

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
September 15, 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 15, 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 9-1-20 Special Called Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes 9-1-20 Regular Council Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes 9-8-20 Council Work Session
- D. Approval of Check Registers for September 1 and September 10, 2020 Accounts Payable Batches
- E. Approval for City Clerk Charlene Tucker to attend virtual Revenue Officer (AMROA) training. Also authorizing the use of the city credit card for training expense not to exceed \$225.00.
- F. Reappointment of Jack Mundy to the Columbiana Housing Authority. Term to expire on 10-1-2025.
- G. Approval of Park & Recreation Guidelines/Recommendations

Council Member Mayfield made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, which was seconded by Council Member Ruston 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 Columbiana’s census response rate is 68.2%. Shelby County Commission has employees at Piggly Wiggly on September 9 & 16 from 12:00 pm until 6:00 pm to help citizens complete their Census Survey. The Mayoral Runoff is October 6.
- **Street** – Allen Reynolds reported that his department has been busy cutting grass, picking up brush and cleaning gutters. They have had a few mechanical issues with the back-up garbage truck. He has three openings in his department.

- **Environmental** – Mayor Handley reported for Dale Lucas. ADEM notified Waste Water to prepare for the incoming rain. Environmental is working on the pump at the treatment plant to handle the water from the storms.
- **Fire** – Johnny Howard, Jr. reported that all maintenance and inspections are underway for this fiscal year. His department has been working on inspections in businesses in the city. They are also preparing for the incoming storm. The state burn ban should be lifted October 1.
- **Library** – Shelia Gallups reported that a new roof is being put on the library. They have a laptop that is ready to be checked out by patrons and are following state guidelines on re-opening.
- **Police** – Jeff Bowers reported that his department is finished with ADECA grants for this fiscal year. During the last ADECA event, they made over 300 contacts in 3 days. His department spent over \$25,000 in ADECA grant money this fiscal year. Regarding ordinance violations, Horton Street and Pine Hill Drive have been cited and a court date is pending. Petty crimes are on the rise.
- **Senior Center** – Ali Payne reported that their Wednesday Coffee Talks are going well. Last Friday they had a picnic at Beeswax and this week they will picnic at Old Mill Square. They are still delivering meal and the state has not given them to go ahead to open back up. She has 28 people that have booked their trip to Ireland. Liberty Day update: The fireworks will be stored until next year. We will have to pay for the contractors' time to shoot them next year but not the product. Thompson Square wants to come back next year. There was an increase in revenue for sponsors and vendors. The Monster Walk is sponsored by Main Street Columbiana and their board has decided not to hold this event this year. Another group can organize this event if they are interested in having it.
- **Marketing** – Elizabeth Smith gave the following dates for the Shelby County Arts Council:
  - September 24 – Sean of the South (Live Stream)
  - October 2 – Abby the Spoon Lady
  - October 10 – Shelby County Shindig and Bluegrass Festival
 She is booking Old Mill Square for 2021. Shelby County is using the Grande Hall for jury selection due to COVID social distancing guidelines. Yesterday was the first day and everything went well. They will pay for the set-up and cleaning but will not be charged a rental fee due to the County partnership with the City. This will continue until January. Elizabeth has a rate sheet for rentals and was asked to have that information put in the Bugler.

## **DISCUSSION – 2019 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT**

John Deloach and Wayne Barber gave a brief summary on the Fiscal Year 2019 Financials. They prepare the financial statements for the City because a city of our size does not normally have a CPA on staff. A question was asked about debt service and it was explained that \$3.5 million of the debt service is for old debt and not for Old Mill Square. This was several projects that went back many years such as the Downtown Revitalization, Sewer Upgrades, etc. This was refinanced when the bond was issued for Old Mill Square because interest rates were low and this would save the City money. A question was asked about missing credit card documentation. It is recommended that the City have a credit card policy and that employees that are issued credit card sign that policy. If back-

up for purchases are not turned in, those amounts should be deducted from the employees' paycheck who made the charges. It was also discussed that all money should be collected at the front desk at City Hall.

