

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
May 5, 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, May 5, 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
Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

Council Member Kim King

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes 4-21-20 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Check Registers for April 20, 2020 Accounts Payable Batches

Council Member Whiting 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

- **Library** – Stancil Handley reported for the library. Citizens have thanked the library for being open during COVID-19.
- **Admin** – Charlene Tucker reported that Columbiana’s census response rate is up to 57.1%. We are asking all city employees to complete the survey. Everything is going good at City Hall.
- **Fire** – Rodney Reed reported that the fire department has had a few calls. One call was for back-up for Southeast Shelby County Emergency Medical Rescue and one was a fire call.
- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that his department has been busy picking up brush and cutting grass. Garbage collections have increased due to some residents being at home more. They are going to the Landfill more to empty trucks.
- **Environmental** – Dale Lucas reported that he is hoping to get his employees back in training so they can take their operator test. Sewer flows have increased since more residents are at home.

- **Planning & Zoning** – Dale Lucas reported that the building permit for the last home in Springs Crossing Sector 1 has been submitted. He is working with the developer to get the plat signed then they will begin working on Sector 2. There will be 35 homes in that sector and 14 lots have already been sold. He is e-mailing the revenue officer when businesses move into the city for their business license and the sign ordinance. The city needs to check on people living in storage units in residential areas. The code enforcement officer can check those and enforce those ordinances.
- **Police** – Chief Jeff Bowers reported that the call volume is down in his department. They are patrolling more in neighborhoods and parks. His department had training scheduled that they are having to reschedule.
- **Senior Center** – Ali Payne reported that her department delivered around 50 meals per day last week. They are also calling and checking on the seniors.

DISCUSSION – EMPLOYEES OUT SECONDARY TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Council discussed employees that are out due to their spouses having comprised immune systems. There are currently two employees that are out but are still being paid. Council agreed to continue paying them until the governor lifts restrictions.

Council Member Whiting Introduced:

**RESOLUTION 05-20-01
GRANT APPLICATION SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana intends to apply for federal grant funding as the need arises over the next three years;

THEREFORE, in accordance with federal procurement guidelines the City of Columbiana has solicited and received proposals from qualified administrative firms to provide grant application services as well as grant implementation services for their funded grant projects through December 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Columbiana has evaluated the administrative proposals received and have selected Community Consultants, Inc. to provide said services. The motion was made by Council Member Ruston and seconded by Council Member Mayfield and passed unanimously by a vote of the Council.

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

Council Member Mayfield Introduced:

**RESOLUTION 05-20-02
ENGINEERING DESIGN & INSPECTION SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana intends to apply for federal grant funding as the need arises over the next three years;

THEREFORE, in accordance with the City’s procurement guidelines, the City of Columbiana has solicited and received proposals from Engineering firms to provide application engineering services as well as engineering design and inspection services for their federally funded projects through December 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Columbiana has evaluated the engineering proposals received and have selected Utility Engineering Consultants, LLC to provide said services. 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>	<u> </u>	Council Member Mayfield	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Moore	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Council Member King	<u>absent</u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Ruston	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Mayor Stancil Handley	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

DISCUSSION – OTHER CITY BUSINESS

Shawn Ryan, owner of The Local, contacted the Mayor about businesses opening back up. He heard that another city was going to open businesses and asked that the Mayor talk to council about opening restaurants in Columbiana. After discussion, council recommended that the city adhere to the governor’s guidelines.

The Mayor received a call about parks. Since the green spaces are open the caller wanted to know if people could play unorganized sports. Council Member Ruston advised that they practice social distancing and limit the number of participants.

The Mayors discussed with council the need to drop the speed limit at the intersection of Highway 26 & 70, which is currently 55 mph. He sent a letter to ALDOT last year and it was denied. The mayor has a meeting tomorrow with ALDOT and they will go to the intersection. Chief Bowers commented that there are speeding issues at the intersection, especially with big trucks.

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor gave an update on Old Mill Square. All three tiers of the fountain are in place. The Colonnade is finished except locking the columns at the base. The grounds at should be finished in two weeks. He is hoping to schedule an event when we officially turn the water on in the fountain.

The Mayor introduced Stephen Dawkins who is the new reporter for Shelby County Reporter that covers Columbiana.

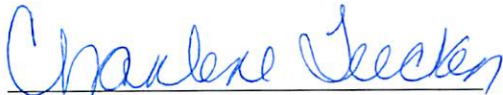
ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

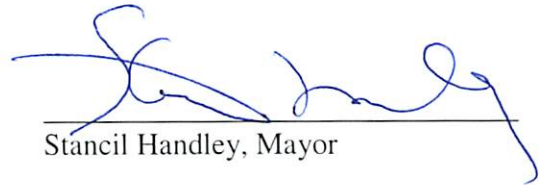
PUBLIC COMMENT

Council Member Ricky Ruston wanted to thank Officer Etheredge and Officer Peavy for the police escort during the rolling street party last weekend. His family raised over \$1400.00 in one hour for back pack buddies and they filled 245 bags.

There being no further business, Council Member Whiting moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Council Member Ruston. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



Stancil Handley, Mayor

