

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
July 19, 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, July 19, 2022. 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 7-5-22 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 no on the job injuries.
- We are currently on course with our 2022 budget.
- Fully Staffed.
- New vehicle is here and, on the road.
- All equipment is in good shape.
- Department training continues.
- Police Department has applied for a Federal Cops Hiring Grant through the Department of Justice. If awarded CPD will receive \$250,000 over three years for two officers.
- The Police Department has joined the ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Taskforce through ALEA. There is no cost to the police department for this and Lieutenant Knighten, Detective Hall and Corporal Rittenhouse have been assigned to the taskforce.
- Traffic in town is an issue/concern. Please be aware some school activities are taking place (summer school, Football practice etc.)

Admin – Charlene Tucker reported the following:

- No reports of safety issues.
- YTD revenue and expenses are on track.
- Fully staffed with three full time employees and one part time employee.

- No repairs are needed at City Hall at this time.
- Training is up to date.
- FY 2023 budget process has started

Court – Mike Atchison reported the following:

- Court attendance has been tracking higher since the first of the year. Next Court is July 26, 2022 at 2:00 pm.

Public Works – Allen Reynolds reported the following:

- No injuries during this fiscal year.
- At this time our current budget is on track.
- We are currently down five employees.
- We are in need of two ¾ ton pick-up trucks long wheelbase for the sanitation department.
- Some of our equipment is in need of replacement and some are in need of repairs.
- We have monthly training meetings.
- We are in desperate need of a shop and office building to work on equipment.
- Received New Brush Truck.
- Paving bid should go out in two weeks.

Board Reports

The Planning Commission had a public hearing for re-zoning and that will be coming to Council on August 16.

The Recreation Board reported that July 11 the Shelby County High School football coaches held a youth football camp and there were 45 youth in attendance. August 12 is the community pep rally. The lighting project at Bolton and Lewis Fields should be finished in August or September. The playground equipment at the park across from Elvin Hill should be installed in August. Fall sports registration has started.

The Water Board's meter change out project is still underway. Ty Sockwell's term expired on July 17, 2022. Mayor Mitchell nominated Lamar Vick to fill the vacancy and Council Member Phillips seconded the nomination. There was a vote of all members present and Lamar Vick was appointed to the Water Board by unanimous vote.

The Beautification Board purchased four new planters and more hanging baskets. The board is working on fall decorations and the Christmas Tour of Homes.

Discussion – Other City Business

The Mayor updated council on the abatement letters that the City sent. There were seven letters sent to property owners. Three of those properties have made progress or have taken down the structure. The Mayor will talk to the property owners to get an update on when the work on these properties will be complete. The other four property owners have not responded to the City. The Council discussed this and they want to move forward with the next step in the legal process.

Mayor Mitchell introduced:

RESOLUTION 07-22-01
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA
TO JOIN THE STATE OF ALABAMA AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS
PARTICIPANTS IN CURRENT AND FUTURE
OPIOID SETTLEMENTS

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic continues to impact communities in the United States, the State of Alabama, and the City of Columbiana, Alabama.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana has suffered harm and will continue to suffer harm as a result of the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama and some Alabama local governments have filed lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers (“Opioid Litigation”);

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has entered into various Settlement Agreements and are likely to enter into additional agreements in the future which include the claims for the State of Alabama’s local governments;

WHEREAS the City of Columbiana finds the terms of the current Settlement Agreements acceptable and in the best interest of the community and anticipates the terms of the future Settlement Agreements to be similarly acceptable;

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has prepared and presented Settlement Sign-On Agreements to the local governments and the City of Columbiana finds the terms of the Sign-On Agreement acceptable and in the best interest of the community;

WHEREAS, the current and future Settlement Agreements and Sign-On Agreements will detail the allocation of Settlement Funds, which the City of Columbiana finds acceptable and in the best interest of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama:

Section 1. That the City of Columbiana finds that participation in the various Opioid Settlements, Settlement Agreement and Sign-On Agreement is in the best interest of the City of Columbiana and its citizens because such a plan would ensure an effective structure for the commitment of Settlement Funds to abate and seek to resolve the opioid epidemic.

