

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
March 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, March 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 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 3-7-23 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.
- Taking applications for police officer - two positions open
- All vehicles are in good working order- new vehicle on the road
- All equipment is in good working order
- Training continues for 2023
- March 7 there were two warrants served for distribution of controlled substance. More warrants to come.

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 needed at City Hall at this time.
- Training is up to date.

Court – Terri Reynolds reported the following:

- Classes have been schedule for April 12 for Defensive Driving School through the City of Columbiana. Lisa McFall gave information on the city’s driving school.
- Next court date is April 11.
- The annual report to the Administrative Office of Courts has been submitted.

Public Works – Allen Reynolds reported the following:

- One on the job injury – employee has returned to work.
- At this time our current budget is on track.
- Still have two positions open and are taking applications.
- Vehicles are up to date.
- The 24-yard garbage truck is out of the 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.
- The 25-yard garbage truck is back in service.
- The 20-yard garbage truck is in the shop for repairs.
- We have started demolition work on the new shop.

Board Reports

The Planning and Zoning Board approved the re-zoning for Dr. Thornburg’s property on Highway 25. This will come to Council on April 18 for another public hearing.

The Recreation Board reported that the spring leagues are up and running. Council Member Ruston asked that the City pass an ordinance for driving in prohibited areas at the Sports Complex. There is also a need for a speed bump, even if it is portable, at the softball fields on Washington Street.

The Water Board conducted a regular business meeting.

Mayor Mitchell introduced:

RESOLUTION 03-23-01 AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH VIDEO VISIONS MEDIA MARKETING

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for the City of Columbiana recognize the value of utilizing an outside firm to provide marketing and promotional videos for the City; and

WHEREAS, Video Visions Media Marketing will provide the Mayor’s monthly videos for \$695.00 a month; and

WHEREAS, this will be paid from the Marketing or Promotion of the City line item that was approved by council in the FY 23 budget; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council; the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents required to enter into a contract with Video Visions Media Marketing for marketing and

promotional videos for the City of Columbiana. Said agreement shall begin the day the contract is signed.

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

Mayor Mitchell introduced:

RESOLUTION 03-23-02
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT
WITH UTILITY ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, LLC

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana has applied for and has been awarded grant funding from ADEM (Alabama Department of Environmental Management) for Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrades; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with ADEM's funding and procurement guidelines, the City of Columbiana must sign an agreement with our engineering firm, Utility Engineering Consultants, LLC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Columbiana authorizes the Mayor to sign a contract with Utility Engineering Consultants, LLC to render professional engineering services for this project. 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>	___

Mayor Mitchell introduced:

RESOLUTION 03-23-03
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 two (2) street lights for the City of Columbiana. One light will be located on Seale Drive and one on Pitts Drive. Said lights 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 street lights by Alabama Power. The motion was made by Council Member King and seconded by Council Member Phillips and passed by a vote of the Council.

	Yea	Nay		Yea	Nay
Council Member Lilly	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Council Member King	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Mizzell	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Council Member Phillips	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Ruston	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Mayor David Mitchell	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

Discussion – Other City Business

The Grande Hall floor was damaged during the water freeze/pipe bursting on Christmas Day. A partial payment for repair will come from the insurance claim, which will be around half of the estimate. The remainder will be the responsibility of the City. The total to repair the floor is \$32,000. There is money in the Economic Development line item in the FY 23 budget that will cover this.

On the April 4 agenda, there will be an ordinance and proclamation for the city to become a Tree City. There is a small budgetary commitment and we have to establish a tree board. Since the Beautification Board is already fulfilling many of the tasks, we will list them as our tree board.

On the April 4 agenda, there will be an ordinance for the city to establish an Entertainment District.

The city and Main Street Columbiana will try to get sponsors for Music on Main. The city will make up any difference not received through sponsors.

At the April 4 Council Meeting, council needs to designate a voting delegate for the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention in May.

Mayor's Report

- There were two gas line ruptures by sewer repair contractor on Goodwin Street.
- March 22, 2023 – The Shelby County Chamber State of Our Communities Luncheon at the Pelham Civic Complex

Announcements

- March 28-31 – Main Street Easter Egg Hiding
- April 1 – Beautification Board Bunny Tea
- April 8 –Main Street Carrot Fun Run
- April 15 – Touch a Truck in Old Mill Square Park
- April 22 – Beautification Board Clean-Up Day
- Music on Main scheduled for Friday nights in June

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 6:47 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



David Mitchell, Mayor

