

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
February 4, 2020**

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, February 4, 2020. Mayor Stancil Handley called the meeting to order and asked City Clerk, Charlene Tucker to call roll after the invocation and pledge.

Present:

Council Member Leslie Whiting
Council Member Barbara Moore
Council Member Ricky Ruston

Council Member Ouida Mayfield
Council Member Kim King
Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

None

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes 1-21-20 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes 1-28-20 Council Work Session
- C. Approval of Check Registers for January 20 and February 1, 2020 Accounts Payable Batches
- D. Approval for Environmental Services Director Dale Lucas to attend the Alabama Rural Water Association Conference in Mobile on March 16-18. Approval to use the credit card for registration, lodging, meals and parking, not to exceed \$900.00

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Library** – Shelia Gallups reported that she attended the Mid-Winter Conference and Homewood and received a lot of good information. She is checking on a Google coding class that will be free to participants. She is spending grant money on a literacy collection. Movies are on the 12th and 18th. On the 13th, Library patrons will be making Valentine cards and delivering those to Columbiana Health and Rehab.
- **Admin** – City Clerk Charlene Tucker reported that she attended a Census meeting last week. Citizens should receive their Census letters or postcards in the mail between March 12 and 16. April 1 is Census Day and that is that date that citizens should have their information back to the Census bureau. This is the first year that the Census survey can be completed online. If anyone

needs help with their online or paper survey, come by or call City Hall. Business licenses renewals are due February 15. Past due notices will go out on the 17th.

- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that his department has been busy picking up brush. They have installed the new LED lights at the walking track at the Sports Complex. They are working on the bleachers at Bolton Field. He is down 3 employees in his department.
- **Environmental** – Dale Lucas reported that the new pump station installation was finished last night. The contractor is finishing the grading work. A pump that was installed in 2009 went out. This pump is located on Highway 25 behind Smith Brothers. Chris Lee and JR Padgett start classes this Thursday in Jacksonville. These are Division 10 Regulations due to new ADEM regulations. These classes are at no cost to the City.
- **Planning & Zoning** – Dale Lucas reported that the sewer, water and storm drains have been installed in Phase 2 of Springs Crossing. They should start building by the end of the month.
- **Fire** – Chief Johnny Howard, Jr. reported that his department has received 20 calls in the last two weeks. These have been structure fires, mutual aid calls, motor vehicle accidents and public assist calls. His department is finishing up training. The Phobia Factory has a new architect and he has contacted the Fire Department for a meeting.
- **Police** – Chief Jeff Bowers reported that his department is working on training and they are coming off an ADECA grant. Statistics for the January ADECA grant was 192 stops, 131 written or verbal warnings issued (at no cost to drivers) and 61 citations issued (which resulted in fines). ADECA requires one contact per hour. In January, the Police department answered 1,188 calls.
- **Senior Center** – Ali Payne reported that day trips have been planned for February. They are going to Hawaii in 2020 and Ireland in 2021. Cowboy Day is February 29 from 9 am to 4 pm on North Main Street. There will be vendors, food trucks, a chili cook-off and a parade. The Novella Club's Arts and Crafts show will be March 6-7 at the Senior Center. April 18 is Touch-A-Truck. Music on Main will be the 2nd and 4th Fridays in May and June at 7:00. Liberty Day is June 26-27.
- **Marketing** – Elizabeth Smith gave the following dates:
 - The Cleverly's perform on February 15 at the Shelby County Arts Council
 - Mardi Gras Bash is February 21 at the Shelby County Arts Council
 - Arts Council Fundraiser is February 22 in the Grande Hall at Old Mill Square
 - Cattlemen's Rodeo is February 28-29 at the Exhibition Center
 - Cowboy Day is February 29
 - Rose Colored Glasses perform on February 29 at the Shelby County Arts Council
- **Rescue** – Matt Rush gave information on their department. They have a 24 hour ambulance that is staffed with a paramedic or EMT. They also have another truck that runs 9 am until 6 pm, Monday through Saturday. Their area covers from the Heart of Dixie Flea Market to Highway 25 in Summer Hill (Holcombe Road), Highway 26 at Chavez Paint and Body, Highway 70 past the Shelby County Landfill and to the Chilton County line.
- **Court** - Liz Taylor reported that Court is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 2:00 and everything is going smoothly.

