

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
December 5, 2023**

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, December 5, 2023. 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 11-20-23 Council Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes 11-21-23 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:

- There has been no loss time injuries
- Budget is on track
- Discussion: Safer Grant would help with recruitment and retention
- No change in facilities
- Admin vehicles are in service
- Routine maintenance on apparatus continues
- EMS training is complete
- We did not receive the AFG Grant for fire truck

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

- No safety issues.
- Budget is good.
- Staffing looks good.
- We had an estimated 1263 visitors for the month of November.
- We provided \$35,246.00 worth of services in the month of November. That is up from last year.

- Fall Festival was a huge success, with around 150 people attending.

**Environmental** – Dale Lucas reported the following:

- No injuries during this fiscal year.
- Budget is good.
- We are still advertising for a Grade II Operator and a laborer.
- No change in sewer lines.
- No change in compliance.
- We are getting geared up for our 2023-2024 training.

**Community Affairs & Senior Services** – Charlene Tucker reported the following:

- Community Services:
  - Christmas Parade a success!
  - Christmas Activities
- Senior Services:
  - Served 1100 meals in November
  - Senior Center Christmas Party is Thursday, December 22nd.
- Old Mill Square:
  - Grande Hall Rentals in December
  - SCAC Artist Market
  - Chamber Connections Luncheon
  - Joy's Dance Recital
  - Christmas in the Park each Friday night
- SCAC Events in December:
  - SCAC Artist Market (Dec 1 & 2)
  - Mark Hummel (Dec 8)
  - Jingle All the Way (Dec 10)

### **Board Reports**

The Beautification Board Tour of Homes is Saturday.

### **Discussion – Other City Business**

Council Member Lilly was contacted by a veteran regarding the flag at Kontane Logistics. The large flag in front of their business is tattered and torn and needs to be replaced. The mayor said that he would contact someone at Kontane and ask them to replace the flag.

### **Mayor's Report**

- November 28 – Shelby County Urban County Needs Assessment Public Meeting - OMS
  - CDBG Criteria
    - Benefit to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons;
    - Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and
    - Meet an urgent need.
  - Needs Assessment Survey – County Website
  - Next Public Meeting(s) – Dec 7

- November 29 – County Recreation Grant Award Notification
  - Pickleball courts will be added at the tennis courts. There will still be two tennis courts and we will get six new pickleball courts.
- December 1 – Christmas Parade

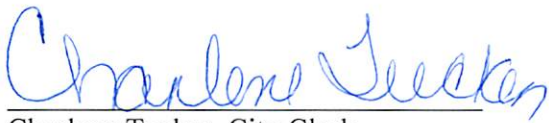
#### **Announcements**

- December 8: Christmas in Columbiana – Ugly Sweater Night on Main Street
- December 9: Christmas Tour of Homes
- December 15: Christmas in Columbiana – Whoville Pajama Party on Main Street
- December 22: Christmas in Columbiana – Reindeer Games on Main Street
- December 29: Not Quite New Year's Bash
- Cowboy Day applications are on the website

#### **Public Comments**

Ricky Harmon commented that sometimes the horns and sirens in the parades are too loud but this year's Christmas Parade there was hardly any. There should be a happy medium because that is something that makes the parade.

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 6:27 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



David Mitchell, Mayor

