

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
March 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, March 1, 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 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 2-15-22 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
- Current budget is on track
- New Employee has been hired but is still on probation
- Possible second station location is being discussed
- No changes in vehicle fleet
- Routine Maintenance on Apparatus
- EMS Training is ongoing
- Call volume has been up but only small incidents

**Library –** Charlene Tucker reported the following:

- No issues with safety.
- Budget is fine.
- Fully staffed at this time.
- Patrons are picking up. We had 14 at our game night last Thursday
- We have our training Reimagining School Readiness (RSR) subgrant on March 7<sup>th</sup>. 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. The janitorial position has been listed on the City's web-site.

**Environmental Services** – Mayor Mitchell reported the following:

- No injuries during this fiscal year.
- Budget is on track.
- We are fully staffed.
- We are still keeping an eye on the aeration liner, there has been no change.
- We are currently working on upgrading some of our collection system.
- No change on compliance.
- Up to date on training.
- The Hwy 25 main trunk line project will start April 18<sup>th</sup> and the completion date is August 18<sup>th</sup> 2022
- The Hwy 70 sewer project is set to start April 4<sup>th</sup> and the completion date is September 1<sup>st</sup> 2022
- We should be hearing about our funding for the treatment plant from ADEM by June.

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

- Upcoming Events:
  - Bunny Tea on 3/13
  - Leprechaun Ride on 3/19
  - Touch a Truck on 4/23
  - Art on Main on 5/7
- Senior Center served 1100 meals in February
- Senior Center has overnight trip planned. Eufaula Pilgrimage April 1-3
- Senior Center bus has been delivered!
- The seniors are taking a trip to Bama Bucks on Friday. 22 seniors have signed up and they will be taking two buses.
- Cowboy Day was a success.

### **Board Reports**

There is a Council Member vacancy on the Planning Commission. Kim King made a motion to nominate Vickie Mizzell to the board and Council Member Lilly seconded. All members present voted yes to appoint Vickie Mizzell to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Mitchell introduced:

### **RESOLUTION 03-22-01 2022 SHELBY COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

**WHEREAS**, the Shelby County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been updated in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44 C.F.R. 201.6; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Columbiana recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property; and

**WHEREAS**, undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to people and property and save taxpayer dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, an adopted multi-hazard mitigation plan is required as a condition of future grant funding for mitigation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Columbiana participated jointly in the planning process with the other local units of government within the County to prepare an Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan;

**NOW, THEREFORD, BE IT RESOLVED**, that City of Columbiana, hereby adopts the SHELBY COUNTY Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that SHELBY COUNTY Emergency Management will submit on behalf of the participating municipalities the adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan to Federal Emergency Management Agency officials for final review and approval.

A copy of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is available for review in the County Manager's Office and the Shelby County Department of Development Services-Emergency Management.

THEREUPON Council Member King moved and Council Member Phillips seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by unanimous vote of all members of the Council present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

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

Council Member Ruston asked for the status of the purchase of the McDow Road property. City Clerk Charlene Tucker responded that the city is waiting on a closing date.

Council Member Mizzell asked for the status of the traffic study and need for a red light at Highway 25 by the middle school. The Mayor responded that he has a meeting with ALDOT and that he will also reach out to our Regional ALDOT contact.

Council Member Phillips asked who is responsible for the maintenance, scheduling, etc. of sports fields. The Mayor responded that the Park and Recreation Board is over those items and the city leagues should come to the board if they have needs or concerns.

### **Mayor's Report**

- The City was awarded the Shelby County Park and Recreation Grant
- The storm water drainage study started this week. That will be paid for with ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds.
- We received FEMA's Flood Insurance Study and Flood Information Rate Map. This was for a study done by FEMA in 2020.

### Announcements

- Friday, March 3 – Little Jimmy Reed with the Debbie Bond Band at the Shelby County Arts Council Black Box Theater.
- Sunday, March 13 – Easter Bunny Tea at the Grande Hall
- Saturday, March 19 – Main Street Leprechaun Ride at 9:30 am
- April 23 – Touch a Truck
- May 7 – Art on Main

### Public Comments

Mayor David Mitchell, speaking as a private citizen, commented on the Russia/Ukraine conflict.

There being no further business, Council Member Ruston moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Council Member King. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Mitchell declared the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



David Mitchell, Mayor

