



Regular Minutes of the City Council

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex
Monday, January 23, 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 23, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Roll was called and all Councilors were recorded as being present.

Others present included: Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Stephanie Southerland, Amanda Thomas, Kathy Railey, Drew Meacham, Miles Hamlett, Herbert Harrell, Captain Brewer, Teresa Moten, T.J. Tuck, David Boleware, Miles Hamlett, William Marlow, Dana Fuller, and others.

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

Miles Hamlett discussed awarding the following bids:

Bid 23-03 (fuel supply services). He explained that Titan had the lowest bid and that the city has had a great relationship with them for nearly 10 years.

Bid 23-05 (Library Elevator Modernization). He explained that Diversified Elevator was the only bid to bring the broken elevator at the library to modern standards and into compliance.

Bid 23-06 (roofing at the Sportplex) the lowest responsible bidder, Alabama Roofing and Sheet Metal.

Council President Colvin informed the council of the city's request to amend the personnel list to add an employee in the IT Department. She also explained that they will be voting to allow the Mayor to sign all documents for the repairs of Coven Abbett Bridge.

Herbert Harrell informed the council that the Tallapoosa County Commission wants to donate a van to the parks department so that we can transport kids/athletes to events.

Mayor Baird explained that there was no allocation to the Tree Board in the FY2023 budget for the trees that they routinely plant around the city. He asked for support of the amendment to the FY 2023 on tonight's agenda.

Captain Brewer of the Fire Department informed the council that the grant awards from last year haven't been announced. Therefore, there are two grant proposals on the agenda in the event that the City is a recipient.

Scotty Price described why the business license schedule needed to be amended. The brackets were too wide and there was not a category for some of the City's larger businesses. He received input from a past revenue officer to make the code less confusing and to accommodate the income of those businesses.

Jason Moran, EMA Director, described the response and progress of the recovery process from the recent storm/tornado. They surveyed the area and so far, 30 homes were destroyed or had major damage in Tallapoosa County. Rental properties can not be included for FEMA individual assistance so only 25 properties were counted for emergency funds. The total monetary damage of estimated public and individual assistance needed is \$202,000 for the county which does qualify us for assistance. This will need to go through an approval process. The small business administration has declared Tallapoosa County as a disaster area which means that small businesses can apply for SBA loans.

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:45 P.M. on Monday, January 23, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Roll was called and all Councilors were recorded as being present.

Others present included: Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Stephanie Southerland, Amanda Thomas, Kathy Railey, Drew Meacham, Miles Hamlett, Herbert Harrell, Captain Brewer, Teresa Moten, T.J. Tuck, David Boleware, Miles Hamlett, William Marlow, Dana Fuller, and others.

OPENING PRAYER: Councilor Tapley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular City Council meeting January 9th, 2023. 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 23, 2023

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

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

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Council President Colvin announced that the Revenue Department is reviewing the most recent invoices and corresponding documents from Russell Lands. Once that review is complete, a check will be sent to Russell Lands.

Councilor Eric Brown gave the following update regarding Public Safety: Fire Administration met with Mrs. Forbus from Alexander City Career Center to get proper paperwork in order to file for reimbursement for AWSP Grant that was awarded last summer.

Councilor Keel gave the following update regarding the Utility Department: The Light Department continues to work repairing our infrastructure from the storm on January 12th. We had 14 broken poles, 7 transformers damaged and numerous other damages to our lines. All power has been restored to our customers except for the homes with damage. He also updated the council on the different divisions of the Sewer Dept: The new Preventive Maintenance building for the Sewer Dept. has been completed at Sugar Creek and equipment moved in. The new Sewer Maintenance Building will begin installation soon and the Sewer Dept. will move the remainder of the department to Sugar Creek. Sewer home service repairs were completed on Oak St West, Simpson Court and South Rd. A sewer service was installed at the new home on Clubview Drive Sugar/Coley Creek – Repaired air relief valve on #2 Influent Pump. Cleaned out RAS/WAS wet well, Repaired polymer delivery system at Sugar Creek. Had the annual equipment calibration performed on the lab equipment at Sugar Creek. Replaced seals on the doors at the RAS/WAS building to prevent flooding during heavy rain events. Adams filter plant – Fixed #2 clarivat leak, got MOR state report finished, took daily Bac-t samples, and had all fire extinguishers checked. All chemical pumps calibrated and running, replaced the computer monitor that lightning hit. Working on a state water usage report. Water Dept – Repaired several leaks, repaired 2 Hydrants, responded to several service requests, and completed numerous 811 Locates.

Councilor Chris Brown gave the following update regarding Parks and Recreation: This Saturday the City Tree Board will be planting trees at the Russell Soccer Complex and around the city. Please pitch in if you can. Lake Martin Leadership is planning several projects at the Cooper Rec Center. Two final designs have been presented for the new Imagination Station. The initial stages of being able to have online registration as the fiber optic project is starting. Baseball and

Softball registration starts February 6th. The nutrition center is now at CACC as well as some of our youth Basketball games. The golf course is doing great despite all the rain lately. We are working on completing the tournament schedule.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy gave the following update regarding Public Works: The environmental department is working on a staging site to help clear debris from the past tornado. The landfill is accepting debris but can not take in pressure treated wood and anything electrical. Please call them if you have any questions.

