

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
November 4, 2014**

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., Tuesday November 4, 2014. Mayor Stancil Handley called the meeting to order and then asked City Clerk Mark Frey to call roll after the invocation and pledge.

Present:

Council member Leslie Whiting
Council member Ricky Ruston
Council member Kim King

Council member Barbara Moore
Council member Ouida Mayfield
Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: October 21, 2014 – Regular Meeting.
- B. Reappointment of Planning Commission member Rick Williams to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Recommended by Chairman Amanda Randolph for the reappointment of Rick Williams to the Planning and Zoning Commission with term to end on 10/01/2020.
- C. Approval of Marketing Director, Helen Dean to use the credit card to cover cost of meals and accommodations for the 2014 Alabama Welcome Center Educational Retreat in Eufaula on November 9-10. Not to exceed \$100. *The Karl C. Harrison Museum is paying the \$175 registration fee.*

Council member Mayfield moved to approve the consent agenda and Council member King seconded the motion which given to a vote and was approved unanimously by all members present.

GUEST DISCUSSION

Dustin Smith with the Columbiana Middle School:

Special guest Dustin Smith addressed the Council about the Google Apps for Education program. This program allows students to participate in 21st century skills. The cost is \$320 per Chromebook for each child which includes the license fee for the program. So far they have raised \$3400 which includes \$3000 from the School and \$400 from the science program. Mrs. Rush spoke highly about Dustin and how he has been able to promote the technology teaching techniques throughout the school.

Council member Mayfield suggested and the Council agreed that the council should sit down and discuss this in-depth. Mayor Handley thanked Mr. Smith and Mrs. Rush.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **Administration** – City Clerk Mark Frey reported that he and the staff have been working with the auditors for a couple of weeks and everything was going well.

The sidewalk project is nearing completion and City Hall has received several calls about how well the project is going.

- **Streets** – Department Head Allen Reynolds reported his guys are reworking the Christmas decorations and winterizing the mowers. Mayor Handley asked Allen to pass on the City's appreciation for the good job that they did after the annual Monster Walk event.
- **Fire** – Fire Chief Johnny Howard Jr. reported that Guys are trying to finish up with the annual testing of the fire hydrants and equipment. There is an ongoing issue out at 322 E. Hwy 25 with a lady falling. This is something that we need to look into with the living situation. The radios are not working through the 911 service but about 40% of the time. Most of the emergency calls for now are being received through text messages. There was no power at the tower during the weekend. The problem seems to be just in the Columbiana area and Shelby County 911 is working on the system.
- **Rescue** – Matt Rush reported that they enjoyed working the Monster Walk event. Rescue ran just over 200 calls last month and 70 that were inside the city limits. They also had just over 100 transports. They went to Orlando in order to inspect the new Ambulance. These are 4x4 trucks and they are developing a new load leveling system on these new ambulances.
- **Environmental Services** – Jacob Welch reported that Plant is running smooth and they are doing their annual samples and they have just built an equipment shed to cover the tractor and track hoe. The State came out and did an inspection at the plant when Dale was out of the office and everything inspected was up to par. Mayor Handley thanked Jacob for the work that he was doing for the City.
- **Police Department** – Chief Lamar Vick reported that he had received great feedback from the schools in regards to Sargent Lilly in the schools. Chief Vick also reported that he is bringing in Officer Michael Bradberry in the month of November. He is A-Post certified and is on reserve with the St. Clair County. He is taking the place of Officer Bunn who moved to Louisiana.

The auxiliary officer, KC Handley is also doing a great job. Chief has been working with KC and he is doing very well within the Jefferson County Police Academy. Mayor Handley said that Monster Walk appeared to be larger than ever before and appreciated all of the Public Safety's' involvement in making this event successful and safe.

City Clerk Mark Frey led a discussion about the Certified Public Manager's program that he has been working on. He has completed the first year's training and the time has approached to enroll in the 2015 CPM II program. The cost of this program is \$1890 for the coming years training. This will consist of 126 in class hours of training.

There was a lengthy discussion about the CPM program and the amount of points this class will contribute towards the Certified Municipal Clerks designation. Mark will report back to the Mayor the amount of points awarded for this course.

After discussion about funds that were omitted from the final budget for the sidewalk project and flail mower as well as the A-TRIP project that has been added, Council member Rushton introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 11-14-01

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2015 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, the following capital expenditures were inadvertently excluded in the passing of the FY 2015 Budget:

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| • Sidewalk Projects (Street) | \$100,000.00 |
| • Tractor and Flail Mower (Street) | \$ 36,000.00 |
| • A-TRIP - Old Hwy 25 Resurfacing (Street) | \$ 75,000.00 |

WHEREAS, these purchases were discussed but not included in the approved capital expenditure budget, and the Mayor and Council have approved the purchase of the items and expenditure as being necessary,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Clerk to make the necessary amendment to the Fiscal Year 2015 budget effective immediately, resulting in an increase to projected capital expenses in the amount of \$211,000.00 and authorizing the transfer of funds from as needed from the General Fund account to the Capital account to facilitate these purchases.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk has prepared an updated budget, reflecting this change and all other changes to the Fiscal Year 2015 budget previously approved by resolution by the City Council and that it be presented today with an updated status of revenue and expenditures through November 4th, 2015.

THEREUPON Council member Whiting moved and Council member Mayfield seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by roll call vote of all members of the Council present, and Mayor Handley declared the same passed.

Adopted this 4th day of November, 2014.

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

Stancil Handley, Mayor

The Council discussed the selection of the new Columbiana City Seal. There was a discussion about the choice of the Crepe Myrtle, the Lamp Post or a Shield. Council member Mayfield said that she would like to talk to Scott Owen about a possible 3rd option for the Council to consider at the next Council meeting.

MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor reported that have located a company that does sidewalk repairs at a fraction of the cost of tearing out and replacing. We have contracted with them to work on Mildred Street, Thompson Street and East College Street. They have a way to cut the sidewalks down so that they will not have to be re-poured. The downside is that the old sidewalks are narrower than the new ones but this will be a far less expense to the City. Some are too bad to repair and they will have to be torn out and re-poured.

Mayor Handley reported that he had received 2 thank you letters from Columbiana Middle School and the Alabama Historical Society thanking the City for its hospitality during recent events.

We have hired the 2 part time Trolley drivers and this has dramatically improved the way that we are managing this new transportation service. The Mayor also noted that another Boy Scout will be helping with Trolley stops.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Handley announced that there are 4 new businesses preparing to open or re-open here in town and there are great things in store for Columbiana.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

There being no further business, Council member Ruston moved that the meeting be adjourned, Council member Whiting seconded and the motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

Stancil Handley, Mayor