

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
January 23, 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, January 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
Mayor David Mitchell

Absent:

Council Member Ashley Phillips

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes 1-9-24 Regular Council Meeting

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

Department Head Reports

Police – Jeff Bowers reported the following:

- No on the job injuries.
- We are currently on course with our 2024 budget.
- All positions are full. New officer starts Thursday.
- All vehicles are in good working order.
- All equipment is in good working order.
- Training is complete for 2023. CPD completed 990 hours of training.
- Please be aware of scams.

Administration – Charlene Tucker reported the following:

- No reports of safety issues.
- YTD revenues and expenses are on track.
- Fully staffed with three full time and one part time employee.
- No repairs are needed at City Hall this time.
- Training is up to date.
- 2024 Business License renewals were be mailed out the first week of December and renewals have started coming in.

Court – Terri Reynolds reported the following:

- Next Court is February 13, 2024.
- Driving School will be February 27, 2024.

Public Works – Allen Reynolds reported the following:

- No injuries.
- At this time our current budget is on track.
- One position open. Joseph Light is new hire for Street and Sanitation.
- Rebuild Alabama Grant is ready to be submitted.

Board Reports

The Beautification Board will have an Arbor Day tree giveaway on Saturday, March 2 at Old Mill Square Park Broadway from 8 – 11 am or until trees are gone. Saturday, March 16 is the Easter Bunny Tea fundraiser at Old Mill Square from 1-3 pm. Davis Drug has asked the board to decorate the window on Main Street and Leigh Ann Fleagle has done a great job on it.

The Planning Commission approved the rezoning applications for 944 Highway 30 and 318 Highway 47 South. These were initiated by the City due to the properties having no zoning.

Discussion – Ryan Tallie with the Planning Commission Regarding a Possible Moratorium on R-3 Subdivisions

Ryan Tallie addressed Council on behalf of the Planning Commission and asked that the City initiate a moratorium on R-3 subdivisions. This would only be until the Planning Commission can update the zoning ordinance, which is in process. After discussion with Council, the Mayor suggested that instead of a moratorium, the Planning Commission could deny applications for rezoning to R-3. Those would still come to Council for the final vote but Council would have the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Ryan also asked if Council could appoint members to the ZBA (Zoning Board of Adjustments). Ryan and Rob McLeroy are currently on the ZBA and also on the Planning Commission and need to come off of the ZBA.

Mayor Mitchell introduced:

RESOLUTION 01-24-01 AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH DH GRANTS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for the City of Columbiana recognize the value of utilizing an outside grant consulting firm to write and apply for grants on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, DH Grants will provide apply for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Regional Grant for airpacks for a cost of \$250.00; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council; the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents required to enter into a contract with DH Grants for grant consulting services for the City

of Columbiana. Said agreement shall begin the day the contract is signed. 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.

	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>absent</u>	___
Council Member Ruston	<u>X</u>	___	Mayor Mitchell	<u>X</u>	___

Discussion – Other City Business

Mayor Mitchell discussed the City's Board of Adjustments and Appeals. This board is supposed to work on building abatements but no one knows the last time they met and the member's term have expired. We have had success with abatements using our attorneys. The Mayor asked that Council consider disbanding the board at a future meeting.

Mayor's Report

- January 12 – 2024 Alabama Legislative Preview – Jefferson State CC, Shelby Campus – Cancelled due to inclement weather
- February 6 – Alabama Legislative Session Begins
- February 28 – State of Our Community Luncheon – Pelham Civic Complex

Announcements

- Cowboy Day – February 24
- Planning for the year happening now. If you have ideas for Music on Main or for Liberty Day bands, let Ali Payne know as soon as possible.

Public Comments

None

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 7:08 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk





David Mitchell, Mayor