



Regular Minutes of the City Council

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex
Monday, November 21, 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, November 21, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Councilman Tapley, Councilman Hardy, and Councilman Keel were present.

ABSENT: Councilman Eric Brown and Councilman Chris Brown

OTHER ATTENDEES: Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Amanda Thomas, Sasha Stewart, Drew Meachum, Kathy Railey, Durell Alford, David Hogan, Rashunsky Mckinney, Chief McAlister, Jan Jones, Kasey Kaschak, Jennifer Carlisle, Miles Hamlet, Piper Barnett, Arlene Wyckoff, Robert Boleware, and others.

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

Amanda Thomas explained that a new vote was needed for a Retail Beer and Retail Table Wine ABC License Transfer for HKM Grocery located at 1981 HWY 280, because of the company accidentally not sending in the complete documents for the previous vote.

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Councilman Tapley, Councilman Hardy, and Councilman Keel were present.

ABSENT: Councilman Eric Brown and Councilman Chris Brown

OTHER ATTENDEES: Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Amanda Thomas, Sasha Stewart, Drew Meachum, Kathy Railey, Durell Alford, David Hogan, Rashunsky Mckinney, Chief McAlister, Jan Jones, Kasey Kaschak, Jennifer Carlisle, Miles Hamlet, Piper Barnett, Arlene Wyckoff, Robert Boleware, Teresa Moten, Jim Wilder, Stanley Waters, JR Waters, Charlie Edmondson, Mrs Bodie, Larkin Radney, and others.

OPENING PRAYER: Conducted in the Work Session

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Conducted in the Work Session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 7, 2022, Regular Meeting

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

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, KEEL

NAYS: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: November 21, 2022, Regular Meeting

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

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, KEEL

NAYS: NONE

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance: Sales and use tax has increased by over 16% last year and the lodging tax is over 20% more than last year at this time. We welcome Brittany Shores back from maternity leave.

Public Safety: Alexander City Fire Department hosted Alabama Fire College Hazardous Materials Technician, a 40-hour training course, this past week at Station 2. Blue, 911 address signs are still available. Contact the Fire Department for yours today.

Utilities: The Gas Department would like to thank the Alex City Fire Department for their assistance on October 18th when an excavator hit a gas main on Highway 280. They helped maintain a safe environment to continue to keep Highway 280 open to traffic and assisted with crew needs. Also, work has begun at Russell Medical to relocate the gas mains for the Advanced Care Facility.

The Sewer Department would like to welcome Brad Keel as their newest employee. Four Department employees will attend the newly required CACC commercial driver's license class this week. The new sewer force main construction has reached the Hwy 22 and Russell Hospital area. Please drive carefully as there will be workers and equipment near the road in this area.

New SCADA and controls for the influent at Coley Creek were installed and are in operation. The Clarifier Upgrade at Sugar Creek is coming along well. Starting work on Pump Station 2 at Heritage and replacing several more air relief valves on the sewer force mains.

Adams Filter Plant replaced phosphate lines on phosphate feed equipment, installed two heaters, and ran electricity for the alum chemical building. The City received the Alabama Department of Public Health grant for the fluoridation program.

The Water Department repaired 12 leaks, and 2 fire hydrants, made an 8" fire tap and had several locates.

Parks and Recreation: We welcome Kasey Kaschak. 12U boys soccer won their state championship.

Public Works: An email was sent to Drew Meacham, Public Works Director, to compliment the Street Department for their assistance with a stalled vehicle that was blocking school and regular traffic. Some guys helped direct traffic and others helped get the vehicle to a safe spot.

Buildings and Properties: Food For Fines will continue at the library through December 17th. Mamie's Place Story Time attendees made thank you notes for local Veterans at Bill Nichol's Veterans Home. The book dedication *From the Shadows* by Lt. Col. John C. Hedley on November 10th was dedicated in memory of Lieutenant Harry Ellis Hayes, by his 1964 classmates of BRHS.

Leadership Lake Martin toured both libraries learning about additional services offered. Christmas movie days and other fun activities are being planned for Story Time participants during the holiday season. A possible open house is being planned for library patrons during December. The essay contest in collaboration with Alexander City's 150th is underway, and we are excited to see how many local students participate. The deadline for submissions is December 6th.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: No parties signed in to speak on either topic.

1. Rezone 114 Mask Avenue: 62-05-07-26-3-001-051.000
Time In: 5:43 Time Out: 5:43
2. Rezone 1555 Hillabee Street: 62-05-07-26-3-001-050.00
Time In: 5:44 Time Out: 5:44

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES: Romy Stamps provided the Council with an update as of October 2022.

PROCLAMATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Final Reading: Ordinance 2023-05 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 by Removing the Vendor Booth License

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-05 as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hardy. There being no further discussion the ordinance was approved by the following vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, KEEL

NAYS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. First Reading: Ordinance 2023-06: An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map and Rezone 114 Mask Avenue
2. First Reading: Ordinance 2023-07: An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map and Rezone 1555 Hillabee Street

Councilman Tapley made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration for items 1 and 2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hardy. There being no further discussion the motion was approved by the following vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, KEEL

NAYS: NONE

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Ordinances 2023-06 and 2023-07 to rezone properties as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hardy. There being no further discussion the ordinances were approved by the following vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, KEEL

NAYS: NONE

3. Resolution 23-11: A Resolution to Approve the FY 23 Capital Improvements Projects

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Resolution 23-11 as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hardy. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved by the following vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, KEEL

NAYS: NONE

4. Request: A Request to Approve a Retail Beer and Retail Table Wine ABC License Transfer for HKM Grocery located at 1981 HWY 280

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the request as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hardy. There being no further discussion the request was approved by the following vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, KEEL

NAYS: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Discuss an Employee Appeal

Councilman Tapley made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:50 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hardy. There being no further discussion the motion was approved by the following vote:

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, KEEL

NAYS: NONE

During executive session the Council unanimously agreed to overturn the dismissal of an employee.

Council President Colvin reconvened the regular meeting at 6:50 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (3 minutes per speaker):

1. Teresa Moten
2. Jim Wilder

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR: None

COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR:

1. We look forward to getting the payment kiosk for utilities.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK:

1. Council President Colvin read the City Clerk's comments. The December 5th meeting will be moved to the 12th to give the Council time to get ready for the parade on the 5th.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Colvin: By God's grace, we get to live. Please pray for us.

Tapley: Thank you to everyone here and the Alexander City Police. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Keel: Have a great Thanksgiving. Blessings come from above.

Hardy: Have a great Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Tapley made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hardy. The meeting adjourned (4-0) at 6:56.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, KEEL

NAYS: NONE


Presiding Officer


City Clerk

METHOD OF DELIVERY: The draft minutes were emailed to Council and printed for review on Wednesday, December 7, 2022.

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

ATTACHMENTS: Agenda