

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
March 3, 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, March 3, 2020. Mayor Stancil Handley called the meeting to order and asked City Clerk, Kayce Watkins, 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 2-18-20 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Check Registers for February 20 and March 1, 2020 Accounts Payable Batches
- C. Mayor's appointment of Rob McLeroy to the Planning and Zoning Commission – fulfilling the vacancy left by Dale Lucas' resignation from the board.

Council Member Ruston 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

- **Admin** – City Clerk Charlene Tucker reported that she attended a Census meeting last week. Citizens should receive Census letters or cards around March 12. This is the first year that the Census survey can be completed online. A kiosk will be set up at the Senior Center on April 8 to help seniors complete their survey. If anyone has questions or needs help completing their survey, please call Charlene at City Hall.
- **Library** – Charlene Tucker reported for the library. Council members were given the March calendar.
- **Street** – Allen Reynolds reported that his department has been busy keeping the storm drains cleared and cleaned. They are working on the bleachers at Bolton Field and installing LED lights at the walking track at the Sports Complex. He is down three people in his department.

- **Fire** – Chief Johnny Howard, Jr. reported that this week his department will finish their continuing education training. They had their yearly pump inspections on their trucks and they all passed.
- **Police** – Chief Jeff Bowers reported that his department is finishing up an ADECA grant and starting another one. There was an attempted robbery at the Chevron and within one minute of the call, Officers Peppers and Galutza were on the scene and had the subject apprehended.
- **Senior Center** – Ali Payne reported that the Senior Center has three day trips scheduled in March. They served 900 meals in February. Their calendar is on the web-site. The Senior’s trip to Hawaii is April 16 and 38 are going. Cowboy Day was a success. There was 32 vendors and 100 horses in the parade. There is a big Liberty Day announcement. Thompson Square will be the headliner for Saturday night.
- **Marketing** – Elizabeth Smith gave the following dates:
 The Shelby County Arts Council has events every weekend
 March 12-15 – Shelby County High School drama department presents “Annie”
 March 23-27 is Shelby County High School spring break
 April 15 – Mayor’s Breakfast in the Grande Hall at Old Mill Square
- **Court** – Liz Taylor reported that Court is going to increase their court fines to match the county’s. We are the only city in the state that does not do this. Business License were due on February 15 and are now assessed a 15% penalty. On March 15, that penalty goes up to 30%. Businesses operating without a license can be fined \$500.00 per day for doing business without a license.

RECOGNIZING THE SCHS VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

The City recognized the Shelby County High School girls varsity basketball team for going to the state final four. The girls introduced themselves and Coach Ashley Phillips introduced the coaching staff. Everyone in the city is very proud of these young ladies and their accomplishment.

DISCUSSION – KELLY DAVIS PRESENTING NEW BUSINESS

Kelly Davis introduced herself and announced that she will be opening a wine shop, Just a Tish Wine and More, at 113 West College Street – Suite B (beside Golden City). She is meeting with the ABC Board on Thursday and is still working with the Health Department. The shop will host book clubs, crafts groups and have wine tastings. There will be seating for 16. It will have an on and off premise alcohol license.

Proclamation

WHEREAS the youth of the City of Columbiana will determine the future strength of our country and be the bearers of our democracy;

WHEREAS youth need a safe haven from various negative influences, such as child abuse, substance abuse, depression, and crime, and youth need readily available resources to assist them when faced with circumstances that compromise their safety;

WHEREAS the Safe Place program is committed to protecting the youth of the City of Columbiana by offering short-term housing at neighborhood locations where trained volunteers are available to counsel and advise young people seeking assistance and guidance;

WHEREAS, designated locations where youth can get information and immediate help, Safe Place is found at businesses, such as restaurants, convenience stores, movie theaters, and community buildings such as fire stations, libraries and public transportation vehicles;

WHEREAS the success of Safe Place is based on public/private collaborations between businesses, school systems, fire departments, law enforcement, and a network of volunteers;

WHEREAS the City of Columbiana needs increased numbers of community volunteers serving as mentors and positive influences on young people;

WHEREAS the Safe Place program must meet performance standards, relative to outreach and community relations, to receive direct federal assistance as set forth in the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.);

WHEREAS more than 1,400 communities in 36 states administer the Safe Place program at more than 22,000 locations;

WHEREAS more than 359,000 youth have been helped at a Safe Place location or received counseling by phone as a result of Safe Place information received at school;

WHEREAS since program inception in 1983, more than 15 million youth have been educated through National Safe Place Network's Safe Place outreach efforts, familiarizing them with the Safe Place sign and providing them with information about how to seek help in order to stay safe;

WHEREAS increased awareness will encourage more communities to establish Safe Place locations where youth can readily access the help they need. Now, therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stencil Handley, Mayor of the City of Columbiana, do hereby proclaim:

- (1) To recognize the week of March 15 through March 21, 2020, as "National Safe Place Week"; and
- (2) To call upon the people of the City of Columbiana and interested groups to--
 - (A) Promote awareness of, and volunteer involvement in, the Safe Place program; and
 - (B) Observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Signed on this this 3rd day of March, 2020

DISCUSSION – OTHER CITY BUSINESS

Brian Gilliam with the Columbiana Church of the Nazarene is interested in reserving the amphitheater at Old Mill Square for a fall revival service on September 13. He received a quote from Red Clay and asked Council to waive the fee for this event. This will be discussed at the next work session.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Cowboy Day was a success. There was a lot of city participation. The Rodeo was sold out on Saturday night.

The bowl for the fountain at Old Mill Square was poured today. They are working on the colonnade and then will start landscaping.

A group of developers are looking to purchase 650 acres and building an upper scale sub-division. This property will have to be annexed into the city. This sub-division would have 2000 homes. The developer has made an offer on the property and is waiting to see if it is accepted.

The Mayor is going to contact the property owner regarding the Highway 47 North abatement. If she does not take action to demolish the house, the city will.

The Old Pool Hall renovation is moving along. Rob McLeroy will give an update on the property at a later date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

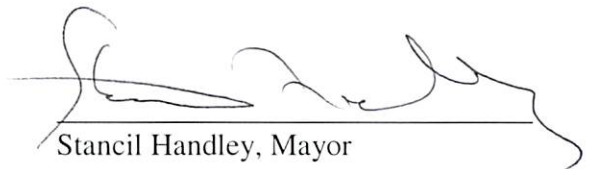
Roger Porter announced that the Liberty Day car show is being promoted. There were 110 cars last year and he expects more this year.

Chris Sutton asked about street lights that were out near the intersection of Highway 25 & 47. Allen Reynolds advised that he would check on those. If they belong to Alabama Power, they will be reported and they will have to repair them. Chris also asked about city streets that are still gravel. Allen will get those street names from Chris to see if they are city streets.

There being no further business, Council Member Whiting 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 Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



Stancil Handley, Mayor