Section 2. That the City of Columbiana hereby expresses its support for the Settlement of various Opioid claims and allocation and use of Settlement Funds as generally described in the Settlement Agreement and Sign-On Agreement.

Section 3. That the City of Columbiana’s Clerk (“City Clerk”) is hereby expressly authorized to execute the Settlement Sign-On Agreements and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to execute any formal agreements necessary to implement the Settlements and plan for the allocation and use of Settlement Funds.

Section 4. That the City Clerk is hereby expressly authorized to execute any formal agreement and related documents evidencing the City of Columbiana's agreement to the settlement of claims and litigation related to the Opioid Epidemic.

Section 5. That the City Clerk is authorized to take such other action as necessary and appropriate to effectuate the City of Columbiana's participation in any Settlement related to the Opioid Epidemic.

Section 6. This Resolution is effective upon adoption, the welfare of the City of Columbiana, Alabama requiring it.

Council Member King moved and Council Member Phillips seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by 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>X</u>	___
Council Member Ruston	<u>absent</u>	___	Mayor David Mitchell	<u>X</u>	___

Mayor Mitchell introduced:

RESOLUTION 07-22-02
AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH AVENU FOR
BUSINESS LICENSE DISCOVERY/RECOVERY AND SALES TAX COLLECTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Columbiana as follows:

1. That the City enter into a contract with Avenu for business license discovery and recovery services, and for remittance processing for sales and use taxes, which contracts are before this council;
2. That the contracts be executed in the name of the City, for and on behalf of the City, by its Mayor.
3. That the contracts be attested by the Clerk and the seal of the City affixed thereto.
4. That Avenu will receive an amount equal to forty-five percent (45%) of business license revenue collected by Avenu and an amount equal to \$3.00 per business license application mailed or faxed to the City
5. That the agreement is for a period of 36 months from the effective date unless terminated by either party.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 Phillips moved and Council Member Mizzell seconded the motion that said resolution be given a roll call vote, and said resolution passed by majority vote of all members present.

	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

absent

Mayor Mitchell

X _____

Mayor's Report

- Storm Water Drainage Study – July 6 update: The preliminary recommendations will come in this week with a rough estimate of the cost to start the storm water system improvements. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds will be used for this project.
- We were awarded the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities Grant. This is not a funded grant but we will have access to consultants to develop a recreation and tourism plan in 2023.
- Council received the FY 2021 City Financial Audit. If they have questions or need additional information, the auditors can come and speak to Council.

Discussion – Marco Nelson Regarding Cameras at Crosswalk in Front of Post Office

Marco Nelson came before Council with concerns for pedestrians at the crosswalk in front of the Post Office and cars speeding through that area. The Mayor responded that the City will get a sign for the crosswalk and possibly get a flashing sign.

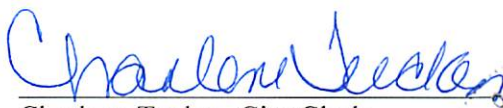
Announcements

- 7-22 Movies in the Park (Encanto)
- 7-23 Columbiana Farmer's Market
- 8-18 Community Pep Rally
- 8-25 Main Street Membership Meeting at the Grande Hall at Old Mill Square
- 9-24 Main Street Farm to Table Event
- 10-1 Discover Shelby Fest, Wine Festival at Old Mill Square Park

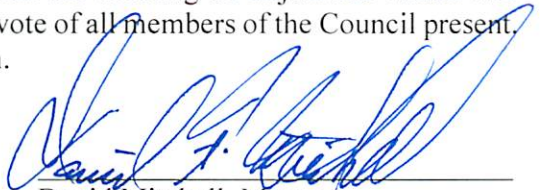
Public Comments

Cindy Harmon came to Council to ask for a storm water update but that was presented in the Mayor's report. Miss Harmon has completed some improvements at her house for her flooding issues but asked the City to pay for additional improvements which would be around \$2000.00. The Mayor responded that the City cannot pay for work on private property. He will meet with Miss Harmon and Allen Reynolds to see the progress made at her property and to ask the engineers for solutions.

There being no further business, Mayor Mitchell 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 7:20 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



David Mitchell, Mayor

