accounts Payable Batches

Council Member Mayfield made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which was seconded by Council Member Whiting 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 she and Liz Taylor attended an Alabama Department of Revenue local meeting today in Montgomery. There was a lot of updates presented at the meeting. All if going well at City Hall.
- **Environmental** – Dale Lucas reported that everything is going good at the Waste Water plant. His new employees are doing well. They are working on the force main from Cornerstone Christian School to Chelsea Road. Water samples are coming back from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management and they are all good.
- **Planning & Zoning** – Dale Lucas reported that water service for Sector 2 at Springs Crossing is now in and the sewer service is going in now. There will be roughly 40 homes in Sector 2. Dale has received a lot of permits on new homes.
- **Library** – Shelia Gallups reported that the Library received a donation from Anish with Feel Good LLC to sponsor the Library's fall festival.

- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that his department is staying busy working on gutters. They will start getting leaves out of gutters soon. There was some electrical problems at the baseball field and he has been working on getting it fixed.
- **Fire** – Chief Johnny Howard, Jr. reported that his department has been in schools the last couple of weeks for fire prevention month. Inspections have kept them busy. The doors on the station have been repaired. One of the ladder trucks is down and is being repaired. They are using the reserve ladder truck in the meantime. They responded to a mutual aid call with Summerhill on a house fire at was a total loss.
- **Police** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that last week his department worked an ADECA overtime grant. This was in the 6:30 – 8:30 time frame. This is the time that buses and children are on the side of the road and drivers need to slow down. His department made 66 contacts. Some got warnings and some got tickets. The carpet was updated in the Police Department and they are looking at other areas to update. John Hall is the department’s new part time patrol officer. He is filling in for the officer that is in Afghanistan.
- **Marketing** – Elizabeth Smith gave the following dates:
 - Monday, October 21 – 11 am – Dollar Tree Ribbon Cutting
 - Friday, October 25 – SCHS Homecoming Parade
 - Thursday, October 31 – Witches Ride & Montster Walk
 - 3:00 – 4:00 – Witches check in with bikes
 - 4:30 – Witches Fly
 - After the last bike has gone by, Monster Walk will start.
 - There is still time to register for the Witches Ride. It is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children and benefits Safe House of Shelby County.
- **Senior Center** - Ali Payne reported that in September the Senior Center served 1800 meals. That number is down from August. There will be an adult learning program through the University of Alabama starting soon.

DISCUSSION – FOLLOW-UP ON FARR & HOWARD PROPERTY ADJACENT TO OLD MILL SQUARE

Johnny Howard, Jr. asked if there has been any communication from Randy Cole at the Shelby County Highway Department. Randy told the Mayor that the Engineer will evaluate the property and a recommendation will be forthcoming.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, dyslexia is a neurological, often genetic, disorder which interferes with the acquisition and processing of language. It varies in degrees of severity, it is manifested by difficulties in receptive and expressive language, including phonological processing, in reading, writing, spelling, handwriting, and sometimes in arithmetic. It is estimated that 1 in 5 students live with dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, for students it means that they have to work hard and put in extra hours to succeed in school. Students with dyslexia spend at least 2-3 times more than the average student completing school assignments and studying. It does not mean that they are dumb or lazy, a common misconception before being diagnosed. It also does not mean that students with dyslexia just turn letters backwards and get them confused. There are so many areas of students' lives that dyslexia affects. That is why it is so important to bring awareness to dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, although students struggle with language and processing, they, like most dyslexics are gifted in other areas like sports or the arts. That is part of the blessing of dyslexia. Bringing awareness to dyslexia would be so beneficial to understand students that have the disorder and they many who struggle and also those who have not been diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, October will be Dyslexia Awareness Month in Columbiana. Our community can show support by wearing red in October, putting a red light bulb on your front porch or red bows on mailboxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Stancil Handley, Mayor of the City of Columbiana, do hereby proclaim:

That October will be Dyslexia Awareness Month in Columbiana, Alabama in hopes of increasing the public's awareness of this disorder and all of those affected by it.

DISCUSSION – OTHER CITY BUSINESS

- None

MAYOR'S REPORT

- New carpet has been laid in City Hall. Most of upstairs and part of downstairs.
- Dollar Tree ribbon cutting is October 21.
- Tee's Bakery opens on October 21.
- The old skating rink building has been bought by Randy Goodwin.
- Potential buyers for the Vulcan Electro Coating building are working out the details to purchase the building.
- Another light industry is looking at property in Columbiana.
- We are applying for an ALDOT grant. This is \$10,000,000 that will be divided between 40 cities and they will receive \$250,000 each. This is coming from the 10 Cent Gas Tax increase and there is no match money for the city.
- Columbiana is the only opportunity zone in Shelby County. There is a large company looking at property in Columbiana because of the opportunity zone.

- Events are being held in the black box theater at the Shelby County Arts Council. These events are bringing people in from outside Columbiana.
- A nature trail is being planned across the street from Old Mill Square Park. The trail is ½ mile long each way. At the trail head is one of the oldest sycamore trees in the State of Alabama and it has been determined that it is 150-175 years old. The trail will be a one mile walking trail. Stancil Handley is donating the property for the trail and wants to name it the Elda Handley Memorial Nature Trail. Randy Clements has donated the equipment to cut the trail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The window on Joyce Robinson's window has been fixed and the building will be for rent.

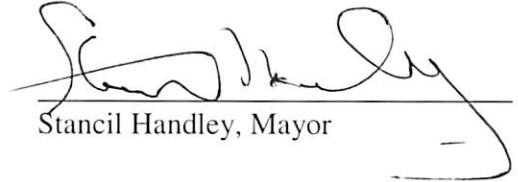
PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

There being no further business, Council Member Whiting moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Council Member Ruston. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



Stancil Handley, Mayor

