

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
February 21, 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, February 21, 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 Kim King
Council Member Ashley Phillips
Mayor David Mitchell

Absent:

Council Member Ricky Ruston

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes 2-7-23 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:

- Currently one on the job injury.
- We are currently on course with our 2023 budget.
- 2 positions open. Taking Applications for Police Officer.
- All vehicles are in good working order- new vehicle on the road
- All equipment is in good working order.
- We will be conducting active shooter training during spring break
- Coyotes spotted in town CPD has received several complaints about coyotes in and around town. Working with Alabama Fish / Wildlife

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 at this time
- Training is up to date

Court – Mike Atchison reported the following:

- Court collections have increased through January 2023 in comparison to January 2022. With tax season here we are hopeful defendants will pay off their accounts.
- Court has implemented a City of Columbiana Defensive Driving School. Classes should be ready to schedule March 14, 2023.
- Training requirements for 2023 are being sent out at this time from the Administrative Offices of Courts (AOC).
- The Annual Report to AOC has been submitted

Public Works – Allen Reynolds reported the following:

- One on the job injury.
- At this time our current budget is on track.
- 2 positions open.
- Vehicles are up to date.
- 24 yard garbage truck is out of shop and back in service.
- We have monthly training meetings.
- We are in desperate need of a shop and office building to work on equipment.
- New Backhoe is here.
- New Tractor will be here March 2023.
- 20 yard garbage truck will need to go to shop for repairs.

Board Reports

Planning Commission tabled a re-zoning request for property at 22676 Highway 25 until the next meeting.

Water Board went over their yearly audit and financials.

Discussion – Voting Delegate Selection for the Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Meeting

- “Each member municipality shall have one vote on any issue voted on during the annual meeting of the League membership, and that vote may only be cast by the delegate authorized by the governing body of the member municipality.”
- “The City or Town Council is charged with designating your municipality’s official voting delegate and alternates who will be eligible to cast the municipality’s vote during the business meeting.”
- Due by April 25, 2023
- Council will vote on at a later date

Discussion – Upcoming Beautification Board Projects

Lisa Davis discussed the following projects:

- Cemetery – remove shrubs and plant something else
- Spring Garden Tour – like Tour of Homes but will tour gardens
- Workshop on plants, composting and container gardens
- Washington Street updates around Recreation Building and schools

- Benches and planters in front of the video board at Old Mill Square
- Shrubs around City Hall sign removed and plant something else
- Landscape at intersection of Highway 25 & 70
- Lighting in/on crepe myrtles
- Remove shrubs/bushes at triangle at Shelby County High School

Council Member King asked Council if they were ok with the Beautification Board starting the project at the Cemetery. This is the project that they want to start working on first and council agreed. Beautification Board was given permission to remove shrubs and plant something else.

Discussion – Other City Business

None

Mayor's Report

- Residential street paving - Rebuild Alabama Act (RAA) Grant application submitted February 10.
- SR25 (AL 25) / SR70 (AL 70) traffic signal issues with length of signal. It will cost between \$6000 - \$15,000 to make the needed repairs.
- FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application submitted February 10 to buy new pumper truck
- February 22 - Shelby County Chamber Luncheon and 2023 Legislative preview
- February 23 - Washington Update with Congressman Gary Palmer
- March 2 - Recreation Economy for Rural Communities Update (EPA/ARC Planning Grant). This is a virtual meeting to develop an action plan.


Announcements

- Saturday, February 25 – Cowboy Day
- Saturday, February 25 – Cattlemen's Rodeo
- Saturday, March 4 – Beautification Board Tree Giveaway for Arbor Day
- April 1 – Beautification Board Bunny Tea

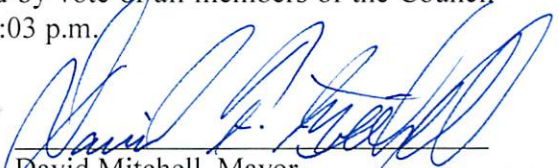
Public Comments

Trish Thomas with the Columbiana Cub Scouts asked how vendor spaces for Cowboy Day were assigned. Ali Payne responded that those are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. We did not have additional vendor spaces, but got the Cub Scouts a spot even though their application came in after the deadline.

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 7:03 p.m.


Charlene Tucker, City Clerk




David Mitchell, Mayor