



## Regular Minutes of the City Council

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281 James D. Nabors Drive  
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex  
Monday, August 15, 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, August 15, 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, Romy Stamps, Amanda Thomas, Al Jones, Allison Bishop, Drew Meacham, Cliff Williams, Rashunsky Mckinney, Marty Kendrick, Tracy Kendrick, Piper Barnett, Scotty Price, Brittany Shores, Teresa Moten, Al Jones, Jan Jones, Caroline Smith, Terance Stamps, and others.

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

Lynn Miller informed the Council about the request to approve an ordinance to amend the Alexander City code relating to water tap fees, improvement fee, and other water operations. Lynn stated that the intent of the proposed tap fees is to cover the cost of labor and materials for setting new taps. The proposed ordinance also includes the removal or rewording of sections of the code that apply to today's water services operations. Furthermore, once the ordinance is passed there will no longer be a differentiation between tap fees for residents and non-residents.

Brittney Shores, Revenue Clerk, informed the Council about the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 82, Taxation, Article III Business License Code, Section 82-73 of the Alexander City codes as it pertains to the license classifications. The base fee for all licenses will change to \$100. The issuance fee for each license will be charged according to Section 11-51-90, Code of Alabama 1975, and Departmental Rule 810-8-5-.15. The city will charge the highest fee allowed by the state. The intent of the ordinance is to simplify the formulas for calculating how much is owed by each type of business.

Council President Colvin informed the Council that the Library Board has a vacancy. Furthermore, she thanked all the applicants for applying.

Allison Bishop, Engineering Technician, explained the transportation plan that is included in the proposed resolution 22-81.

Herbert Harrell, Cooper Recreation Director, informed the Council that the purpose of the proposed resolution to execute a lease agreement with Mary's Little Lambs Learning Center, LLC for space at Cooper Rec. is to allow children to be able to utilize the building for learning and activities. The group also provides tutoring for the children.

Marty Kendrick, Waste Management Superintendent, explained to the Council that the purpose of the proposed resolution 22-83 is to continue with the existing disaster debris removal contracts.

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 5:46 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 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, Romy Stamps, Amanda Thomas, Al Jones, Allison Bishop, Drew Meacham, Cliff Williams, Rashunsky Mckinney, Marty Kendrick, Tracy Kendrick, Piper Barnett, Scotty Price, Brittany Shores, Teresa Moten, Al Jones, Jan Jones, Caroline Smith, Terance Stamps, and others.

**OPENING PRAYER:** In Work Session

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** In Work Session

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** July 11, 2022, Regular Meeting  
July 18, 2022 Work Session  
July 18, 2022, Regular Meeting  
August 1, 2022, Regular Meeting

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott 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:** August 15, 2022

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman 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

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Finance:** Revenue Department continues to coordinate with other departments to actively track city expenditures and financial agreements for new developments. The city will be remitting its first Sales Tax Rebate payment to Russell Lands for the Wicker Point Development.

**Public Safety:** Alexander City Fire Department started a new EMT-Basic class last week. We have 5 employees in that class along with two from Phenix City and one from Opelika Fire. The blue -911 signs are still available. Please call the ACFD office to get one for your address

**Utilities:** The Light Dept. has begun to have issues with shipping/delivery times for materials.

**Parks and Recreation:** Youth football, tackle, and flag started.

**Public Works:** Our new City Engineer, Drew Meacham started today. He will be spending the next week and a half working closely with Gerard to insure a smooth transition. The Street Crew completed the Elkahatchee culvert replacement in 2 days. It had been scheduled for 5 days.

**Buildings and Properties:** The Adelia M. Russell Library received word today that they will be receiving a Library Science Technology Act Collection Development Grant of \$20,000 for FY2023. The library is preparing for the Fall programs and creates a monthly newsletter that keeps patrons and the community informed of upcoming events, new materials for loan, and much more.

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES:** July 2022, See supporting documents.

**PROCLAMATION:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. First 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. First 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
3. Resolution 22-80: A Resolution to Fill the Library Board Vacancy  
Councilman Hardy made a motion to appoint Kasi Lambert to the Library Board. Councilman Tapley seconded the motion. Councilman E. Brown commented that he was thankful for everyone who applied. There being no further discussion the appoint Kasi Lambert was approved with the following roll call vote.  
YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN, AND KEEL  
NAYS: NONE
4. Resolution 22-81 A Resolution to Adopt a Transportation Plan Per Act 2019-2

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Resolution 22-81 as written. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the ordinance was approved with the following roll call vote.

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

NAYS: NONE

5. Resolution 22-82: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Lease Agreement with Mary's Little Lambs Learning Center, LLC for Space Located at Cooper Community Center

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Resolution 22-82 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

6. Resolution 22-83: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute Amendments to Existing Disaster Debris Removal and Debris Monitoring Contracts  
Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Resolution 22-83 as written. Councilman C. Brown 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 COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker):**

1. Arlene Wyckoff asked that the city fix a large pothole on Main Street. Allision Bishop informed Mrs. Arlene that the area of concern is within the railroad right-of-way and on a state route. The city has not authority to work on that portion of the road.

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:** I commend Councilman Tapley for his assistance in securing a grant from Embridge / Sabal Trail that will help rebuild the Imagination Station.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR:** None

**COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK:** T

1. The Alabama Department of Archives was here on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
2. Multiple Bids and /or RFPs are out:
  - a. Multi-Agency Sewer Project HWY 63
  - b. Annual Chemicals
  - c. Master Purchase Agreement for Transformers

**COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

Tapley: It's good to have Councilman Keel back after his illness. Congrats to Scott Hardy for his new baby. Thank you to the Mayor for working together to get the grant. Thank you to the council members, the mayor, and Romy for what they do. Congratulations Drew.

Hardy: Thank you for coming out. Thank you to everyone for the hard work.

Eric Brown: Thank you to Romy for her hard work on the budget. Excited about the 15% C.O.L.A and thank you to the city employees for what they do.

Chris Brown: Echo Councilman Eric Brown. Budget report is more thorough than in the past. I'm looking forward to working with Drew.

Keel: All city employees do a good job. They are quick to get the power back on and the ambulance service does a great job.

Colvin: Appreciate the Employees. We will have a Work Session at 4:30 am and a Special Called Meeting at 5:30 am on August 29, 2022. Romy is a rock star!

**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 6:35 p.m.

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

NAYS: NONE

  
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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 on Friday, September 9, 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:** Saved to file.