



Regular Minutes of the City Council

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex
Monday, December 19, 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, The Alex City 8U Flag football team, Coach Randy Lee and Coach Nick Hand, Teresa Moten, Arelene Wyckoff, Volunteer Connects, T.J. Tuck, Mr. Boleware, Stephanie Southerland, Mary Wyckoff, David Boleware Piper Barnett, William Marlow, and others.

During the Pre-Council Meeting, department heads discussed several agenda items and there was an award ceremony for the Alexander City 8U football team:

Coaches Nick Hand and Randy Lee introduced the 8U flag football team.

Amanda Thomas explained the need to rescind the ordinance for the Airport and adopt new rules and regulations by resolution.

Amanda Thomas described the property that needed to be sold as surplus.

Romy Stamps talked about the appropriation funding for Volunteer Connections. The organization was overlooked when planning the FY23 budget and that oversight needs to be fixed.

Amanda Thomas said that the Special Care Financing Authority helps the hospital get grants and loans. The people they were approving tonight were at the hospital's recommendation.

Council President Colvin explained that the organization requesting the MLK Parade knows what they need to do and insurance. This is the same event that they've had for many years.

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:47 P.M. on Monday, December 19, 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, The Alex City 8U Flag football team, Coach Randy Lee and Coach Nick Hand, Teresa Moten, Arelene Wyckoff, Volunteer Connects, T.J. Tuck, Mr. Boleware, Stephanie Southerland, Mary Wyckoff, David Boleware Piper Barnett, William Marlow, and others.

OPENING PRAYER: Conducted during Work Session

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Conducted during Work Session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 12, 2022 Work Session
December 12, 2022 Regular Meeting

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve both 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 an added Event Request. 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 update for the new license fee schedules has been completed. The 2023 Business License Renewal Notices have been sent out and we are already receiving payments.

Public Safety: ACFD has partnered with Parks and Rec for "Santa on the Firetruck". Check out our Facebook page for the route for tomorrow. Letters to Santa will be carried out of town headed to The North Pole on Wednesday, December 21, around 10 am. Children still have time to drop the letters off in the box at Fire Station 1. I'd like to commend the police and fire departments for their performance last week. Our community is in good hands.

Utilities: Relocation of gas lines at the Advanced Care site is still ongoing. Contractors hoping to complete the project in mid-January. **Water Department** – Repaired 12 leaks, installed 4 new services and serviced 13 fire Hydrants. **Adams Filter Plant:** Regular calibrations on all pumps and filter flow rates. All exposed piping at the plant is now covered. Heaters were replaced in the electrical panels at pumping stations. The last Bac-T sample was collected for the year. Lime feed pump pressures were increased to ensure no problems in cold weather. **Sewer Department:** The Sewer Department currently has an opening for an operator, please see Kathy Railey at the Municipal Complex. **Sugar Creek** – replaced sodium hypochlorite line at Coley Creek, wired new building, and a concrete footing was poured in preparation for the top going on our basin at the Sugar Creek Plant.

Parks and Recreation: Youth basketball season has started. The golf course revenue is \$11,600 more than last year and is undergoing renovations. The fishing team won the 3 River Throwdown for the 5th year in a row.

Public Works: The public works department will be working later this week to prepare for potential icy conditions over the Christmas break. Rain projected Thursday combined with deep freezing temps Friday and Saturday may require public works employees to come in over the Holliday and attempt to safe up the roadways. We ask citizens to use good judgment and avoid getting on the roads if conditions get bad.

Buildings and Properties: Library staff recognized both Benjamin Russell High School ninth-grader Anna Grace Lambert-Blinn and Alexander City Middle School eighth-grader Mason Kim as the contest winners.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES:

Romy Stamps went over the budget and capital expenditures so far for FY2023.

PROCLAMATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance 2023-08: An Ordinance to Rescind Ordinance 2005-18

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-08 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, KEEL, AND CHRIS BROWN

NAYS: NONE

2. Resolution 23-15: A Resolution to Appoint a City Clerk

Councilman Scott Hardy recommended that Stephanie Southerland be appointed to the City Clerk position. Councilman Eric Brown seconded the motion. Councilman Tapley agreed that it was a good choice. 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 23-16: A Resolution to Declare Personal Property as Surplus and No Longer Needed for Public Use

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Resolution 23-16 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. Resolution 23-17: A Resolution to Amend the FY23 Budget and Appropriation List

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Resolution 23-17 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

5. Resolution 23-18: A Resolution Electing Directors of the Special Care Financing Authority

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Resolution 23-18 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 23-19: A Resolution to Adopt Rules and Regulations for T.C. Russell Field Airport

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve Resolution 23-19 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

7. Request: A Request to Approve the Martin Luther King Parade on January 16, 2023.

Councilman Tapley made a motion to approve the request as written. Councilman Scott Hardy seconded the motion. Council President Colvin confirmed that this will be the 35th year for the parade. 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. Stephanie Southerland
3. David Boleware

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR: I'd like to commend the 1st responders. We had 2 emergency events in one day and both departments were exemplary in their response time and performance. Please prepare for the upcoming cold weather.

COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR: None

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK: I look forward to working with Stephanie. The January meetings need to be rescheduled because of the holidays. Recommend moving them to January 9, 2023, and January 23, 2023.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Tapley: Thank you Volunteer Connects. Congratulations Stephanie. I commend Police and Fire Departments for their work.

Hardy: Thank you, Merry Christmas

Eric Brown: Thank you to everyone. I look forward to working with Mrs. Southerland. Proud of our 1st responders.

Chris Brown: Thank you. Congratulations to Stephanie. Merry Christmas. We will miss Amanda as our city clerk.

Keel: Appreciate everyone. Welcome, Mrs. Southerland - I'm not a mean ol' man. Merry Christmas

Colvin: Thank you, everyone. Jesus is the reason for the season.

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 (6-0) at 6:14 p.m.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, 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 Wednesday, January 4, 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