



## Regular Minutes of the City Council

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281 James D. Nabors Drive  
Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex  
Monday, June 20, 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, June 20, 2022, in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex. Councilman Tapley, Councilman Eric Brown, Councilman Chris Brown, and Councilman Keel were present.

Absent: Councilman Hardy

Others present included: Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Amanda Thomas, Larkin Radney, Arelene Wyckoff, Piper Barnett, John McWhorter, David Hogan, Dana Fuller, Al Jones, Gerard Brewer, Mark Lamborne, Doug Jones, Henry Foy, Chris Hardy, Officer Alford, Captain Orr, David Robinette, Andrew Greer, Stacey Jeffcoat, and others.

During the Pre-Council Meeting Council President Colvin allowed the following department heads and attendees to address the Council concerning multiple items listed on the agenda.

Ordinance 2022-22: Al Jones informed the Council that this ordinance will approve the sale of the last of the former Russell properties that the City owns except the buildings that the City actually uses and the "ash pit".

Resolution 22-72: Miles Hamlet informed the Council that the City received no bids for Bid 22-11 and that passing this resolution will allow him to find the best prices for aggregate for the Sewer Department.

Event Request: Stacey Jeffcoat from Main Street Alexander City informed the Council that people come from all over the United States to participate in the Song Writers' Festival, and there will be a concert on Saturday night. Stacey also said the event will be a boost for local restaurants and hotels.

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 5:38 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Councilman Tapley, Councilman Eric Brown, Councilman Chris Brown, and Councilman Keel were present.

Absent: Councilman Hardy

Others present included: Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Amanda Thomas, Larkin Radney, Arelene Wyckoff, Piper Barnett, John McWhorter, David Hogan, Dana Fuller, Al Jones, Gerard Brewer, Mark Lamborne, Doug Jones, Henry Foy, Chris Hardy, Officer Alford, Captain Orr, David Robinette, Andrew Greer, Stacey Jeffcoat, and others.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: June 20, 2022**

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the agenda and amend to add an executive session, postpone the vote for the minutes, remove pledge, and remove the opening prayer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Keel. There being no discussion, the amended agenda was approved with the following roll call vote.

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

**NAYS: NONE**

**REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Finance:** The Clerk's office has reviewed the applications for the Revenue Clerk position and interviews are in progress.

**Public Safety Committee:** The Fire Department assisted with Camp Conquest's Burn Camp last week at Children's Harbor. This camp is put on by the Pediatric Burn Foundation of Alabama. The blue 911 address signs are available again. If you would like to have one for your residence, please call the Fire Department. The Fire Department is continuing to flush hydrants around the City. The Police Department is currently taking applications for patrol officers.

**Utilities Committee:** The Gas Department met with Sheppard Services to schedule SCADA installation. They also ran a new main to the Lee St. Development. The annual gas system survey should be completed in July. The Gas, Light, and Water departments have been working to provide utilities to the Wharf Development and future development behind it. The Light Department has been trimming around the power lines and rights-of-way. Over the past couple of weeks, the Water Department has set up 12 new services and repaired 12 water leaks; several new services are in the process of being installed. Contractors are working on the sewer project along HWY 280 to the Lake Martin Regional Industrial Park in Kellyton for the Alabama Graphite Development. Approximately 1200 ft of 10" sewer gravity line has been replaced at the Byers Field Easement.

**Parks and Recreation Committee:** Just about all of the youth softball teams have made it to the State Championships. Eight youth baseball teams are representing Alexander City at State Championships. Sonny is teaching a class every Friday for ages 10 and up on life skills such as changing tires, oil, etc. Both pools are up and running. Thirty teams participated in a golf tournament at Lakewinds Golf Course this past weekend.

**Public Works Committee:** Council President Colvin reported for Councilman Hardy. Heavy construction is ongoing at The Heritage development at Wicker Point. Streets, water lines, pump stations, etc., are being constructed, and the project appears to be on schedule. Russell Medical is hauling about 75 loads of soil from our landfill per day for the Legacy Development. Several employees are still out with COVID; please be patient with us.

