



Regular Minutes of the City Council

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex
Monday, December 20, 2021 --- Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER THE PRE-COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Pre-Council Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 2021, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Councilman Tapley, Councilman Hardy, Councilman Eric Brown, Councilman Chris Brown, and Councilman Keel were present.

Absent: None

Others present included: Mayor Baird, Amanda Thomas, Al Jones, Captain Hodge, Dana Fuller, John McKelvey, Teresa Moten, Arlene Wycoff, Jason Taylor, Romy Stamps, Robert Boleware, Kenny Dean, Jason Harpe, Donna Barrett, T.C. Coley, Steve Robinson, and others were present.

During the Pre-Council Meeting Council President Colvin allowed department heads to address the council concerning multiple topics.

Hearing no further discussion or questions, Council President Colvin ended the Pre-Council Meeting.

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 2021, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Councilman Tapley, Councilman Hardy, Councilman Eric Brown, Councilman Chris Brown, and Councilman Keel were present.

Absent: None

Others present included: Mayor Baird, Amanda Thomas, Al Jones, Captain Hodge, Dana Fuller, John McKelvey, Teresa Moten, Arlene Wycoff, Jason Taylor, Romy Stamps, Robert Boleware, Kenny Dean, Jason Harpe, Donna Barrett, T.C. Coley, Steve Robinson, and others were present.

OPENING PRAYER: Mayor Baird

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilman Tapley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 6, 2021, Regular Meeting

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hardy. There being no discussion, the minutes were approved with the following vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: December 20, 2021, Agenda

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hardy. There being no discussion, the agenda was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN, AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE

REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance: Defer to Finance.

Public Safety Committee: No report

Utilities Committee: No report.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Thanks to the Fire and Parks and Rec departments for making Fire Truck Santa happen.

Public Works Committee: No report.

Buildings and Properties Committee: No report.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES:

1. Romy Stamps provided the Council with a monthly financial report and banking balance update.
2. Jason Harpe with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram (CRI) provided an update on the FY 2019 audit. Jason stated that the overall equity in the general fund has decreased over the last several years. The City needs at least 90 days of operation in the general fund. We need to preserve revenue. As of 2019 the audit is showing a **-\$5,446,865** fund balance in the general fund. We need to minimize transfers from enterprise fund to general fund to avoid putting the utilities in financial stress. The FY 2019 audit shows \$7.1 million transferred to the general fund.

PRESENTATION:

1. Mayor Baird presented the advantages for partnering with Tallapoosa County on tourism efforts.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 22-23: A Resolution to Declare Personal Property as Surplus and No Longer Needed for Public Use

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Councilman Keel seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE

2. Resolution 22-24: A Resolution to Appoint Multiple Members to the East Alabama Mental Health Board

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Councilman Keel seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE

3. Request: A Request to Approve the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the request as written. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. Reiterated what Jason Harpe said and thanked the Finance Department.
2. We had our first 4-year plan meeting with the general fund departments.

COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR: None

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK:

1. On January 3rd we will have a work session at 4:30 p.m. and regular meeting at 5:30 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Tapley: Merry Christmas.

Hardy: Thank you for attending. Thank you County Commissioners. Echo what Jason Harpe said about Romy making progress.

Eric Brown: Thank you County Commissioners. Thank you City staff.

Chris Brown: Thank you for coming out and County Commissioners.

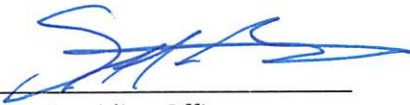
Keel: Echo everyone. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Colvin: Echo everyone. Thank you to our regulars; continue to be a part of our meetings. Thank you Mayor, Council, and staff.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Tapley made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chris Brown. The meeting adjourned (6-0) at 6:23 p.m.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE



Presiding Officer



City Clerk

METHOD OF DELIVERY: The draft minutes were emailed to the Council for review on Wednesday, December 29, 2021.

OTHER: The agenda was posted to the City's website and the bulletin board that is located at the Municipal Complex. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agenda

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: None