

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
September 3, 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, September 3, 2019. Mayor Pro Tem Ouida Mayfield 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

Absent:

Mayor Stancil Handley

The Mayor Pro Tem declared that a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes 8-15-19 Special Called Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes 8-20-19 Regular Council Meeting
- C. Approval of Check Registers for August 20, 2019 Accounts Payable Batches
- D. Approval of one step increase due to completion of probationary period for Assistant Court Clerk BreAna Windham. Moving from Pay Grade VII Step 4 to Pay Grade VII Step 5 effective on next pay cycle.
- E. Authorizing the hire of Johnny R. Padgett, Jr. in the Environmental Department as a Wastewater Treatment Plant Laborer to fill the vacancy left by Robert G. Clark. Starting at Pay Grade VII Step 4.
- F. Authorizing the hire of Brandon White in the Environmental Department as a Wastewater Treatment Plant Laborer to fill the vacancy left last year by Kelby Jennings. Starting at Pay Grade VII Step 4.

Council Member Whiting made a motion to approve the minutes 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** – City Clerk Charlene Tucker reported that she went to Municipal Clerk training last week and learned a lot. She is hoping to implement some new policies and procedures that will make City Hall more efficient. Everything is going well at City Hall.
- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that his department is moving to their temporary location in the 200 Mildred Street annex. They are moving from the city garage while Old Mill Square Park is being completed. That area will become a paved parking area.
- **Environmental** – Dale Lucas reported that everything is going good at the waste water plant. The lift station at Cornerstone Christian School is back online and working properly.

- **Planning & Zoning** – Dale Lucas reported that he is getting call for zoning on property in the city. Smith Douglas is working on the 19th home at Springs Crossing. All 35 lots in the first sector have been sold and they are working with the developer on Sector 2.
- **Police** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that everything is going good in his department. They just finished the ADECA grant yesterday. There was a couple of burglaries at a business on Industrial Road and his department made two arrests on those.

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 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, Ouida Mayfield, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Columbiana, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2019 as **FAMILY DAY** and the week of September 29 through October 5, 2019 as **FAMILY WEEK** and 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.

DISCUSSION – OTHER CITY BUSINESS

- None

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The public safety committee meeting for tonight has been cancelled.

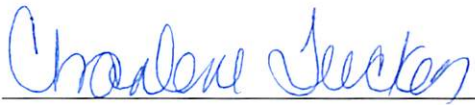
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Council, acting as the Architectural Review Board, received the final drawing for the painting of the Phobia Factory. Vickie Ricke presented the final drawing to council and after discussion by council, the final drawing was approved as presented.

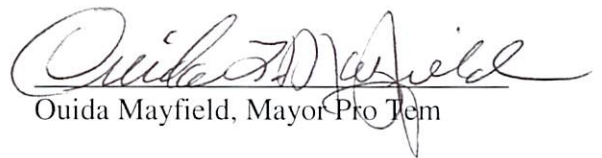
PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jasen Miller stated that he applied for the waste water position but did not get an interview. Mayor Pro Tem Mayfield discussed the interview process with Mr. Miller. She then referred to Dale Lucas as the department head that was hiring. Dale also went over the interview and hiring process and informed Mr. Miller that his application would be on file for a year if another position became available.

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 6:35 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



Ouida Mayfield, Mayor Pro Tem