**Buildings and Properties Committee:** Over 200 books have been donated to the library in the last two weeks. These gifts are tax-deductible and placed in the book sale room. Mamie's Place Children's Library has experienced outstanding attendance for its summer reading programs so far. On June 21<sup>st</sup>, Ventriloquist Gene Cordova will be there at 10 AM. On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, they will have games and puzzles at 10 AM. On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Starshine Faces will be there at 10 AM. They will have several free educational programs for kids. Applications for a vacant library board seat will remain open until the end of June. Applications are available at the main desk of the library and through the City's website.

**REPORT FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None**

**PUBLIC HEARING: None**

**REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES:** Romy Stamps presented the Council with a report as of May 2022. Romy stated that there was a substantial difference from this this time last year, \$700,000 less than last month. The accounts hold a little over one million dollars than this time last year. Refer to bank balances for more information.

**PROCLAMATION: None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Ordinance 2022-20: An Ordinance Adopting Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement Fees and Amending the Sewer Tap Fees  
Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-20 as written. Councilman Chris Brown seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote.  
YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL  
NAYS: NONE
2. Ordinance 2022-21: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18, Buildings and Buildings Regulations of the Alexander City Code  
Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-21 with the addition that businesses don't pay the fee when the City misses a needed correction. Councilman Chris Brown seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote.  
YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN, AND KEEL  
NAYS: NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Ordinance 2022-22: An Ordinance to Sell and Declare Real Property No Longer Needed for Public Use  
  
Councilman Tapley made a motion to suspend the rule for immediate consideration. Councilman Chris Brown seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion was approved with the following roll call vote.  
YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN, AND KEEL  
NAYS: NONE  
  
Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the ordinance as written. Councilman Eric Brown seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the ordinance was approved with the following roll call vote.  
YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN, AND KEEL  
NAYS: NONE
2. Resolution 22-72: A Resolution to Not Award Bid 22-11 but to Conduct Under Force Account Per Section 39-2-6(b) Code of Alabama, 1975  
  
Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Resolution 22-72 as written. Councilman Eric Brown seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote.  
YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN, AND KEEL  
NAYS: NONE
3. Resolution 22-73: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Land Surveying Proposal for the Sanitary Sewer Force Main Extension Project on AL HWY 128, Wind Creek State Park, with Larry E. Speaks & Associates, Inc.  
  
Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Resolution 22-73 as written. Councilman Chris Brown seconded the motion. Councilman Chris Brown noted that the expenses for this project will be paid for by the state. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote.  
YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN, AND KEEL  
NAYS: NONE
4. Request: A Request to Approve the Lake Martin Songwriters Festival for Saturday, July 30, 2022  
  
Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the request as written. Councilman Chris Brown seconded the motion. Councilman Chris Brown thanked Stacey for putting on these events. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote.  
YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN, AND KEEL  
NAYS: NONE

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss the progress of a prior approved economic development project.

Council President Colvin stated that the City Council will need to go into executive session to discuss an economic development opportunity. There may or may not be action taken once we reconvene the regular meeting. We will reconvene in approximately 30 minutes.

Council President Colvin made a motion to go into executive session. Councilman Chris Brown seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion was approved with the following roll call vote.

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

NAYS: NONE

Time In: 6:00 p.m.

Time Out: 6:17 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:**

1. We are a little over on budget due to electrical/wattage.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR:** None

**COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK:**

1. The next Council Meeting will be Monday, July 11, 2022.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

Tapley: Thank you. Remember to drink plenty of water and stay hydrated.

Hardy: Absent

Eric Brown: Thank you to our employees for all of their work.


Chris Brown: Thank you for attending.

Keel: Thank you to our police officers.

Colvin: Thank you. Please say a prayer for Scott.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Tapley made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Eric Brown. The meeting adjourned (5-0) at 6:23 p.m.

  
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Presiding Officer

  
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City Clerk

**METHOD OF DELIVERY:** The draft minutes were emailed to the Council for review by Saturday, July 9, 2022.

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Agenda

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

1. May 2022 Bank Statement Balances and Financial Summary