

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
June 2, 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, June 2, 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 Barbara Moore
Council Member Ricky Ruston

Council Member Ouida Mayfield
Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

Council Member Leslie Whiting
Council Member Kim King

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes 5-19-20 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Check Registers for May 20 and June 1, 2020 Accounts Payable Batches
- C. Approval for Chief Jeff Bowers to attend the Chief's Conference in Orange Beach on July 27-31. Also approving Jeff Bowers to use the city credit card for conference registration, lodging and meals. Cost to not exceed \$1200.00.

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Fire** – Chief Johnny Howard, Jr. reported that call volume is down. Everything is going good in his department. Their annual inspection on their air packs is coming up in July. Last week they started back on business inspections.
- **Streets** – Allen Reynolds reported that his department has been busy cutting grass and picking up brush. They have one truck that is being repaired. There were some A/C issues at a few city buildings including the Rec Building but those have been fixed. His employee is back after COVID-19 restrictions.
- **Environmental** – Dale Lucas reported that the pump that went out is being replaced tomorrow. That pump is under warranty and will not cost the city anything to replace. His employees are reviewing for their test and waiting on a schedule for the test. There was a CDBG funds grant

meeting and now we are applying for that grant. That will take care of the overflow in front of 1st US Bank.

- **Planning & Zoning** – Dale Lucas reported that he attended a meeting with developers who are looking to build another subdivision in the city. Their first proposal for lot sizes was 4800 square feet and the new proposal is for 6000 square feet. The Planning & Zoning Board has a special meeting last night to discuss lot sizes. They want to wait and make a decision later. Our current lot sizes are 15,000 square feet. We are waiting on a recommendation from our City Engineer on lot sizes. The fire chief and assistant fire chief were also at the meeting last night to discuss fire safety in subdivisions and the possibility of fires spreading from house to house. At the next Planning and Zoning Board meeting we are amending our subdivision regulations to require as built drawings to show utilities.
- **Library** – Shelia Gallups reported that she has been applying for grants. The Grow with Google grant is \$2000 with the chance to get another \$3000. The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Grant is \$25,000 with the chance to get another \$5000. She is working on the summer reading program and virtual story times. Library employees are asking patrons if they have completed their census survey.
- **Admin** – Charlene Tucker reported that the city's census response rate is up to 60.7%. Admin employees are calling citizens and asking them if they have completed their survey. If they haven't and need help, they are helping them complete the survey online. Charlene and Ali are working on adding an election page to the city's web-site with information and forms.
- **Police** – Chief Jeff Bowers reported that their call volume is low. They are working on training in house. ADECA grants have started back. Next month's is \$9000 and it is Click It or Ticket and then speeding.
- **Senior Center** – Ali Payne reported that the Senior Center is still closed to the public. Yesterday they had drive-in bingo and it was a big success. They are going to do something like that every week. Liberty Day is July 24-25 and Thompson Square has confirmed that they are available.
- **Marketing** – Elizabeth Smith reported that there was a ribbon cutting for Miss Tiffaney's on Main this morning. Just a Tish's ribbon cutting is June 9 at 11:00 am. This Thursday the Black Box Live You Tube event is The Phil Dudley Band at 7:00 pm.

DISCUSSION – HOPE FINLEY – MOBILE FOOD VENDORS AT SPRINGS CROSSING

Hope Finley is a resident in Springs Crossing and had seen where other neighborhoods had Kona Ice and Steel City Pops coming into their neighborhoods to set up and sell. Other cities and neighborhoods also have Food Truck Fridays and have a designated place for the food trucks to park. Springs Crossing does not have a home owner's association yet. They will have one after all of the homes are built. Council discussed the possibility of adding Springs Crossing as a mobile food vendor location. Since there is no home owner's association, Hope will contact the developer (Randy Goggans) and ask him for permission. After approval from Randy, Hope can come back to Council to approve a location.

DISCUSSION – RICKY RUSTON – UPDATE ON CITY PARKS

Parks are open but everyone needs to practice social distancing. For youth organized sports, there is no competition play until after Father's Day weekend. After that, they can resume play as normal. Right now, one team at a time can be at the park. Ricky is developing guidelines for the city parks. These will possibly include disclaimers on the registration documents. Dr. Lemak is helping with the guidelines for municipal sports.

Ricky advised Council to think about installing surveillance in the parks. He thinks this is needed and will be worth the expense.

