

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
May 18, 2021**

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, May 18, 2021. 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 5-3-21 Council Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes 5-10-21 Regular Council Meeting

Council Member Ruston made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, which was seconded by Council Member Mizzell and followed by a unanimous show of hands vote of all members present. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**Department Head Reports**

**Police** – Jeff Bowers reported the following:

- No losses or injuries at this time
- We are currently on course with our 2021 budget
- We had an open position for a fulltime officer but that was filled today. Joel Robinson will start at the end of May.
- New vehicles are on the road
- Body cameras are in need of replacing. The department needs 13 body cameras.
- Training continues for 2021
- Investigator David Alexander is retiring after 14 years with CPD and 35 years total service to law enforcement. David's last day is June 23. We thank him for all of his years of service to the citizens of Columbiana and Shelby County. We are promoting from within the department and John Hall will be the new investigator.
- Vehicle break-ins: We are asking all citizens to make sure they lock their vehicles and remove valuables.

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

- No reports of safety issues. Continue to clean/sanitize due to COVID-19.
- Below budget for April.
- Fully staffed with 3 full time positions and 1 part time position.
- City Hall needs to be updated due to age but no repairs are needed at this time.
- Training is up to date.
- City Clerk has Municipal Clerk training in August and will receive Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) certification at that time.

**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 four full time 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
- Between April 12<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>, we have picked up 20,000 yards of brush from the tornadoes.
- Paving should start at the beginning of June and will take place at night.
- The City cannot pick up large stumps, construction debris or metal when picking up vegetative debris from tornadoes

**Court** – Mike Atchison reported the following:

- Court attendances was up this past court date
- We are on track with our budget
- Staffing is good
- No facility issues
- Court is up in collections from last month.
- No equipment issues
- The next court will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 2:00pm
- The total collections for the month of April was \$21,461.00.
- The Court Clerk and Magistrate have signed up for the yearly continuing education hours for September 22-26. The classes are held at Perdido Beach Resort.

## **Board Reports**

**Beautification Board** – Clean-up day is June 12 at 8:00 am. The Liberty Day Pageant is at Old Mill Square on June 19.

**Planning and Zoning Board** – The Highpointe property at Highway 331 and Joinertown Road was rezoned from no zoning to A-1 at the last meeting. This will come before council for a public hearing on June 15.

Park and Recreation Board – The board members are asking that they change their meeting date to every other month due to schedules and activities. New LED lighting is needed all ballparks. Council Member Ruston is getting quotes and this will be bid when the city decides if we want to move forward. The city needs to take on the responsibility to clean the restrooms at Lewis Field and the Sports Complex, since these are public city parks. The city also needs to budget for improvements at all fields. The fences need to be replaced at Bolton and Lewis Fields. There is a possibility of softball and baseball combining to help with scheduling and field usage. The dugouts at Bolton Field need to be replaced and the concession stands at all fields need to be updated.

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

The cross country track behind Elvin Hill Elementary was built through a partnership with Shelby County Commission, the Shelby County Board of Education and the City of Columbiana. A memorandum of agreement (MOA) was signed by the previous administration stating that the city would perform maintenance on the track. There needs to be a revised MOA that defines and outlines the city's responsibilities for maintenance of the track.

Cory Poe presented updated drawings for his Eagle Scout Project. This includes new flagpoles, new building sign, plant bed, address numbers on the building and benches for the front porch.

### **Mayor's Report**

- The FEMA/Small Business Administration (SBA) presentation from last council meeting was recorded and is available for view on the City's You Tube channel.
- May 25 – FEMA could grant the state public assistance. If that happens, then Shelby County could possibly receive assistance.
- The American Rescue Plan has been approved by the Federal government and the City of Columbiana is expected to receive around \$843,000.00. Half of that should be received by the end of May and the other half will be received a year later. The Federal guidelines for the spending of this money is still not clear but one area that is defined is "invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet".

### **Announcements**

- May 24<sup>th</sup> SCHS Graduation
- May 26<sup>th</sup> Last Day of School
- May 31<sup>st</sup> City Offices Closed for Memorial Day (No Garbage Pick-up)
- Music on Main:
  - June 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 Taylor Hunnicutt
  - June 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 Allen Tolbert Band
  - June 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 The Divines
- Movies in the Park:

- Movies TBA
- July 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>
- June 12<sup>th</sup> Columbiana Clean Up Day
- June 19<sup>th</sup> Miss Liberty Day Pageant
- June 25<sup>th</sup> Liberty Day
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Liberty Day
- New city web-site is up

### Public Comments

Beverly Justice mentioned that the digital sign at Elvin Hill Elementary School is too bright at night and can cause safety issues.

Phyllis Porter stated that the Liberty Day car show needs to be moved to the Courthouse parking lot.

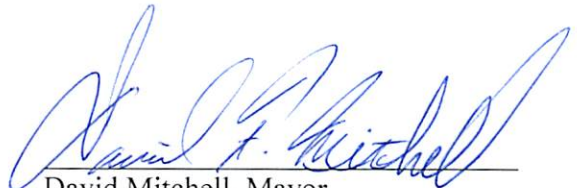
Wanda Bundy asked when the Senior Center would be opening and what vehicle the transit service would be driving. Ali Payne reported that the Senior Center will open on June 1 and that the transit service can still use the Senior Center bus for its route.

Council Member Ruston had a call about the property at the corner of Mooney Road and Highway 47. There is high grass that is obstructing the view of drivers.

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 7:27 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



David Mitchell, Mayor

