

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
January 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, 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
Council Member Ashley Phillips
Mayor David Mitchell

Absent:

None

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes 12-19-23 Regular Council Meeting

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

Department Head Reports

Fire – Johnny Howard, Jr. reported the following:

- There has been no loss time injuries.
- Budget looks good.
- Discussion: Safer Grant. We need a recruitment officer to utilize this grant.
- Possible second station location being discussed.
- Admin vehicles are in service and we have a full fleet.
- Routine maintenance on apparatus ongoing.
- EMS training complete.
- We have the opportunity to apply for a regional grant with the Kingdom and Wilsonville departments. This would be for airpicks.

Library – Jennifer Combs reported the following:

- No safety issues.
- Budget is good.
- Staffing looks good.
- We had an estimated 976 visitors for the month December.

- We provided \$36,829.00 worth of services in the month of December. That is up from last year.
- We had Santa and Mrs. Claus join us in December.
- We had a Christmas kid's craft, which was really popular and we had 21 participate.
- We showed Christmas movies the week before Christmas when the kids were out of school.

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.
- We have a new employee starting January 29th as a laborer.
- We have a new office assistant.

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

- Community Services:
 - Christmas Activities were so successful!
 - A BIG THANK YOU to our Streets Department and the Police Dept for making the events so successful.
- Senior Services:
 - Served 800 meals in December (due to the Holidays)
 - Trips in January: Lunch Trip to DC Smokehouse; Bass Pro Shop Trip
- Old Mill:
 - Grande Hall Rentals/ Events in January:
 - Forging Families 5K
 - Shelby County Schools Host Dale Alexander
 - Shelby County Urban Policy Meeting
 - Shelby County Drug Court Graduation
 - SCHS Baseball Banquet
 - SCAC Events in January:
 - APT All Creatures Great and Small Premier
 - Taylor Hicks 1/12 & 1/13
 - Paul Thorn

Board Reports

The Park and Recreation Board met and discussed the pickleball court project. Softball and baseball repairs will be made before their seasons start.

Discussion – Tim Nettles Regarding the Shelby County Historical Society's 50th Anniversary

Tim Nettles invited Council to attend the Shelby County Historical Society's 50th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, February 4th at 2:00 at the Old Courthouse.

Discussion – Other City Business

Council Member Ruston updated Council on a meeting that he attended with the City Clerk and Eric Womack with Shelby County Development Services. This was regarding the CDBG Grant Policy Board and possible projects that the city wanted to apply for. There was an emphasis on shovel ready projects. There is a board meeting next week to finalize the grant application, process and grant matches.

Mayor's Report

- Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan
 - The Regional Planning Commission is updating the HSCTP, which *guides decision-making regarding funding for projects that increase mobility for individuals who are elderly or disabled* in Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, *Shelby*, St. Clair, and Walker counties and establishes strategies to meet those needs.
 - Please help by taking a short survey at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSCR8Z7>
- January 3 – Received RPCGB 2024 EDG award notification. This is \$10,000 and can be used for the pedestrian mall and alley behind Main Street
- Monster Truck Wars interested in hosting an event in Columbiana.
- 2024 Elections are upon us...
 - January 11 – Meet w/6th Congressional District Candidate Gerrick Wilkins at City Hall
 - Incumbent Republican – Gary Palmer (running for 6th term)
 - Republican Challenger – Ken McFeeters
 - Democrat Challenger – Elizabeth Anderson
 - Independent Challenger - Kevin Stewart
 - Alabama Primary elections are Tuesday, March 5
 - Columbiana polling location is the Grande Hall at Old Mill Square
- January 12 – 2024 Alabama Legislative Preview – Jefferson State CC, Shelby Campus
- Received a call complimenting the city for the events in December.

Announcements

- City office closed Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King Jr Day.
- 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 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 6:32 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



David Mitchell, Mayor