Council Member Ruston introduced:

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

**WHEREAS**, the Columbiana City Council has appointed DeLoach, Barber, and Caspers, PC as the City Auditor; and

**WHEREAS**, they have prepared and submitted the audit for fiscal year 2019 to the City Council;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council hereby accepts the audit as prepared and presented to the Council.

**THEREUPON** Council Member Mayfield moved and Council Member Whiting seconded the motion that said resolution be given a vote, and said resolution passed unanimously by a vote of all Council members present.

	Yea	Nay		Yea	Nay
Council Member Whiting	<u>  X  </u>	___	Council Member Mayfield	<u>  X  </u>	___
Council Member Moore	<u>  X  </u>	___	Council Member King	<u>  X  </u>	___
Council Member Ruston	<u>  X  </u>	___	Mayor Handley	<u>  X  </u>	___

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

Council Member Mayfield introduced:

**RESOLUTION 09-20-06  
MUNDY MOTORS MOBILE OFFICE APPROVAL**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbiana City Council adopted Zoning Ordinance 215; and

**WHEREAS**, said Ordinance grants temporary permits for placement of a mobile home for business purposes not over six months and may be allowed upon application to the City Council under Section 24.4;

**WHEREAS**, Mundy Motors/Columbiana Tractor is located on a leased lot at 22676 Highway 25 Bypass;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that Mundy Motors/Columbiana Tractor is approved to have a mobile office on their leased lot for six months.

**THEREUPON** Council Member King moved and Council Member Mayfield seconded the motion that said resolution be given a vote, and said resolution passed unanimously by a vote of all Council members present.

	Yea	Nay		Yea	Nay
Council Member Whiting	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>	Council Member Mayfield	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>
Council Member Moore	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>	Council Member King	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>
Council Member Ruston	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>	Mayor Handley	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>

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### **DISCUSSION – CITY WRECKER ROTATION POLICY CHANGE**

Council Member King met with the policy committee about this proposed change. This is a Police Department policy and not a City policy. Therefore, City Council cannot make changes to this policy.

### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, children are our future and society’s greatest asset, and committed families shape and guide children by preparing them for obstacles and encouraging them to overcome life's demanding challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, children who spend significant time with both parents show lower risks of suicide, dropout, teen pregnancy, incarceration, and drug abuse; however, the importance of children having two parents is diminishing in society as approximately 40,000 Alabama children a year experience court ordered visitation with one parent for only two to six days a month; and

**WHEREAS**, children of concerned and active parents are far less likely to exhibit risky and unhealthy behaviors such as smoking, drinking, or using illegal drugs because of the valuable time spent with parents and the positive examples set by parents, and social scientists agree that shared parenting should be the norm for children of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, simple daily activities like sharing a meal, a conversation, or a book can have an enormous impact on the life of a child. Strong and engaged families help build a strong Alabama, and it is our responsibility as concerned family members to help create a solid foundation for the future health and happiness of all of Alabama’s children; and

**WHEREAS**, Family Day in Alabama has grown to promote the importance of family interaction and connecting with kids throughout the Day/Week, and to stress that children need both parents, and during Family Day/Week we honor the devotion of parents and recognize their critical role in teaching children positive and healthy behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage all Alabamians to visit [CASAFamilyDay.org](http://CASAFamilyDay.org) for information on talking with children about the perils of drug use, and we call on community and state leaders to support

shared parenting because of its benefits for children.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Stancil Handley, Mayor of the City of Columbiana, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2020 as **FAMILY DAY** and the week of September 27 through October 3, 2020 as **FAMILY WEEK** in the City of Columbiana and encourage our citizens to join together in observing this day/week by spending time with their families and by engaging in appropriate ceremonies and activities to honor and strengthen both our city's and state's families.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

None

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Ruston announced that Shelby County Schools started back five days a week.

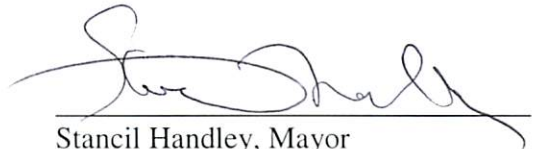
### PUBLIC COMMENT

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 Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



Stancil Handley, Mayor

