

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
April 7, 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, April 7, 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 Kim King  
Council Member Ouida Mayfield  
Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

None

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes 3-17-20 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes 3-24-20 Special Called Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes 3-24-20 Council Work Session
- D. Approval of Check Registers for March 20 and April 1, 2020 Accounts Payable Batches
- E. Authorizing an increase for Department Head Allen Reynolds from Pay Grade XII Step 10 to Pay Grade XIV Step 7
- F. Authorizing a one-step increase for Police Officer David Galutza from Pay Grade X Step 5 to Pay Grade X Step 6
- G. Authorizing a one-step increase for Police Officer William Morgan from Pay Grade X Step 5 to Pay Grade X Step 6
- H. Authorizing a one-step increase for Police Officer Kevin Perry from Pay Grade X Step 5 to Pay Grade X Step 6
- I. Authorizing an increase for Department Head Jeff Bowers from Pay Grade XIII Step 3 to Pay Grade XIII Step 5
- J. Authorizing a one-step increase for Bookkeeper Andrea Edwards from Pay Grade VI Step 5 to Pay Grade VI Step 6, due to completion of probationary period
- K. Authorizing a one-step increase for Assistant City Clerk Kayce Watkins from Pay Grade XI Step 3 to Pay Grade XI Step 4, due to receiving her Certified Governmental Accounting Technician certificate

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

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Senior Center** – Ali Payne reported that the Senior Center’s trip to Hawaii has been cancelled. They could not reschedule due to cruise ship restrictions. They are delivering 54 meals a day, Monday through Friday. Her department is also calling and checking on seniors. Liberty Day is on as scheduled. If we have to, we will postpone it. There are four employees at the Senior Center and they are rotating shifts.
- **Library** – Shelia Gallups reported that the Library still has 4-5 people per day coming to pick up books. They have more phone calls than anything and most of those are to renew books.
- **Police** – Chief Jeff Bowers reported that his department has been answering calls and trying to handle as much as possible over the phone. The current ADECA grant ends tomorrow and will not start again until after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.
- **Fire** – Chief Johnny Howard, Jr. reported that his department has only received and answered true emergency calls. They have not received any non-emergency calls. They have not run any COVID-19 calls in the City. They have one truck in the shop and had a crew assisting the Water Board today.
- **Environmental** – Dale Lucas reported that he received the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program report and that resolution is on the agenda tonight. His department has been cutting the right of way on sewer lines on Old Highway 25. Several people helped smoke 44 boston butts that were distributed in the community. These were bought with donation money by citizens.
- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that his department has been busy picking up brush and cutting grass. He hired a new employee this week and is down two employees. He is hiring one part time employee until he goes back to school in August or September.
- **Marketing** – Elizabeth Smith reported that all events have been cancelled

Council Member Mayfield Introduced:

RESOLUTION 04-20-01

### RESOLUTION FOR ABC LICENSE FOR JUST A TISH LLC

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbiana has received an application from **JUST A TISH LLC D/B/A JUST A TISH WINE AND MORE**, through the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board requesting an 040 Retail Beer (On or Off Premises) and 060 Retail Table Wine (On or Off Premises) Alcohol License Application; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbiana recognizes that this business has complied with the requirements of the State of Alabama to obtain such licenses;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council of the City of Columbiana does hereby grant the request and charge the City Clerk with providing a letter to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board indicating their approval of the license request.

**THEREUPON** Council Member Ruston moved and Council Member King seconded the motion that said resolution be given roll call vote, and said resolution passed by vote of all members of the Council, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

Results of the roll call vote:

	Yea:	Nay:
Council Member Leslie Whiting	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>
Council Member Barbara Moore	<u>    </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Council Member Rickey Ruston	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>
Council Member Kim King	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>
Council Member Ouida Mayfield	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>
Mayor Stancil Handley	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>

Council Member King Introduced:

**RESOLUTION 04-20-02  
MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Columbiana, Alabama wishes to inform the Department of Environmental Management that the following actions were taken by the City Council at a regular meeting held on April 7, 2020.

1. Reviewed the MWPP Annual Report which is attached to this resolution.
2. Set forth the following actions and schedule necessary to maintain effluent requirements contained in the NPDES Permit, and to prevent the bypass and overflow of raw sewage within the collection system or at the treatment plant.
  - a. We will continue using methods such as television inspections and smoke testing to begin repair and rehabilitation of the old lines.
  - b. Continued program of cleaning, root control and TV inspections to prevent buildups in the system and increase the capacity for handling the additional inflow during flooding.
  - c. Continued preventative maintenance of pump stations and acquire additional standby pumps for use in emergencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City of Columbiana does adopt the above actions into its Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program. The motion was made by Council Member Whiting and seconded by Council Member Ruston and passed unanimously by a vote of the Council.

	Yea	Nay		Yea	Nay
Council Member Whiting	<u>  X  </u>	___	Council Member Mayfield	<u>  X  </u>	___
Council Member Moore	<u>  X  </u>	___	Council Member King	<u>  X  </u>	___
Council Member Ruston	<u>  X  </u>	___	Mayor Stancil Handley	<u>  X  </u>	___

**DISCUSSION – OTHER CITY BUSINESS**

The Mayor discussed with Council the options to pay employees during COVID-19. There are several options including (1) The new Family Medical Leave Act, that is specifically for COVID-19, that pays employees 2/3 of their salary; (2) The employee can file for unemployment but would still be responsible for their portion of benefits; or (3) Full pay and benefits if they test positive or if they are sent home because of a family member. After discussing the options, Council agreed to pay the employees their full salary. Council Member Mayfield made a motion which was seconded by Council Member King. This passed unanimously with a show of hands vote of all members present.

The Mayor received a nuisance complaint from Jason Garrard regarding his neighbor’s roosters. Mrs. Garrard sent the Mayor an e-mail with a video attached, which was played for Council. The neighbor has around 200 game chickens/roosters on 10 acres and they can be heard at all hours of the day and night. After listening to the video, Council agreed that this was in violation of the noise ordinance. The Mayor will inform the owner of the chickens that he had until next Monday to move them or he will be issued a citation.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Columbiana Square is under new management. Murray Farmer is no longer with the group. The new manager is looking for retailers to move into the center and is working with a commercial real estate agent to help find retailers.

Rob McLeroy submitted a preliminary drawing for the Old Pool Hall building.

The Mayor had his weekly call with the other Shelby County Mayors. The bigger cities are having problems with crowds of ten or more but Columbiana is not.

Research Solutions in Pelham changed one of their manufacturing line to produce hand sanitizer. 120 was bought for \$2100.00 and is being given away behind the Fire Station. Citizens need to bring a clean, 20 ounce container between 1-5 pm and Columbiana staff will fill their containers. 55 gallons was distributed yesterday, 41 gallons today and there is 24 gallons left for tomorrow.

Work at Old Mill Square is continuing as usual. Work has started on the landscaping. The colonnade will be finished in a few days and the fountain will be set. The grounds should be finished by the end of the month.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

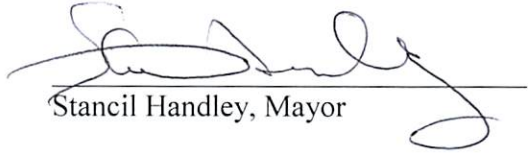
PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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 7:35 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



Stancil Handley, Mayor

