# REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA April 9, 2024

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, April 9, 2024. Mayor David Mitchell called the meeting to order and asked City Clerk, Charlene Tucker, to call roll after the invocation and pledge.

#### Present:

Council Member Karen Lilly Council Member Vickie Mizzell Council Member Ricky Ruston Council Member Kim King Council Member Ashley Phillips Mayor David Mitchell

#### Absent:

None

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

### **Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of Minutes 3-19-24 Regular Council Meeting

There being no changes or amendments to the minutes, the Mayor declared the minutes approved.

#### **Department Head Reports**

**Fire** – Mayor Mitchell reported the following:

- No lost time injuries.
- Budget tracking to plan.
- Discussion: Safer Grant. Mayor has a call tomorrow with the new FEMA contact.
- No issues on facilities.
- Admin vehicles are in service.
- Routine maintenance on apparatus ongoing.
- EMS training complete.
- AFG grant not awarded. Acquisition of new pumper truck postponed.

### **Library** – Jennifer Combs reported the following:

- No safety issues.
- Budget is good.
- Staffing looks good.
- We had an estimate of 1152 visitors for the month of March.
- We provided \$52,634 worth of services in the month of March. That is up from last year.
- We have about 14 attending the computer class for Spanish speakers.
- We still have room in our beginner's computer class.

## Environmental – Mayor Mitchell reported the following:

- No injuries during this fiscal year.
- Budget is ok.
- We are still advertising for a Grade II Operator.
- Sewer lines are in fair condition.
- No change in compliance.
- We are getting ready to start our 2024 training.
- The treatment plant is out to bid.

## Community Affairs & Senior Services – Ali Payne reported the following:

- Community Services:
  - o April 6 Clean up day/ planting day
  - o April 20 Touch a Truck
  - o May 5 National Main Street tours Columbiana
- Senior Services:
  - o Served 1050 meals in March
  - o Trips in April: Lunch City Market
  - o Shelby County Senior Picnic April 24
- Grande Hall Rentals/ Events in April:
  - o April 6 Calera High Prom
  - o April 16 Big Time Ministries Fundraiser
  - o April 17 Chamber Connections Luncheon
  - o April 19 Drug Court Graduation
  - o April 27 Liberty Day Pageant
  - o April 30 CTECH Awards Day
- SCAC Events in April:
  - o April 14 Sean of the South on the Air
  - o April 20 Crosby Stills Nash & Young Maverick Lounge Series

### **Board Reports**

Beautification Board has a clean up day on May 5. April 27 is the Liberty Day pageant. Kim King nominated Michelle Colburn to fill Fran Folmer's vacancy on the board. There were no other nominations so Kim King made a motion, which was seconded by Ricky Ruston. All members of the council that were present voted yes. Michelle Colburn will fill Fran Former's remaining term on the Beautification Board.

Mayor Mitchell introduced:

## RESOLUTION 04-24-01 AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH SHELBY COUNTY FOR 2024 SENIOR CENTER GRANT

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana had the opportunity to submit an application for a grant of up to \$3,5000.00 to provide assistance to the Columbiana Senior Center to perform public health,

welfare and educational initiatives for senior citizens. There are no City matching fund requirements for this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbiana City Council that the contract be executed in the name of the City, for and on behalf of the City, by its Mayor. Upon completion of the execution of the contract by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept on file by the City Clerk.

**THEREUPON** Council Member King moved and Council Member Lilly seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by vote of all members of the Council, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

	Yea	Nay		Yea	Nay
Council Member Lilly	_X		Council Member King	_X	
Council Member Mizzell	_X		Council Member Phillips	_X	
Council Member Rushton	_X		Mayor Mitchell	_X	

### Proclaiming April 2024 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Whereas, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community; and

Whereas, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Columbiana, Alabama; and

Whereas, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects for victims of abuse, and

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare, education, child advocacy centers, health, community-and-faith-based organizations, business and law enforcement agencies, citizens; and

Whereas, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, nurturing environment.

Now therefore be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama recognizes April 2024 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in Columbiana, Alabama. We pledge to dedicate ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families and to prevent child abuse.

### Discussion - Harmon Lease Agreement

The Mayor presented Council with a sample ordinance and lease for the property adjacent to City Hall that Rick Harmon wants to lease. This is for a 25' strip and not the entire parcel. This would be a lease only and the deed would not change. The property will remain in the city's name. At the

next council meeting there will be an ordinance to declare this property as surplus and a resolution authorizing the mayor to sign the lease.

## Discussion - Other City Business

None

### Mayor's Report

- April 17: Chamber Connections Luncheon OMS, Grande Hall
  - o Student/Teacher of the Year Awards
- May 2: 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Birmingham Mayor's Prayer Breakfast The Harbert Center
- May 5: National Main Street Conference BJCC
- May 15-18: Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention Huntsville

### Announcements

- April 6 Clean Up Day & Planting on Main Street
- April 20 Touch a Truck from 10 am 1 pm
- April 27 Liberty Day Pageant
- May 5 National Main Street Tours in Columbiana

#### **Public Comments**

Council Member Ruston announced that Shelby County High School Baseball would be hosting Round 1 of the playoffs on April 19-20.

There being no further business, Council Member Phillips moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Council Member Lilly. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Mitchell declared the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Charlene Tucker, City Clerk

David Mitchell, Mayor