Councilor Tapley gave the following update regarding Buildings and Property: The library has had over 37,000 visitors in FY 2022 and has over 10,000 active cardholders. This is a great reason to get the elevator fixed. The sign language classes were full. There will be a Prepper's workshop, a Writer's workshop, and Medicare Education Classes.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES:

Romy Stamps updated the council on the amounts in the City's bank accounts and announced that there is a new account for the Imagination Station which has about \$15,000 in it now. More funds may be added after an internal audit of cash receipts to make sure all payments have been credited.

PROCLAMATION:

Arbor Day - January 28, 2023

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **RESOLUTION:** To Award Bid 23-03 to Titan Aviation Fuels for Aviation Fuel Supply Services
RESOLUTION BOOK 2023-23

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 adopted 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 Award Bid 23-05 to Diversified Elevator for Library Elevator Modernization Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$87,000.00
RESOLUTION BOOK 2023-24

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. Councilman Tapley thanked the council for getting this done. It's much needed. There being no further discussion the resolution was adopted 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 Award Bid 23-06 to Alabama Roofing and Sheet Metal Company Inc. for Sportplex Football Stadium Repairs In an Amount Not to Exceed \$81,500.
RESOLUTION BOOK 2023-25

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. Councilman Tapley said he was thankful for this estimate and that it would cost more if they had to replace everything. There being no further discussion the resolution was adopted 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

4. **RESOLUTION:** To Amend the FY 23 Personnel Authorization List
RESOLUTION BOOK 2023-26

Councilor Tapley made a motion to amend the resolution to change the pay grade to grade 16 instead of grade 17 as listed in the supporting documents. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the amendment was approved (6-0). Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the amended resolution. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the resolution was adopted 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

5. **RESOLUTION:** To Accept a Vehicle Donation from the Tallapoosa County Commission
RESOLUTION BOOK 2023-27

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. Councilor Chris Brown thanked the Commission for the donation. Council President Colvin thanked the Cooper Recreation Center staff for what they do on a regular basis. There being no further discussion the resolution was adopted 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

6. **RESOLUTION:** To Amend the FY2023 Budget and to Release Funds for the Purchase of Trees by the Tree Board in Honor of Arbor Day at a Total Expenditure Not to Exceed \$1,000.00
RESOLUTION BOOK 2023-28

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Councilor Chris Brown invited everyone to come help. Councilor Tapley said that he loves the trees and appreciates the Tree Board. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the resolution was adopted 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

7. **RESOLUTION:** To Authorize the Mayor to Sign all Contracts, Grant Related Paperwork and other Documents as Necessary for the Coven Abbett Bridge Repairs
RESOLUTION BOOK 2023-29

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 adopted 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

8. **RESOLUTION:** To Authorize the Mayor to Apply for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant: Operations and Safety for the Fire Department Hose, Appliances, and Nozzles
RESOLUTION BOOK 2023-30

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 adopted 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

9. **RESOLUTION:** To Authorize the Mayor to Apply for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant: Operations and Safety for the Fire Department for Micro Grant to Replace Outdated Hydraulic Rescue Tools
RESOLUTION BOOK 2023-31

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 adopted 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

10. **ORDINANCE:** To Amend Chapter 82, Taxation, Article III Business License Code, Section BL-10 of the Alexander City Code as it Pertains to Business License, Gross Receipts
ORDINANCE BOOK 2023-09

Councilor Tapley made a motion to adopt the ordinance and Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. By point of order, the council rules must be suspended if immediate action is to be considered. Councilor Tapley made a motion to suspend the rules and Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the rules were suspended (6-0). There being no further discussion, the ordinance was adopted 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: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker): NONE

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:

Last Tuesday the Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives, Nathaniel Ledbetter, Senator Clyde Chambliss, and Representative Ed Oliver, came to tour the disaster area. Jason Moran gave a presentation of the damage from the storm. I would like to thank Jason for all of his hard work.

Chad Odom of the Lake Martin Economic Development Alliance submitted his resignation today and the board has accepted it.

COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR: None

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK: Our next council meeting will be February 6th.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Councilor Tapley thanked everyone and later asked that we please pray for a resident who lost his life in a fire Monday morning.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy thanked Jason Moran and the community

Councilor Eric Brown thanked everyone.

Councilor Chris Brown thanked those that came out and thanked the city's employees for helping us save money and said that he hoped that everyone had a great week.

Councilor Keel informed us that most of the storm damage was in his district. He commended everyone for their quick work and asked us to pray.

Council President Colvin thanked everyone for being the good in a bad time. She said that she attended a school board meeting recently and wanted to let us know that our public donations to the school have increased by 31.5% since 2016. She also wanted to thank the MLK committee and the police department for all of their hard work last weekend.

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:



Audrey "Buffy" Colvin
Council President



Stephanie J. Southerland
City Clerk

METHOD OF DELIVERY: The draft minutes were emailed to the Council for review on Wednesday, February 1, 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: None