

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
September 21, 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, September 21, 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 Ricky Ruston
Council Member Kim King
Council Member Ashley Phillips
Mayor David Mitchell

Absent:

Council Member Vickie Mizzell

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes 9-7-21 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes 9-16-21 Special Called Council Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes 9-16-21 Council Work Session
- D. Re-Appointing Helen Gibson to the Beautification Board – Term to expire October 1, 2024
- E. Re-Appointing Lisa Davis to the Beautification Board – Term to expire October 1, 2024
- F. Re-Appointing Micah Walker to the Planning & Zoning Board – Term to expire October 1, 2027
- G. Re-Appoint Teresa Whiting to the Library Board – Term to expire October 1, 2025
- H. Appointing Gladys Beasley to the Library Board – Term to expire October 1, 2025

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

Department Head Reports

Police – Sasha Knighten reported the following:

- We have no on the job injuries
- We are currently on course with our 2021 budget
- We have a full staff
- All vehicles are in good, working order
- All equipment is in good, working order
- Training continues for 2021

- John Hall is Columbiana's Officer of the Year
- REACT Training is complete. This is training to help support individuals with disabilities and mental health issues.
- Crisis Intervention/Hostage Negotiation Training is complete.
- Speeding in school zones is still a concern.

Admin – Charlene Tucker reported the following:

- No reports of safety issues.
- YTD revenues are up and expenses are down.
- 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. Updates are included in the FY 2022 budget.
- Training is up to date.
- FY 2022 budget is on the agenda to be passed tonight.

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 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
- Paving is ongoing. Main Street is 90% complete.
- Large stumps left by the March tornado have been picked up.

Court – Liz Taylor reported the following:

- Court attendances was up this past Court Date.
- Court is on track with our 2021 budget. Expenses are down.
- Court staff is taking all safety precaution due to the rise of Covid again.
- Court collections are up.
- All equipment is up and running very smoothly
- The next court will be held on September 28, 2021 @ 2:00pm
- Court Clerk Liz Taylor and Magistrate Breana Windham have signed up for their yearly CEU's in September 22-26.
- Court clerk and magistrate will be taking their laptop's with them to the training in case the police department needs anything or if someone needs to process a payment by card over the phone,.
- Court purchased a second kiosk to put on the wall in the police department lobby for after hours.
- Our accomplishments so far this year have been met regarding laptop and access to court after hours.

Board Reports

Beautification Board is working on decorations for downtown for fall and finalizing plans for the Tour of Homes. Pat Ponder stepped down as chairperson and Lisa Strickland Davis is the new chairperson.

Mayor Mitchell Introduced:

RESOLUTION 09-21-05 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council has been presented the 2022 Fiscal Year budget and has had the opportunity to review it prior to this council meeting; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the City Council to approve a budget that is consistent with the revenue and expenditures reflecting their priorities for the City of Columbiana,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council hereby adopts the Fiscal Year 2022 budget to include projected revenues of \$12,600,765.00 and projected expenditures of \$10,136,162.10 leaving a budget surplus of \$2,464,602.90 for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021, and authorizes expenditures consistent with the budget by the designated departments at the approval of the department head, and charges the City Clerk/Treasurer to monitor the budget to insure that each department remains compliant with their approved budget and to provide updates to the Mayor and subsequently to the Council as is necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any expenditure not in keeping with the budget as adopted by the City Council, be presented to the Council for consideration, and upon approval, result in the amendment of the current budget to maintain a net budget surplus.

THEREUPON Council Member Phillips moved and Council Member Ruston seconded the motion that said resolution be given a roll call vote, and the results were as follows:

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

Mayor Mitchell Introduced:

RESOLUTION 09-21-06 AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH RIVERTREE SYSTEMS, INC. FOR AUDITING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for the City of Columbiana recognize the value of utilizing an outside private auditing firm to provide supplemental tax auditing and examination services; and

WHEREAS, Rivertree Systems, Inc. will aid the City with doing our due diligence by aiding in discovery and recovery of said licensing and taxes; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council; the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents required to enter a contract with Rivertree Systems, Inc. for the discovery and recovery of taxes and business licenses for the City of Columbiana. Said agreement shall begin the day the contract is signed and end with the term of the current Mayor and Council.

THEREUPON Council Member Ruston moved and Council Member Lilly 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>	<u> </u>	Council Member King	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Mizzell	<u>absent</u>	<u> </u>	Council Member Phillips	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Ruston	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Mayor Mitchell	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

Discussion – Other City Business

Council Member Ruston mentioned that vandalism in schools in carrying over to our city parks, especially across from Elvin Hill Elementary and the Sports Complex. The city needs to look into purchasing a surveillance system for these parks.

Mayor's Report

- Columbiana was accepted into the Alabama League of Municipalities Economic Development Academy.
- September 20 Columbiana hosted the Shelby County Municipalities and Patty Etheridge, Project & Grant Coordinator for Senator Tuberville.
- Waste Water Sewer Project, which is funded largely by an ADECA CDBG Grant, will be bid soon.
- The City is working with an engineering firm on our storm water drainage project. This will be funded by ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds.
- The City paving project has started.

Announcements

- Saturday, October 9 - Shelby Iron Works Fall Festival
- Friday, October 15 - Main Street Farm to Table Dinner at the Grande Hall
- October 19 – 23 – Shelby County Fair
- Friday, October 22 - Homecoming Parade
- Friday, October 29 - Monster Walk from 4:00 – 5:30 pm
- Saturday, October 30 - Witches Ride
- Saturday, October 30 - The Great Neighborhood Trick or Treat
- Friday, November 19 - Merchant Open House
- Saturday, November 20 - Merchant Open House

- Friday, December 3 - Columbiana Christmas Parade
- Saturday, December 11 - Main Street Breakfast with Santa
- Saturday, December 11 – Beautification Board Christmas Tour of Homes

Public Comments

Ronald Richey mentioned that crosswalks are needed at the softballs fields to help with safety. He also asked for an update on the golf course. The Mayor responded that a developer is interested in purchasing the property and building homes but nothing has been finalized or brought to the city.

There being no further business, Council Member Phillips 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 6:42 p.m.


Charlene Tucker, City Clerk


David Mitchell, Mayor

