



**ALEXANDER
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Regular Minutes of the City Council

281 James D. Nabors Drive

Council Chambers of Municipal Complex

Monday, January 09, 2023 --- 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, January 09, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Roll was called and all Councilors were present.

Others present included: Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Stephanie Southerland, Amanda Thomas, Kathy Railey, Drew Meacham, Teresa Moten, T.J. Tuck, David Boleware, Piper Barnett, William Marlow, Dana Fuller, Cole Patterson and family, Al Jones, Captain Alford, Chris Tidwell, Steve Forehand, and others.

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

Council President Buffy Colvin and Kathy Railey discussed Resolution 23-20 (amending the Official Holidays). It was discussed in depth in the Dec 19th work session and nothing was changed.

Council President Colvin informed the council that the surplus property being sold in Resolution 23-21 is unusable and the city needs to get it off of our property list for our insurance.

Drew Meacham, City Engineer, answered any questions the council had about Resolution 23-22 (MOU between ADCNR, Wind Creek State Park, and the City regarding the park tying into the city sewer line).

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:40 P.M. on Monday, January 09, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Roll was called and all Councilors were present.

Others present included: Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Stephanie Southerland, Amanda Thomas, Kathy Railey, Drew Meacham, Teresa Moten, T.J. Tuck, David Boleware, Piper Barnett, William Marlow, Dana Fuller, Cole Patterson and family, Al Jones, Captain Alford, Chris Tidwell, Steve Forehand, and others.

OPENING PRAYER: Councilor Tapley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Work Session and City Council meeting December 19, 2022. Councilor Tapley made a motion to adopt the minutes and Council President Pro Tempore Scott Hardy seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the minutes were adopted (6-0).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: January 09, 2023

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council President Pro Tempore Scott Hardy. There being no discussion, the agenda was approved (6-0).

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Council President Colvin expressed her appreciation to the Finance Department and their efforts to update and post the new license fee schedules to the City website.

Councilor Eric Brown gave the following update regarding Public Safety: Alexander City Fire Department has 3 new employees starting EMT Basic at the Regional Training Center in Opelika today. Chief McAlister would like to thank the Light Dept for all of their input during the process of getting the generator at old City Hall in working order for Fire Station 1. The Alexander City Police Department currently has an officer at Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy.

Councilor Keel gave the following update regarding the Utility Department: The Light Department had approximately 1500-2000 customers out on Wednesday, January 4th due to the early morning storm that came through our area. We had 8 broken poles and various other outages resulting in total restoration time of approximately 22 hours. The Sewer Department welcomes Joshua Coleman our newest hire, who will begin work on January 23rd. Three of the most recent employees have completed CDL training and passed their tests for their licenses. They assisted the Water Department with a major leak during the Christmas Holidays. The new Sewer PM/CCTV Building at Sugar Creek has completed wiring to provide lighting, heat, and wiring. Spray foam insulation will be added tomorrow. The sewer maintenance building should begin in the next few weeks. Sugar/Coley Creek – Replaced booster pump on Washington Street drinking water tank, replaced 8” check valve at Dobbs pump station, repaired storm damage to a sweeper arm on clarifier 4, and repaired numerous ruptured water lines at Sugar and Coley Creek. Adams Filter Plant – Installed new low suction meter on Industrial Tank pumps. Parts were ordered to make repairs to two generator switchboards. The Water Department repaired 21 water leaks including four 6” Cast water mains and three 8” water mains over the holidays, responded to several service requests, as well as completed numerous 811 Locates.

Councilor Chris Brown gave the following update regarding Parks and Recreation: Baseball/softball registration will begin February 6th. Basketball season begins Monday January 9. The Nutrition Center has successfully moved to CACC. We opened on Tuesday, January 3, and the seniors are enjoying the new location.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy gave the following update regarding Public Works: Thank you to Water Services, the Light & Power Department and the Street Department for all of their hard work getting services restored and making our streets passable so quickly after the severe weather last week. All three departments went to work in the early morning hours and worked until the job was done. This week Public Works is assisting the Nutrition Center with their move to CACC as well as making much-needed improvements to the access road to the Adams Water Treatment Plant.

Councilor Tapley gave the following update regarding Buildings and Property: The library is in the process of ordering paper copies of both State of Alabama and Federal Tax Forms for 2022. Since some taxpayers prefer to fill out paper copies, they try to accommodate those individuals. They hope to have the copies sometime in January, barring the lengthy delays we experienced last year. As we enter the New Year, we look forward to more Sign Language Classes, monthly Medicare Classes, Summer Reading, and a variety of special programs. We invite you to join us.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Drew Meacham provided an update on the status of the City’s FY23 Transportation Plan as a requirement of the Rebuild Alabama Act.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES: None

PROCLAMATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **RESOLUTION:** To Amend the Personnel Manual, Section 9.3, Official Holidays.
RESOLUTION BOOK 2023-20

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote:

YEAS:	TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, C. BROWN, KEEL	6
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	NONE	0

2. **RESOLUTION:** To Declare Personal Property as Surplus and No Longer Needed for Public Use
RESOLUTION BOOK 2023-21

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote:

YEAS:	TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, C. BROWN, KEEL	6
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	NONE	0

3. **RESOLUTION:** To Authorize the Mayor to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Alabama State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for Engineering and Installation of a New Sewer Line Connecting Wind Creek State Park to Alexander City Sewer Line at the Intersection of Highway 63 and Highway 128.
RESOLUTION BOOK 2023-22

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote:

YEAS:	TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, C. BROWN, KEEL	6
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	NONE	0

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilor Tapley stated that the City Council needed to enter into executive session to (1) discuss an economic development opportunity and (2) to hear charges brought against a public employee. Councilor Tapley moved to enter executive session and Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. The City Council voted to go into executive session (6-0) at 6:00 p.m. Council President Colvin reconvened the regular meeting at 6:50 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker):

1. Following the Council reports, Cole Patterson, Alexander City resident, Troy University student, showed a video presentation of his documentary about Russell Manufacturing in Alexander City.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR: None

COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR: None

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK: Reminder that the January 16th meetings will be rescheduled because of MLK Holiday to January 23rd.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Councilor Tapley welcomed Stephanie.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy: Ditto others.

Councilor Eric Brown: Thank you to everyone.

Councilor Chris Brown: Thank you and congratulations to Stephanie. Have a great week.

Councilor Keel: Today is National Law Enforcement Appreciation and I want to say that I appreciate the Alexander City Police officers.

Council President Colvin: Thank you, everyone, and especially our Police Officers. I look forward to working with Stephanie and I talked to her today about some of her ideas on resolutions and meeting procedures.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the council, Councilman Tapley made a motion to adjourn and Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned (6-0) at 7:00 P.M.

APPROVED:



Stephanie J. Southerland
City Clerk



Audrey "Buffy" Colvin
Council President

METHOD OF DELIVERY: The draft minutes were emailed to the Council for review on Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

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: MOU in Resolution 23-22