

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
May 3, 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, May 3, 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  
Mayor David Mitchell

**Absent:**

Council Member Ashley Phillips

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

**Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes 4-19-22 Regular Council Meeting**

There being no changes or amendments to the minutes, the Mayor declared the minutes approved.

**Discussion – Grady Thornton – Candidate for Shelby County Seat on the  
Alabama Republican Executive Committee**

Grady Thornton introduced himself and gave information on his candidacy for the Shelby County Seat on the Alabama Republican Executive Committee.

**Department Head Reports**

**Fire – Mayor Mitchell reported the following:**

- There has been no loss time injuries
- Current budget is on track
- New Employee has been hired
- Possible second station location is being discussed
- No changes in vehicle fleet
- Routine maintenance on apparatus is ongoing
- EMS Training is ongoing

**Library – Shelia Gallups reported the following:**

- No safety issues.
- Budget looks good.
- Hired full-time employee and part-time fill in.

- Slow on nights but staying about the same during week.
- In May/June issue of Shelby Living for being voted Best Library in Shelby County.
- Part-Time employee is cleaning our building at this time.

**Environmental Services** – Chris Lee reported the following:

- No injuries during this fiscal year.
- Budget is on track.
- Staffing regulations are changing June 2023
- 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 in compliance.
- Starting our training for the year.
- Employees start classes in May and June for their Grade II certification.

**Community Affairs & Senior Services** – Mayor Mitchell reported the following:

- Upcoming Events:
  - Art on Main Street this Saturday 10-6
  - Music on Main every Friday night in June
  - Farmer's Market every Saturday June – August
  - Liberty Day June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Center:
  - Served 1092 meals in March
  - Received Shelby County Senior Center Grant (\$2000)
- Main Street:
  - Work Days around town
  - Planted 32 hanging baskets on Saturday
  - Working with businesses for Façade Grants (3 awarded, 2 pending applications)
  - Working to fill vacant buildings, new restaurant coming to Main Street

### **Board Reports**

At the last council meeting, the Recreation Board Ordinance was amended to add a sixth member. Council Member Ruston made a motion to appoint Chuck Fant. Mayor Mitchell nominated Chuck Fant and Council Member Ruston seconded the nomination. There was a unanimous vote of all members present to appoint Chuck Fant to the Park and Recreation Board.

The Beautification Board has planters for Main Street and will have a booth at Liberty Day to sell Veteran banners for Main Street.

The Library Board hired a full time and part time position to cover May Young's vacant position due to her retirement.

The Planning and Zoning Board had a work session regarding the updates to the zoning ordinance. The draft ordinance is ready to be sent to the City attorney.

Mayor Mitchell introduced:

### **RESOLUTION 05-22-02**

**AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN MOA WITH SHELBY COUNTY FOR  
FIELD LIGHTING AT LEWIS AND BOLTON FIELDS**

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

1. That the City enters into an agreement with Shelby County Commission, to fund field lighting improvements at Lewis and Bolton field, which contract is before this Council;
2. That the City will pay Shelby County Commission \$18,125.00, along with any minimal cost overruns, should they occur, within 30 days of the invoice from the County and completion of the project.
3. That the contract be executed in the name of the City, for and on behalf of the City, by its Mayor.
4. That it be attested by the Clerk and the seal of the City affixed thereto.

**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.

Council Member Ruston moved and Council Member King 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>absent</u>	___
Council Member Ruston	<u>X</u>	___	Mayor Mitchell	<u>X</u>	___

**Discussion – Other City Business**

The Mayor has a meeting tomorrow to discuss the Art on Main event this weekend. There needs to be better communication between the City and merchants when Main Street is going to be closed.

Council Member Ruston asked about the grass not being cut at Dollar General and the property next door. Chief Bowers informed Council that a letter had been sent to Dollar General.

**Mayor's Report**

- April 28 – EDA Class Trenholm State Community College, Patterson (Montgomery)
- May 3 – Semi-annual Financial Condition Statement to Council:
  - Section 11-43-84, Code of Alabama 1975, requires the mayor to present a written statement to the council of the City's financial condition, show all temporary floating indebtedness, for what created, and the steps he/she will take to protect the credit of the City.

- The FY22 budget assumes an end of year surplus of ~\$2.5M of which \$1.6M is unrestricted cash. The remaining \$900k surplus consists of restricted funds such as gas taxes, capital improvements, sewer, court, cemetery, etc.
- As of March 31, General Fund revenues are *tracking* to plan. Expenses are *significantly* below plan but this is primarily an issue associated with the timing of costs incurred.
- Cumulative receipts from all funds, plus cash, is *slightly below* plan (~4%); however, cumulative expenses are *significantly below* plan. This leaves a net surplus of \$3.8M against a planned surplus of \$2.3M. The surplus in excess of plan is, again, driven primarily by the timing of certain expenses.
- In general, the data indicates that FY 2022 budget assumptions were reasonable and *the City is tracking to its planned budget*. Additionally, the City's *liquidity and cash position are strong* ensuring its ability to meet financial obligations.
- May 11-14 – Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention
- May 12 – RPCGB Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee
- May 25 – Shelby County Mayors' Association

#### Announcements

- 5-7-22 – Art on Main Street for all Shelby County schools
- 5-13-22 – Red Clay Strays at SCAC
- 5-24-22 – Shelby County High School Graduation
- 6-3-22 – Music on Main: Jackson Walls
- 6-4-22 – Farmers Market and Car Show
- 6-4-22 – The Wildflowers at SCAC
- 6-10-22 – Music on Main: Funky Business
- 6-11-22 – Farmers Market
- 6-17-22 – Music on Main: Ivan Duke and Friends
- 6-18-22 – Farmers Market
- 6-24-22 – Liberty Day: Rhythm Nation

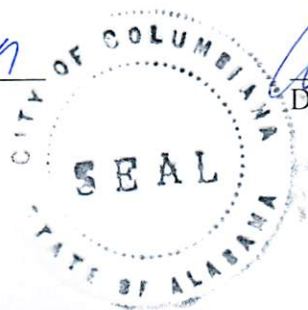
#### Public Comments

Billy Walker is having problems with a sewer pump that was installed in 2015 during a sewer improvement project in the city. The Mayor will get with Dale Lucas and Chris Lee tomorrow to address the issue.

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 6:56 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk





David Mitchell, Mayor