

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
July 11, 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, July 11, 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 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 6-20-23 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
- Slightly over budget
- Admin vehicles are in service
- Routine Maintenance on apparatus continues
- EMS training complete
- Applied for forestry grant
- Working on getting recruiting grant started. We have several applicants that are interested.
- Working on budget for next fiscal year

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

- No reports of safety issues.
- Budget looks good.
- Staffing looks good.
- We had an estimated 1182 visitors for the month of June.
- For the month of May, we provided \$44,026.45 worth of services. That is down from May 2022. June we provided \$52,971.35 worth of services. That is down from June 2022.
- Summer reading will end this Friday with face painting and tie-dyeing t-shirts.

- We have seen a huge jump in our Young Adult section which doubled in May and then doubled again in June.

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

- No injuries during this fiscal year.
- We are currently working on preparing the new budget.
- We are still advertising for a Grade II Operator.
- We are currently working on upgrading some of our collection system.
- No change in compliance.
- Training is up to date
- Chris and RG start online prep classes next week for their Grade II Operator exam.

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

- Community Services:
  - Farmers Market / Music on Main going well and will continue until August 11.
  - Liberty Day was a success
  - On June 26-28 Black Bear Productions filmed the new Matthew McConaughey movie at Elvin Hill Elementary and the girls softball field.
- Senior Services:
  - Served 1150 meals in June.
  - Dancing classes added on Monday afternoons
  - Senior Center looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels on Wednesdays. Other days are covered.
- Grande Hall:
  - Jury Duty no longer being held at Grande Hall

### **Board Reports**

The Recreation Board will finish the Shelby County Park and Recreation Grant project at Bolton and Lewis Fields. There is a possible grant through Blue Cross Blue Shield for an outdoor fitness center. August 18 is the Red and White game at Shelby County High School.

The Library Board is looking for someone to fill the vacant spot on their board. They are also working on closing out the FY 23 LSTA Grant.

The Beautification Board had a booth a Liberty Day and had twelve volunteers sign up. They would like to cut the shrubs in front of City Hall. Kim King made a motion to nominate Leann Fleagle for the Beautification Board, which was seconded by Council Member Phillips. There was a unanimous vote of all members present and Leann Fleagle was appointed to the Beautification Board.

Main Street reports that the farmer's market is going well. Music on Main Unplugged will be every Friday night until August 11. There was 167 registered for the Liberty Day 5k. August 19 is the Main Street Farm to Table dinner at the Grande Hall. Tickets went on sale yesterday. The board wants to thank their director, Ashlea Franco, for all of her hard work.

### **Swearing in Police Officers: Damien Davenport, Justin Thomas and Stephen Zales**

The Mayor swore in police officer Damien Davenport, Justin Thomas and Stephen Zales.

### **Discussion – CDBG Entitlement Program**

Christie Hester with Shelby County Development Services presented information to Council about joining Shelby County as an entitlement county. Shelby County Commission would administer the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program instead of cities in Shelby County having to apply through ADECA. There will be a resolution for on the next Council agenda for vote.

### **Discussion – Brandy Jones Regarding Yard Sales & Columbiana Trade Days**

Brandy Jones would like for Columbiana to bring back Trade Days. Council wanted to table this for discussion at a work session. Ms. Jones had a yard sale set up at O'Reilly's for several weekends and Police Chief Bowers stopped and asked her if she had a business license. Council discussed the difference between having a yard sale at a residence and having it on commercial property.

### **Discussion – Noise Ordinance for Loud Vehicles**

There have been reports of trucks with loud mufflers going through town. Columbiana does not have a noise ordinance relative to loud vehicles/muffler. The noise ordinance is specifically for loud music. Section 32 of the Alabama Code deals with this and Columbiana will follow the state code for these complaints.

Mayor Mitchell introduced:

### **RESOLUTION 07-23-01 REQUEST FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, that the City Council authorizes Alabama Power Company to install a street light for the City of Columbiana. The light will be located at or near 181 Buie Road. Said light's monthly service will be added to the power bill paid by the city.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City of Columbiana authorizes the installation of a street light by Alabama Power. The motion was made by Council Member Ruston and seconded by Council Member Lilly and passed by a vote of the Council.

	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>	___

### Discussion – Other City Business

The Mayor has had complaints about the parking spots on East College Street between Main Street and Davis Drug. When cars are parked there, it is hard to see around them if you are pulling out of Davis Drug onto East College Street. After discussion, Council Member King made a motion that the City eliminate those parking spaces and make them a temporary delivery zone only. This was seconded by Council Member Ruston. There was a unanimous vote of all members present and the motion carried. Signs will be ordered to designate this a temporary delivery zone only.

### Mayor's Report

- Center Street paving update:
  - Applied for Rebuild Alabama Grant for \$250,000 but since the project was already complete, we were not awarded the grant.
- Liberty Day was June 24 and it was a success
- Washington Update Luncheon w/Senator Tuberville – June 27 at Pelham Civic Complex
- Mayor's Monthly Video can be found on the City web-site

### Announcements

- Farmers Market/Music on Main Unplugged, each Friday night through August 11:
  - July 14: Intermission Band
  - July 21: Leah Slaughter
  - July 28: Gibson Shanks
  - August 4: LeAlan Carter
  - August 11: Community Pep Rally
- Kiwanis Club Summer Carnival – July 13-16
- Community Pep Rally at Old Mill Square – August 11
- Discover Shelby Fest – September 30

### 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 7:30 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



David Mitchell, Mayor

