



Regular Minutes of the City Council

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex
Monday, September 12, 2022 --- 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, September 12, 2022, 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, Teresa Moten, Doug Jones, Jennifer Carlisle, Chris Hardy, Henry Foy, Dana Fuller, Al Jones, Miles Hamlett, Piper Barnett, Tammy Johns, Scotty Price, Chris Cousins, and others.

During the Pre-Council Meeting, department heads discussed several agenda items:

Council President Colvin reminded the Council that they have discussed the proposed ordinance (2022-25) during a couple of meetings in the past.

Scotty Price, Revenue Manager informed the Council that part of the proposed ordinance (2022-26) will set the issuance fee to automatically update based on state regulations. The other portion of the ordinance is to update the business license schedule and fees.

Jennifer Carlisle, Nutrition Center Manager, spoke to the Council concerning the City selling the Bud Porch property to Lake Martin Brewing Co. (proposed ordinance 2022-29). The building will be transformed into a restaurant/microbrewery. The goal is to have a nice place for citizens to eat during the times when other restaurants downtown are closed.

Amanda Thomas, City Clerk, informed the Council that the proposed resolution 22-88 to authorize the mayor to execute an annual agreement with the Community Action Committee, Inc.

Miles Hamlett, Purchasing Agent, talked about awarding Bid 22-17, Annual Chemicals (resolution 22-89). Prices are up but the increase was expected. This is included in the FY2023 Budget. He informed the Council that the proposed resolution rejects two bids because the companies that bid could only commit to a 6 months contract instead of the 12 months that were advertised.

Chris Cousins, Municipal Consultants, briefed the Council on awarding Bid 22-15, Multi-Agency Wastewater Solution Project "A" HWY 63 S Sewer Force Main SRF Project CS010329-05 (resolution 22-90). Bids were comparable, but the largest difference was in the electrical portion. He recommended the bid be awarded to Adams Construction.

Council President Colvin informed the public that resolution 22-91 to authorize the mayor to execute an agreement with Home Energy Supplier Agreement with Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is an annual agreement.

Al Jones, Community Development Director, spoke to the Council about authorizing the mayor to file a pre-application and application for state and federal funds for apron expansion and taxi lane construction project at the Thomas C. Russell Field Airport. Mr. Jones described the current issues with airport parking and the increasing volume of business at the airport. He stated that the outside funding will pay for most of the needed improvements. The city would have a 5% match requirement.

Miles Hamlett, Purchasing Agent, spoke to the Council concerning resolution 22-93 to declare personal property no longer needed for public use. Mr. Hamlett expressed to the council how the city is not getting the best return on scrap prices. If the said resolution is approved, the city can sell unneeded equipment to Turf Control, LLC, and receive credit toward the purchase of new equipment.

Al Jones, Community Development Director, briefed the council about resolution 22-94. The Russell Legacy Project can't request grant money for a sewer pump station because only cities and governments can apply for a CDBG grant. The city will apply for the \$450,000 grant for said project.

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 5:50 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2022, 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, Teresa Moten, Doug Jones, Jennifer Carlisle, Chris Hardy, Henry Foy, Dana Fuller, Al Jones, Miles Hamlett, Piper Barnett, Tammy Johns, Scotty Price, Chris Cousins, and others.

OPENING PRAYER: Councilman Eric Brown

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilman Chris Brown

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: August 15, 2022 Work Session
August 15, 2022 Regular Meeting
August 29, 2022 Work Session
August 29, 2022 Special Called Meeting

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Scott 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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: September 12, 2022

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Scott 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: The city clerk vehicle sold for \$3,740. Lake Martin Coffee abatement has been paid and is up to date. Cityworks PLL is in the works to get implemented.

Public Safety Committee: Alexander City Fire Department is hosting a week-long ROPE training class at Fire Station 2. Personnel at ACFD would like to thank the Council and Mayor for approving the pay increase. We still have the blue 911 signs available.

Utilities Committee: Light department is training in first aid, CPR, and AED's. They are also trimming rights-of-way and easements.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Flag football started today. Tackle football starts on September 22, 2022. The golf course is over \$80,000 in revenue compared to this time last year. Jet fuel is at \$150,000 this year. Profit is up \$50,000.

Public Works Committee: Weather permitting, we hope to have a contractor in here later this week doing "spin casting" on a cross drain running under Coley Creek Road. Spin casting is a new technology that will allow us to make the necessary repairs to the pipe without excavating down to it, saving us from closing that stretch of road and forcing residents to detour. The costs of both options are comparable but this saves public inconvenience.