DISCUSSION – PLANNING & ZONING UPDATE

The Mayor and Dale Lucas gave an update on planning and zoning issues. Our ordinance was passed in 1958 and The Planning and Zoning Board is working on amending the ordinance. Lot sizes have to be discussed. The Mayor advised Council to go into subdivisions and make notes of things that you like and don't like. We need to discuss street widths, parking in driveways and streets and other areas. Springs Crossing is a Residential Special District and the lot sizes average 8,000-9,000 square feet.

DISCUSSION – OTHER CITY BUSINESS

Rescue 88 needs a new A/C unit. There is money in the budget for this and they are working on getting a new unit. There was an issue with the A/C unit at the Rec Building but that has been repaired.

Resolution 06-20-01 is being added to the agenda. If Council approves the resolution, the Mayor and Police Chief can declare a curfew for the city. This will be done if needed and a special called council meeting will not have to be called. This is to control outside forces that could come into the city.

Council Member Mayfield introduced:

RESOLUTION 06-20-01

A RESOLUTION GIVING THE MAYOR THE POWER TO DECLARE A CURFEW IN THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA

WHEREAS, Recent national events have resulted in outrage and protests regarding the treatment of African American citizens; and

WHEREAS, Most of those protests have been peaceful but many have resulted in violence and destruction in many cities across the country; and

WHEREAS, On May 31, 2020 following peaceful events in Downtown Birmingham, crowds destroyed, damaged, defaced and set fire to numerous buildings, businesses, automobiles and structures in the Central Business District of the City of Birmingham, throwing bricks, breaking windows, and causing harm to property and person; and

WHEREAS, In response to the civil unrest, The City of Birmingham implemented a mandatory curfew on June 1, 2020 until further notice as a result of the threat to public safety and health posed by activities such as those that occurred on the evening of May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Authority is granted to the City by Alabama Code Section 31-9-10 Code of Alabama 1975 as amended to implement a public safety curfew to protect public peace, health and safety, and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the state under the conditions stated therein; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, finds that implementation of a curfew with appropriate restrictions is necessary to protect public peace, health, safety and to preserve the lives and property of those who live and work, and visit, the City of Columbiana.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 2nd day of June, 2020, as follows by the City Council of the City of Columbiana;

1. Pursuant to state law, due to the civil unrest and destruction occurring in the City of Birmingham, on the night of May 31, 2020 and the continuing threat of further rioting in surrounding communities such as the City and the danger of such unrest to the lives, safety, health, welfare and property of the people of the City, a public safety curfew shall be implemented beginning immediately upon proclamation of the Mayor.
2. Beginning immediately upon proclamation of the Mayor, no person shall between the hours of 8:00 pm and 6:00 am each day while this curfew is in effect:
 - a. Hold or participate in any demonstration, parade, march, or vigil, on any of the public ways or upon any public property; and
 - b. Travel upon any public street, alley, or roadway or upon any other public property, except those in search of medical assistance, food, or other commodity or service necessary to sustain the well-being of themselves or their families or some member thereof, an individuals or families purchasing food peacefully in the ordinary course of business from restaurants and drive through establishments whose ordinary business is the preparation and selling of food and except those traveling through the city from one location outside of the city to another location outside of the city, those returning to ones place of residence or place of employment or as necessary to comply with legally mandated government purposes or an order of law enforcement or court; or those attending school related events.
3. These restrictions shall apply within the corporate limits of the City of Columbiana.
4. These restrictions shall not apply to such other classes of persons as maybe essential to the preservation of public order and immediately necessary to serve the safety, health, and welfare needs of the citizens, including law enforcement officers, fire fighters, and other public services; doctors, nurses, employees of hospitals and other medical facilities; on duty military personnel; on duty employees of public utilities, public transportation companies and newspaper, magazine, radio broadcasting and television broadcasting corporations.
5. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provisions of this Resolution.
6. If any part, section or subdivision of this Resolution shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed to invalidate or impair the remainder of this Resolution, which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such holding.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its approval, adoption and publication as provided by law.

Council Member Moore moved and Council Member Mayfield seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by vote of all members of the Council present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

June 25 is the celebration to turn on the fountain at Old Mill Square. The water and lights have been tested and everything looks good. Cameras have been placed at the fountain and sign tower for security purposes.

There are a couple of bookings at the Grande Hall that are waiting on contracts to be signed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

There being no further business, Council Member Ruston moved that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Council Member Mayfield. The motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Charlene Tucker
Charlene Tucker, City Clerk

Stancil Handley
Stancil Handley, Mayor

