



Regular Minutes of the City Council

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex
Monday, December 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, December 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, Romy Stamps, Amanda Thomas, Miles Hamlett, Kathy Railey, Kristin Joiner, Chris Hardy, Piper Barnett, Lori Davis, Stephanie Sutherland, Teresa Moten, Arlene Wyckoff, Elizabeth Benton, and others.

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

Amanda Thomas discussed Resolution 23-13 to award RFP 23-04, Alcoholic Beverage Service/Bar Service. She also reviewed a resolution to continue Transportation Services LLC for Aviation Support and Maintenance Services for the T.C. Russell Field Airport

Jennifer Carlisle explained the importance of passing Resolution 23-14 and how it provides funding for feeding the elderly.

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:43 p.m. on Monday, December 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, Romy Stamps, Amanda Thomas, Miles Hamlett, Kathy Railey, Piper Barnett, Lori Davis, Stephanie Sutherland, Teresa Moten, Arlene Wyckoff, Elizabeth Benton, and others.

OPENING PRAYER: Conducted during Work Session

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Conducted during Work Session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 21, 2022 Work Session
November 21, 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: December 12, 2022

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a Proclamation. 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: The Finance Department will begin posting monthly reports on the City's website.

Public Safety: Officer Saul Rogers and Officer Andrew Morgan graduated from the Northeast Law Enforcement Academy on 12/1/2022.

Utilities: The Gas Department attended the Annual PSC Conference in Montgomery last week. Relocation of gas lines at Russell Medical is still ongoing.

Parks and Recreation: The 8U Flag Football team was undefeated at State and traveled to Texas for the championship game where they came in 2nd with a loss of 13-12.

Public Works: Last week the Public Works Department completed two cross-drain repair patches at Halliana Road and Elkahatchee Road. The work at Elkahatchee Road required the road be closed temporarily and a detour established. The Street Department handled the closure, and a contractor came in to do the work. We are very pleased with the product delivered by the contractor and the work done by our Public Works employees.

Buildings and Properties: The Nutrition Center is preparing to move to CACC. The Bud Porch building is set to close on December 22nd at 11:00 AM, and moving on December 27th & 28th. They will re-open at the new location on Jan. 3rd, 2023.

December 6th was the deadline for the Student Essay Contest celebrating Alexander City's 150th Anniversary. The winners in both divisions will be announced Friday, December 16th at the Library. Food for Fines continues until December 17th. Anyone can drop off nonperishable food items to be delivered to local food pantries in our area. Thank you to everyone that has donated! Every donation makes a difference.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES: None

PROCLAMATION:

1. Benton's Beauty Supply – Elizabeth Benton

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 23-12: A Resolution to Award RFP 23-04, Alcoholic Beverage Service/Bartending Services to Ocie and Belles LLC DBA Oliver Ross Bar Service

Councilman Hardy made a motion to approve Resolution 23-12 as written. Councilman Chris Brown seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the ordinance was approved with the following roll call vote.

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

NAYS: TAPLEY AND KEEL

2. Resolution 23-13: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with DBT Transportation Services LLC for Aviation Support and Maintenance Services for the T.C. Russell Field Airport

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Resolution 23-13 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

3. Resolution 23-14: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Procurement Contract for Services to Aging Consumers Under Title III of the Older Americans Act with the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Resolution 23-14 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

4. Request: A Request to Approve an ABC License for Sun Asian Cuisine Located at 993 Airport Drive

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the request as written. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the request 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. Teresa Moten
2. Arlene Wyckoff

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. With our 2 new police officers and the 8 graduates of the Fire Department training, I feel that these accomplishments are due to the Council's approval of the 15% raise. The City's investment in its employees is already making a positive impact. I invite everyone to come to the Municipal Complex and see the beautiful Christmas Trees.

COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR:

1. The auditors are working hard. The FY20 financials are complete and FY21 audit is still in progress.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK:

1. The next meeting will be on December 19th.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Tapley: Thank everyone for coming out. I'd like to thank Jan Jones and Drew Meacham for their work. I'd like to thank all of the people who applied for the City Clerk position and especially, the two that were interviewed tonight. Thank you to the Bentons for all of their hard work through the years.

Hardy: Thank you to the great candidates for the City Clerk position. I am so proud of the 8U youth flag football program. The Benton family and their business hold a special place in my heart. The City Council is not in the business of hiding things. Ask us. We are always looking for opportunities to make Alexander City better.

Eric Brown: Thank you to the Bentons, the candidates for the Clerk position, and the City employees.

Chris Brown: Echo the others.

Keel: Echo the others. Please help those in need.

Colvin: Echo the others. I am so proud of the Bentons.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Tapley made a motion to adjourn in honor of the Bentons. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chris Brown. The meeting adjourned (6-0) at 6:09 p.m.

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

NAYS: NONE



Presiding Officer



Acting City Clerk

METHOD OF DELIVERY: The draft minutes were emailed to the Council for review on Friday, December 16, 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