

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
September 1, 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, September 1, 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 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 8-18-20 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Check Registers for August 20, 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** – Charlene Tucker reported that the municipal election runoff is October 6 and polls will be open from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm. Absentee ballots have been received. Citizens can register to vote in the runoff until ten days before the election.

Before the police department head report, the Mayor swore in new officer John Mabus.

- **Police** – Jeff Bowers reported that they are currently working an ADECA grant for “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”. This is a three night event that started Saturday and will also take place tonight and Thursday night. Extra officers are on duty to work the check points. Saturday night they had 117 contacts at the check point. Residents on Pine Hill Drive and Lester Street have gotten notices of ordinance violations for trash and grass. They are working on getting the grass cut and have moved a few vehicles. Horton Street and Hughes Street have been notified of ordinance violations for trash and junk. After Labor Day, Shelby County schools will go to five days a week.

- **Fire** – Brett Ashworth reported that their call volume is up 10-15%. Some of those calls are lift assists. They are working on their budget analysis. Their equipment is in good shape. They ran a mutual aid call last night on Highway 55. October 1 the no burn ban should be lifted by the State Forestry Commission.
- **Library** – Shelia Gallups reported that they have the computers ready to check out. They will only be checking out one to begin with and it will be to patrons in good standing with the library.
- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that his department has been busy cutting grass and picking up brush. They are working on their equipment, especially their two garbage trucks. He is down one employee in his department.
- **Sewer** – Dale Lucas reported that he has one employee out with their spouse due to illness. The sewer manhole overflowed at Highway 70 and McDow Road. Their plant inspection was last Friday and it went well.
- **Planning & Zoning** – Dale Lucas reported that there will be a Planning & Zoning public hearing on September 10 at 6:00 to re-zone property for Highpointe. If approved, there will be a public hearing at the October 6 council meeting.
- **Marketing** – Elizabeth Smith gave the following dates for the Shelby County Arts Council:
 - September 4 – Will Kimbrough
 - September 24 – Sean of the South (Live Stream)
 - October 10 – Shelby County Shindig and Bluegrass Festival
 She booked the first wedding and reception at the Grande Hall. The three weekends before Christmas are booked. The Alabama Bass Trail welcome is in January. The Bassmasters have an event in December and is hoping to have that at the Grande Hall. The website for Old Mill Square is up and the address is www.oldmillsquarecolumbiana.com.
- **Senior Center** – Ali Payne reported that her department is delivering 50 meals per day. On Wednesdays, she is planning to open the patio from 9:00 – 10:00 am for seniors to come and drink coffee. On Fridays at 11:30 through October, seniors will have picnics at local parks such as Beeswax, Old Mill Square and Shelby Iron Works.

DISCUSSION – WYDEMON TOWING

Vinnie Wydemon is asking to be put on the wrecker rotation. Currently Howard Tire and Farr Automotive are on the rotation. Wydemon Towing is not in city limits but it is in the police jurisdiction. After discussion, council asked that this be discussed at a work session.

DISCUSSION – MUNDY MOTORS

Chris Mundy with Columbiana Tractor, currently located on Highway 25, is looking for property to buy and expand his lot. He currently has permission from council to use an office trailer on that property. He is asking that this be extended until he can buy property. After discussion, council asked that this be discussed at a work session.

DISCUSSION – PARK & RECREATION GUIDELINES/RECOMMENDATIONS

Council Member Ricky Ruston presented to council the park and recreation guidelines and recommendations for starting sports back in the city during COVID. Once approved by council, this will go on city letterhead, on the city web-site and to all of the sports leagues in the city. After discussion, council asked that this be discussed at a work session.

Council Member Ruston introduced:

RESOLUTION 09-20-05 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING 2019 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT

The resolution was tabled until the next council meeting when John Deloach can present information and answer questions from council.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The municipal primary election was August 25 and the runoff is October 6. Congratulations to the candidates who won and are in the runoff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

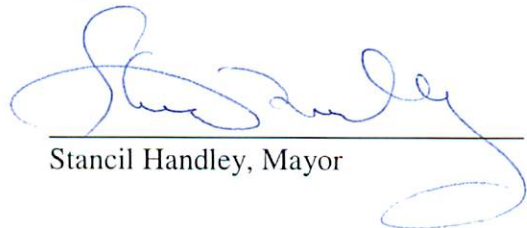
PUBLIC COMMENT

Ricky Ruston asked about the carnival that was in town versus the fair that normally comes. Due to COVID, the Exhibition Center was not open and the carnival was smaller. This is a fundraiser by the Kiwanis Club and Jessie James Productions was the operator for the event.

There being no further business, Council Member Whiting 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 Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



Stancil Handley, Mayor

