

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
February 1, 2022**

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 1, 2022. Mayor Pro Tempore Ricky Ruston 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

**Absent:**

Council Member Ashley Phillips  
Mayor David Mitchell

The Mayor Pro Tem declared that a quorum was present.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Minutes 1-4-22 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes 1-18-22 Regular Council Meeting

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

**Department Head Reports**

**Library** – Shelia Gallups reported the following:

- No safety issues.
- Budget is fine.
- Fully staffed at this time.
- Staying steady with patrons.
- We are one of 75 libraries that is receiving Reimagining School Readiness (RSR) subgrant. It is to help families prepare children ages 0-8 years old for success in school and life.
- Still need someone to clean our building.

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

- Upcoming Events: Cowboy Day – February 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 4 pm. The parade is at noon and the rodeo is at 1:00 and 7:00 pm.
- Senior Center served 1092 meals in December
- Senior Center has overnight trip planned. Eufaula Pilgrimage April 1-3
- Senior Center bus has been ordered. It will be here in March.
- We have hired a Main Street Director, Sasha Johns, who will start on Monday, 2/7/22

- We have a Falcon Scholar from Montevallo who will work Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays-Madison Johnson
- Staffing issues: One employee with injured knee.

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

- No injuries during this fiscal year.
- On track with budget.
- We are fully staffed.
- The office buildings are in good shape.
- We are currently working on upgrading some of our collection system.
- No change on compliance.
- Up to date on training.
- We applied for ARPA funding through the ADEM SRF program. The amount applied for the plant was \$4,525,000 to upgrade the plant to the current standard because of failing equipment.
- We have all the signed easements for the CDBG main trunk line project and we are holding a preconstruction meeting February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am
- There is a concern that the treatment plant will have to be upgraded if Columbiana keeps growing with new subdivisions. If the treatment plant moves up from a grade II to a grade III we will have to hire more operators because the plant will have to be staffed 8 hours per day 7 days per week.
- Grease trap inspections at restaurants started today.

**Fire** – Ricky Ruston reported the following:

- There has been no loss time injuries
- Current budget is on track
- New Employee hired but still on probation
- Possible second station location being discussed
- No changes in vehicle fleet
- Routine Maintenance on Apparatus in progress
- EMS Training in progress
- Daily staffing is an issue

Mayor Pro Tem Ricky Ruston introduced:

**ORDINANCE NO. 01-22-01  
AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, JVann and Rita Martin has filed a petition with the City of Columbiana, Alabama, as required by §§ 11-42-20 and 11-42-21, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, petitioning and requesting that the property hereinafter described be annexed to the municipality of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, which petition contained an accurate description of the property proposed to be annexed together with a map of the said property showing its relationship to the corporate limits of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, and the signatures of all of the owners of the property described were signed thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY

OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City of Columbiana, Alabama, does adopt this Ordinance assenting to the annexation of the following described property to the municipality of the City of Columbiana:

See attached Exhibits

2. That the corporate limits of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, be extended and rearranged so as to embrace and include such property, and such property shall become a part of the corporate area of such municipality upon the date of publication or posting of this Ordinance, as provided for in the Code of Alabama as cited above.

3. That the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this Ordinance, including an accurate description of the property being annexed, together with a map of the said property showing its relationship to the corporate limits of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, to which said property is being annexed, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama.

4. That the Zoning Map of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, and any other official maps or surveys of the City shall be amended to reflect the annexation of the above-described property, and that a copy of this Ordinance be transmitted to the City Planning Commission.

Council Member King made a motion to suspend the rules and to adopt the ordinance at the first reading. Council Member Mizzell seconded the motion. Results of the roll call vote was:

	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>absent</u>	___

THEREUPON Council Member King moved and Council Member Lilly seconded the motion that said ordinance be given vote, and said ordinance passed by roll call vote of all members of the Council present, and the Mayor Pro Tem declared the same passed. Results of the vote:

	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>absent</u>	___

Mayor Pro Tem Ricky Ruston introduced:

**ORDINANCE NO. 02-22-01  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S  
PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA,  
AS FOLLOWS:

1. Based upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the council does hereby amend the Personnel Rules and Regulations.
2. The sections amended are:

#### **V. Leave of Absence, Section 2. Holidays**

Juneteenth and New Year's Eve are added as City Holidays.

Adding: If an employee is on Leave Without Pay before a Holiday, they will not be paid for the holiday.

3. All other provisions of the Personnel Rules and Regulations shall remain in full force and effect and employees and job applicants are advised of the existence of this policy.
4. The Personnel Rules and Regulations are included in the employee handbook provided to all new employees. Existing employees are hereby notified of changes to said Personnel Rules and Regulations and copy shall be provided to each employee.

All ordinances and portions of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication or posting as required by law.

Council Member King made a motion to suspend the rules and to adopt the ordinance at the first reading. Council Member Lilly seconded the motion. Results of the roll call vote was:

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

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

#### **Board Reports**

Park & Rec will meet Monday. They applied for a grant using ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds.

Planning & Zoning will meet February 10 at 6:00 pm.

Beautification Board meets next Monday. Main Street bought a Cushman golf cart to water the flowers on Main Street.

**Council Member Ashley Phillips entered the meeting at 6:24 pm.**

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

None

#### **Mayor's Report**

- Cowboy Day is February 26
- The fence at the softball fields has been replaced.


#### **Announcements**

- Cowboy Day is Saturday, February 26

#### **Public Comments**

None

There being no further business, Council Member King 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 6:30 p.m.

  
Charlene Tucker, City Clerk

  
Ricky Ruston, Mayor Pro Tempore

