

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
March 15, 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 15, 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 2-28-22 Council Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes 3-1-22 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:

- We currently have one on the job injury
- We are currently on course with our 2022 budget.
- We are currently down one officer. Officer Mabus is out with a hand and back injury.
- New vehicle should arrive soon.
- All equipment is in good shape.
- As a department, we have logged over 200 training hours for 2022.
- CPD mourns the loss of CPL David Orth. David served law enforcement for 30 years with 17 of those years being with the City of Columbiana.
- CPD welcomes new Officer, Alicia Simpson.
- The intersection of Highway 25 and Depot Street is a school zone. There is zero tolerance on speeding.

Administration – Charlene Tucker reported the following:

- No reports of safety issues.
- YTD revenues are up and expenses are down.

- Fully staffed with three full time employees and one part time employee.
- No repairs are needed at this time.
- Training is up to date. City Clerk has clerk's training April 27-29.

Court – Terri Reynolds reported the following:

- Court attendance was above average for the first court date of February 2022.
- Budget is on track for the FY 2022 year.
- The next court will be held on March 22, 2022 @ 2:00 pm.
- Lisa, Terri and Joanna will be attending training on April 7-8, 2022. This will complete the certification for Lisa and Terri.

Public Works – Mayor Mitchell 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.
- Waiting on the New Brush Truck. The old one is in the Shop.

Board Reports

Planning and Zoning approved the pre-zone application for Springs Crossing from No Zoning to R-3. There will be a public hearing at the April 19 Council meeting for re-zoning and annexation of the property.

Park and Recreation Board reported that work has been done at Lewis and Bolton fields, which was included in the FY 2022 capital expense budget. The Shelby County Park and Rec Grant will help with playground equipment and dugout and fencing at Bolton and Lewis fields.

Beautification Board reported that Jonathan Harrison resigned, so there is an open seat on the board. The Easter Bunny Tea was Sunday and was successful with 230 tickets sold. The board is asking for nominations for yard and business of the month from each ward.

Discussion – Other City Business

Council Member Ruston and Mayor Mitchell met with Shelby County High School Principal Kyle Dudley. The Shelby County Board of Education is renovating the weight room and Coach Ellison asked if the city would partner with the high school to put a mural/wrap on the fieldhouse walls. The total cost for the project is \$27,000. Council agreed that they wanted to help if funding is available.

Council Member Ruston asked about the abatement of the property on Highway 47 North. He stated that adjoining property owners are in favor of the property being abated.

Mayor's Report

- March 3 – Meeting with 58 Inc
- March 7 – Meeting with Rec League Parents regarding:
 - Parental concerns / Facility needs
 - Duties / Responsibilities of the Recreation Board
 - Budget / Funding
- March 7 – Economic Development Academy (EDA) Team Meeting
- March 9 – SCHS Meeting and Facilities Tour discussing
 - City / School Partnering
 - Jr. City Council
- March 10 – TSCC Investor Reception
- March 10 – Meeting with Planning Commission Regarding Comprehensive Plan
- March 13 – Beautification Board Easter Bunny Tea
- March 17 – Columbiana Middle School Tour
- March 18 – Meeting with Head of ALDOT East Central Region, Regional Engineer regarding
 - Traffic light (Hwy 25)
 - Speed limits (Hwy 25/70)
 - Highway improvements (Highway 70)
- March 29 – Meeting with EDA Director
- April 8 – EDA Class Jefferson State Community College
- Storm water drainage study on-going
- Columbiana Water Board is working on their meter change out project

Announcements

- Saturday, March 19 – Main Street Leprechaun Ride at 9:30 am
- Saturday, March 26 – Main Street Flower Bed Clean Out at 7:00 am
- April 23 – Touch a Truck
- May 7 – Art on Main

Public Comments

None

There being no further business, Council Member Mizzell 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 6:41 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



David Mitchell, Mayor