DISCUSSION – RENT AMOUNT FOR THE GRANDE HALL FOR THE SHELBY CHAMBER

The Shelby Chamber wants to hold their luncheon in the Grande Hall instead of the Baptist Church. There are 14 dates that they have requested to reserve. They were paying the Baptist Church \$150.00 for each of the luncheon dates. They are asking to pay the same amount for the Grande Hall. This would include someone setting up and taking down the tables and chairs. This would not go through Red Clay. Elizabeth Smith mentioned that Red Clay has booked 4-5 events per week. After discussion, council agreed on the rental amount and there was a unanimous show of hands vote.

DISCUSSION – LA PATRONA MEXICAN RESTAURANT – PRIVATE CLUB LICENSE

La Patrona Mexican Restaurant asked the City if we would issue them a private club license. This would be a temporary license until they get their liquor license through the ABC Board. This is being held up because owner lost her immigration paperwork and is having to have those replaced. If the City approved this, we would set how much is brought in, by who and how it would be monitored. The owner and the City would meet and discuss the details and set guidelines. A contract or agreement would come before Council before it is effective. If any violations occur, they would be shut down. After discussion, Council Member Mayfield motioned that this be tabled until a later date and it was seconded by Council Member Moore. There was a unanimous show of hands vote.

DISCUSSION – ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD – 405 WEST COLLEGE STREET

Drawings were submitted by Randy Goodwin for RNB Properties, LLC. This is the old skating rink property. After discussion, the drawings were approved by Council. There was a unanimous show of hands vote.

DISCUSSION – ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD – 102 HIGHWAY 47 SOUTH

Drawings were submitted by Johnny Howard, Jr. for Howard Tire. This building is to house their wreckers and will back up to their current building. After discussion, the drawings were approved by Council. There was a unanimous show of hands vote.

DISCUSSION – OTHER CITY BUSINESS

Council Member Ruston reported a citizen concern at the intersection of Highway 28 and Arlington Street. Chief Bowers said that there will be more of a police presence there.

Developers are interested in a gated/upper level sub-division in Columbiana. They want 150-200 acres for this. They are looking at two pieces of property. One is currently without sewage. The Mayor is talking to our engineer tomorrow about this. The developers have seen the success of Springs Crossing and they want to build here.

The State has imposed new fines for littering. It is now a Class B misdemeanor with fines of \$3000.00 plus court fees, mandatory community service and possible jail time. The City will be amending our littering ordinance to show the new fines and it will be on the next agenda.

There has been a lot of discussion on the toll bridge. Shelby County has not voted for this yet. The resolution showing the City's support for the bridge has not been approved. The Council has still not decided what they are going to do on this. They want more information before a decision is made.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The old pool hall restoration is moving forward. Eagle Construction is trying to get the roof on the building before more damage is done. Phillip Crunk with Shelby County is working on this with Rob McLeroy.

Mama's Home Cooking restaurant is open. It is located in the Exxon Gas Station on Highway 25.

There is a Shelby County Public Involvement meeting on February 18 from 5-8 pm in the Grande Hall. This is regarding the toll bridge. Documents will be available on the County's web-site on February 7.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Whiting announced that the Shelby County High School girls' basketball team in in an area tournament. Everyone needs to come out and support our kids.

PUBLIC COMMENT

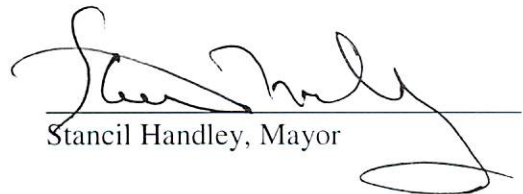
George Kenderdine voiced his concerns over the toll bridge. This will lower property value, increase littering, noise and the need for additional police patrol.

Aubri McClendon is representing the Perkin's Landing sub-division. A petition went out this week and out of the 30 homes in Perkin's Landing, 24 are against the bridge, 3 did not respond, 2 were neutral and 1 was for the bridge.

There being no further business, Council Member King moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Council Member Whiting. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



Stancil Handley, Mayor

