

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
February 6, 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, February 6, 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 1-23-24 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:

- There has been no loss time injuries.
- Budget is on track. We were not awarded the grant for a new fire truck.
- Discussion: Safer Grant. Need to hire a Recruitment and Retention Officer for this grant.
- Facilities are on track.
- Admin vehicles are in service.
- Routine maintenance on apparatus ongoing.
- EMS training complete.

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

- No safety issues.
- Budget is good.
- Staffing looks good.
- We had an estimate of 968 visitors for the month of January.
- We provided \$47,067.00 worth of services in the month of January. That is up from last year.
- February 19<sup>th</sup> we will host Meteorologist Riley Blackwell from ABC 33/40 to discuss weather with our homeschool group. All are welcome.

**Environmental** – Dale Lucas 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 on compliance.
- We are getting ready to start our 2024 training.
- The treatment plant rehab should be out to bid in March and building should start in June.

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

- Community Services:
  - Cowboy Day February 24
  - Beautification Board Arbor Day March 2, 8am-12pm
  - Planning for Music on Main, start date June 7.
- Senior Services:
  - Served 1100 meals in January
  - Trips in February: Lunch Trip to Depo Deli and Grill & Comer Museum
- Grande Hall Rentals/ Events in February:
  - Libby Liberty
  - Chamber Luncheon
  - SCHS XC Daddy Daughter Dance
  - SCAC Mardi Gras Fundraiser
  - CTEC Honor Society Awards
- SCAC Events in February:
  - Eric Essix
  - Mardi Gras Fundraiser
  - Eat a Peach (March 1)

### **Board Reports**

The Beautification Board would like help on some of their projects. The large crepe myrtle in front of Leaders Coffee needs to be cut down. This is the last large crepe myrtle that is left. The roses at the recreation building need to be cut back and the two benches in front of City Hall need to be moved and replaced with one of the new ones that has been purchased. The board is also working on plans for a project at the city park in front of Elvin Hill. The Mayor suggested that the board talk to the merchants before the crepe myrtle is cut down.

Mayor Mitchell introduced:

#### **RESOLUTION 02-24-01**

#### **AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A GRANT AGREEMENT CONTRACT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT (EDG) PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbiana has applied for an Economic Development grant through the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham, and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of the grant is \$10,000 and

**WHEREAS**, the grant will provide funding to support the development of the city's Old Mill Square and Pedestrian Mall.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Columbiana City Council accept the EDG Grant;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon the 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 Ruston moved and Council Member Phillips seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by roll call vote of all members of the Council present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

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|                        | Yea      | Nay      |                         | Yea      | Nay |
| Council Member Lilly   | <u>X</u> | ___      | Council Member King     | <u>X</u> | ___ |
| Council Member Mizzell | ___      | <u>X</u> | Council Member Phillips | <u>X</u> | ___ |
| Council Member Ruston  | <u>X</u> | ___      | Mayor David Mitchell    | <u>X</u> | ___ |

Mayor Mitchell introduced:

**RESOLUTION 02-24-02  
AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN A LOCATION AGREEMENT  
WITH BRODY BURGESS LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council for the City of Columbiana recognizes the value of economic development and marketing for the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Brody Burgess LLC would like to use the Council Chamber as a film location; so

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council; the Mayor is authorized to sign a location agreement with Brody Burgess LLC on behalf of the City of Columbiana. Upon the 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 Ruston moved and Council Member King seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by roll call vote of all members of the Council present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

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|                        | Yea      | Nay |                         | Yea      | Nay |
| Council Member Lilly   | <u>X</u> | ___ | Council Member King     | <u>X</u> | ___ |
| Council Member Mizzell | <u>X</u> | ___ | Council Member Phillips | <u>X</u> | ___ |
| Council Member Ruston  | <u>X</u> | ___ | Mayor Mitchell          | <u>X</u> | ___ |

## **Discussion – Other City Business**

None

### **Mayor's Report**

- February 2 - Rebuild Alabama Act (RAA) grant application submitted for repaving projects.
  - Other - Street repairs, Nelson Walker Road (not part of grant application)
- February 6 – Alabama Legislative Session Begins
- February 8 – Chamber Connections Luncheon at OMS
- February 19 – Washington's Birthday – Federal/State holiday, not a City holiday
- February 21 – 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr CY24 Shelby County Mayors' Association Meeting at Alabaster Police Department
- February 24 – Cowboy Day
- February 28 – State of Our Community Luncheon at Pelham Civic Complex

### **Announcements**

- Cowboy Day – February 24
- Beautification Board Arbor Day Tree Giveaway – March 2 from 8 am – 12 pm
- Beautification Board Bunny Tea – March 16
- Planning for the year happening now! If you have ideas for Music on Main or for Liberty Day bands, let me know ASAP.
  - Music on Main set to run each Friday night this summer (June 8 – July 26)
  - Liberty Day – June 28-29

### **Public Comments**

Phillip Busby addressed Council. He moved to Hidden Springs from Calera and said that Columbiana needs health, balanced growth. Last meeting a moratorium was mentioned regarding R-3 developments. He advised that the Council use their power and do a moratorium until the planning board can update their planning ordinance.

Porter Jones lives on Nelson Walker Road and mentioned that the ditches need to be cleared. These ditches cause flooding which washes out the road and causes potholes and the road needs to be resurfaced. He said that speeding is also a problem on that road especially with all of the people walking on that road.

Soloine Madison lives on Buie Road and stated that the road is too narrow. She said that money needs to be put in the budget for next year for maintenance on this road.

Willie Jones lives on Buie Road and stated that there are dogs running at large and getting in garbage.

There being no further business, Council Member Ruston 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 7:13 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



David Mitchell, Mayor

