



Regular Minutes of the City Council

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex
Monday, October 3, 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, October 3, 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, Scotty Price, Dana Fuller, John McWhorter, Meredith Wingler, Al Jones, Ed Durrett, Jennifer Durrett, Tj. Tuck, Stacey Jeffcoat, Piper Barnett, Pastor Steve King of the First Baptist Church and others.

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

Al Jones, Community Development Director, explained that three properties on Airport Drive were zoned incorrectly so tonight's vote on Ordinance 2023-01 is simply to fix that mistake.

John McWhorter, Sewer Department Superintendent, informed the council of the details concerning the hold harmless agreement and the sewer line that the City will be taking over.

Scotty Price, Revenue Manager, informed the Council that approving Ordinance 2023-04 is the first step in bringing new revenue to the city and getting ahead of the medical cannabis industry that will soon be legal in Alabama.

Meredith Wingler, Gas Department Administrative Assistant, explained that the gas agreement that we have is old and that it's time for an update. This is the update and both parties have agreed to the pricing.

Amanda Thomas, City Clerk, explained that the city didn't receive any bids for bid 22-10. Therefore the council is being asked to approve the proposed resolution 23-03 to not award Bid 22-10. By approving the resolution, the council is allowing the Mayor to go out and negotiate a purchase.

Police Chief Jay Turner spoke of his concerns about Calvin Benson and Rome Freeman who are trying to open a business in the city limits. One of the men had a criminal record and he worried that the type of business they wanted to open along with the person's history isn't what is best for the city.

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 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, Scotty Price, Dana Fuller, John McWhorter, Meredith Wingler, Al Jones, Ed Durrett, Jennifer Durrett, Tj. Tuck, Stacey Jeffcoat, Piper Barnett, Pastor Steve King of the First Baptist Church and others.

OPENING PRAYER: Councilman Eric Brown

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilman Keel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 19, 2022, Work Session

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

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

NAYS: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: October 3, 2022

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

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

NAYS: NONE

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance: Received a proposal from Local Government to program the new license fees into our Delta system that we are currently using for business licenses. Received a proposal from Springbrook to implement our tax collection into their system.

Public Safety: Alexander City Fire Department recently finished teaching the EMT-Basic class last week. 3 out of 5 ACFD personnel have passed National Registry so far. ACFD started a second Fire Recruit Class of the year today with 10 students from around the training region.

Utilities: See below

Sewer Department: Video Industrial Completed the 2022 project for lining sewer mains and will begin the 2023 work in the next few weeks. Completed yearly inventory audit. Continuing work at the Sugar Creek Plant to move the Sewer Dept. to the new location.

Sugar/Coley Creek: The demolition stage of the clarifier upgrade has been completed. Currently waiting for construction/replacement to begin. Still in the process of upgrading our lift station monitoring system and digital rain gauges have been installed also. Completed yearly inventory audit last week. Adams filter plant – Repaired sample pump switches for pre-filter and sed basin, worked on high service generator. Installed new clarifier 4" valve for drying beds. Getting the grease replaced on #3 and 5 flocculator. All chemical calibrations were done, all high service pumps were checked for oil level, and packing glands were checked to ensure the right amount of water running to cool the shaft.

Water Department: Repaired nine water leaks, installed three new services and had numerous lines located over the past couple of weeks. Repaired a few unexpected water leaks, and completed our yearly inventory audit. Preparing materials list for moving water line on Fairlane Circle.

Light Department: The Light Department is still trimming our right of way. We also changed out some poles in the Raintree area. 2022 Public Natural Gas Week is a nationwide observance that offers the perfect opportunity for you to showcase your public natural gas system and generate enthusiasm about the benefits of public natural gas. This year, PNGW will be celebrated from October 2-8, 2022.

Parks and Recreation: We had a travel baseball tournament last Sunday and we will have a tackle football game at home on Thursday. Youth flag football will be in the playoffs soon. Flag football grew to 100 players this year – up from 40 just a few years ago.

Community Development: Paperwork is signed and completed to begin the design of the apron expansion at the airport to allow the parking of more planes. Engineering is complete on water lines in the Green/Houston Streets areas and the first of three bid advertisements were in the Outlook on Saturday. We are working extremely hard to get a large list of dilapidated structures for the Fire Department and Public Works to remove in November. The first permit for house construction in Wicker Point was issued.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Possible rezone of multiple properties on Airport Drive.

Time Open: 5:47

Time Close: 5:47

2. Possible sell of Bud Porch Building and Property

Time Open: 5:48

Multiple citizens signed up to speak for and against the possibility of selling the Bud Porch property to Lake Martin Brewing Co. See the attached public hearing sign in sheet for names and details.

Time Close: 6:17

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES: None

PROCLAMATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. First Reading: Ordinance 2023-01: An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map and Rezone Multiple Properties on Airport Drive.
2. First Reading: Ordinance 2023-02: An ordinance to Accept a Permanent Sewer Easement Infrastructure from Russell Brands, LLC

Councilman Tapley made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration for Ordinances 2023-01 and 2023-02. 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 Ordinances 2023-01 and 2023-02 as written. Councilman Chris 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

3. First Reading: Ordinance 2023-03: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 25, Article IV Arts and Entertainment District, Section 62-63 District Boundaries
4. First Reading: Ordinance 2023-04: An Ordinance Authorizing the Operation of a Medical Cannabis Dispensary within the Corporate Limits of the City of Alexander City, Alabama

5. Resolution 23-01: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Natural Gas Sales Agreement with East Central Alabama Gas District

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

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

NAYS: NONE

6. Resolution 23-02: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Hold Harmless Agreement with Russell Brands

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

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

NAYS: NONE

7. Resolution 23-03: A Resolution to not Award Bid 22-10 Master Purchase Agreement for Transformers

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

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

NAYS: NONE

8. Resolution 23-04: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Charles E. Hall for the City Prosecutor Position

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

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

NAYS: NONE

9. Request: A Request to Approve the Lewis and Clark Circus Event for October 15th – 16th
10. Request: A Request to Approve the Arlinda Marbury Goodman Breast Cancer Walk for October 15th

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve both requests as written. Councilman Chris Brown seconded the motion. Councilman Tapley commented that he's glad the circus will be here to give the kids something to do and to raise money for charity. 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

11. Business License Referral: Calvin Benson and Rome Freeman d/b/a Main Event

Councilman Tapley made a motion to uphold the Chief of Police and the Revenue Manager's decision. Councilman Eric 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker):

1. Teresa Moten spoke against the city getting rid of historical buildings.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. I'm glad all of you are here. Please come more often.

COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR: None

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK:

1. The next work session and regular meeting will be on October 17th.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Tapley: Thank you for coming out. Please call or come by as I am a servant of the people and I value their opinion. Thank you to Al Jones. I will miss you and your leaving the city is a great loss.

Hardy: ABSENT

Eric Brown: Thank you to everyone that came out. Thank you to the 1st Baptist church for contacting me.

Chris Brown: Thank you to everyone that came out. Please also support our youth sports and enjoy this nice weather on the golf course.

Keel: Appreciate everyone being here. We will take our time with this vote.

Colvin: Appreciate everyone speaking up. Please understand that the core of what may come to the Bud Porch center isn't about turning it into a bar but into a restaurant where people and families can gather. I also would like to say that I will truly miss Al Jones. The city will miss Al. He has been dedicated to Alexander City and has brought in more grants than the city has ever received.

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 (5-0) at 6:45 p.m.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, 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 Friday, October 14, 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
2. Rezone Public Hearing Sign in Sheet
3. Bud Porch Public Hearing Sign in Sheet

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: None