Buildings and Properties Committee: Appreciate the across-the-board pay raise. The library is preparing for Trunk or Treat. September is library card sign-up month. Al is working on 9 grants for the city. There are new developments and they are still working on getting rid of abandoned buildings.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES: None

PROCLAMATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Final Reading: Ordinance 2022-25: An Ordinance to Amend the Alexander City Code to Relating to Water Tap Fees, Improvement Fee, and other Water Operations
2. Final Reading: Ordinance 2022-26: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 82, Taxation, Article III Business License Code, Section 82-73 of the Alexander City Code as it Pertains to the License Classifications

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the Ordinances 2022-25 and 2022-26 as written. The motion was seconded by Scott Hardy. Councilman Tapley stated that he was thankful that this is getting taken care of and that the city won't be losing money on water taps. He feels that the new business license ordinance will be less confusing to the public and streamlined. 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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. First Reading: Ordinance 2022-29: An Ordinance to Convey the Bud Porch Property and Building to Lake Martin Brewing
2. Resolution 22-88: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Lease Agreement with the Community Action Committee, Inc. of Chambers-Tallapoosa-Coosa for the Cooper Head Start Center Located at the Cooper Recreational Center

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Resolution 22-88 as written. The motion was seconded by Scott Hardy. Councilman Tapley said that it's great that Community Action is here for the children. There being no further discussion, the agenda was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

3. Resolution 22-89: A Resolution to Award Bid 22-17, Annual Chemicals

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Resolution 22-89 as written. The motion was seconded by Scott Hardy. Councilman Tapley thanked Miles for his work on the project. There being no further discussion, the agenda was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

4. Resolution 22-90: A Resolution to Award Bid 22-15, Multi-Agency Wastewater Solution Project "A1" Pump Station Improvements (SRF Project CS01329-05)

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Resolution 22-90 as written. The motion was seconded by Scott 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

5. Resolution 22-91: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Home Energy Supplier Agreement with Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Resolution 22-91 as written. The motion was seconded by Scott 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

6. Resolution 22-92: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to file a Pre-Application and Application for State and Federal Funds for Apron Expansion and Taxi lane Construction project at the Thomas C. Russell Field Airport

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Resolution 22-92 as written. The motion was seconded by Scott Hardy. Councilman Tapley thanked AI for his work and commented that a well-maintained airport was important for a thriving city. There being no further discussion, the agenda was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

7. Resolution 22-93: A Resolution to Declare Personal Property No Longer Needed for Public Use

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Resolution 22-93 as written. The motion was seconded by Scott Hardy. Councilman Tapley said that he's glad that we aren't just scrapping the materials. It's good to reuse or repurpose them. There being no further discussion, the agenda was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

8. Resolution 22-94: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute and Submit an Application to the State of Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to Request \$450,000 through a CDBG Grant for the Construction of the Sewer Pump Station for the Russell Legacy Project

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Resolution 22-94 as written. The motion was seconded by Scott Hardy. Councilman Tapley thanked Jim for his work at the hospital and said that not only do we need an airport, we need a hospital. There being no further discussion, the agenda was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

9. Request: A Request to Approve the Annual Homecoming Parade

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the event request as written. The motion was seconded by Scott Hardy. Councilman Tapley mentioned that "we hit the trifecta" good airport, hospital, and schools. There being no further discussion, the agenda was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Charles Gillenwaters spoke to the council concerning his time as city prosecutor. Mr. Gillenwaters has served the City of Alexander City as City Prosecutor since 1996.

Hearing no more requests to speak to the council, Council President Colvin asked for comments from Mayor Baird.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR: There are AMEA Scholarship packets available. The city will be participating in "throwaway days" this weekend. Dumpsters will be at the Annex. Please thank your county commissioners for the service. Oktoberfest is on Saturday, October 8, 2022. We will have the trunk or treat at the municipal complex on Thursday, October 27, 2022.

COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR: None

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK: The next Council Meeting will be on September 19, 2022, as well as a work session. Most staff had AED training.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Tapley: Thank everyone for coming out. We have a great city with lots of positive things. We need to continue to work together.

Hardy: Thank you for attending. Council members need to support our police staff and judge. People should have a chance to correct their behavior. I support the Mayor's decision. I appreciate the length of time that Mr. Gillenwaters has been with the city.

Eric Brown: Thank everyone for coming out. The city does a great job.

Chris Brown: Thank everyone for coming out. Remember 21 years ago how united we were as a country.

Keel: I appreciate everyone coming out. I visited wicker point and it was something else. Go Wildcats!

Colvin: Echo everything everyone else said. Thank you to the council members, employees, police, staff, and the mayor. Thank you to the hospital and school system. Continue to pray for us. Thank you, Mr. Gillenwaters, for your time with the city.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Tapley made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott Hardy. The meeting adjourned (6-0) at 6:00 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 Monday, September 19, 2022.

OTHER: The agenda was posted to the City's website and the bulletin boards that are located at the Municipal Complex.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agenda

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: None