



Regular Minutes of the City Council

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex

CALL TO ORDER THE PRE-COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Pre-Council Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Roll was called and all Councilors were recorded as being present.

Individuals present included: Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Finance Director; Kathy Railey, Human Resources Director; Reese McAlister, Fire Chief; Kasey Kaschak, Parks and Recreation Director; Stephanie J. Southerland, City Clerk. Others present included: Arlene Wyckoff, David Boleware, Teresa Moten, Lakisha Tolbert, Piper Barnett, and others.

Council President Colvin asked for information regarding each agenda item. Mayor Baird asked that agenda item #3 be tabled due to the lack of the rental rates being included. Chief McAlister explained that agenda item #4 would fund six (6) positions to include salary and benefits for the Fire Department for their first three (3) years of employment. He went on to explain that agenda item #5 would provide hood fire extinguishing canisters to 500 residential homes. Mayor Baird asked that agenda item #6 be tabled, as it goes hand in hand with #3. Agenda item #8 is an event that has taken place for seven (7) years. Agenda item #9 was discussed and the Mayor stated that this carnival has no local charitable organization involved. Kasey Kaschak clarified that this is a private company asking for this event license. Councilor Chris Brown suggested that this item be tabled for further information.

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:41 P.M. on Monday, March 6, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Roll was called and all Councilors were recorded as being present.

Individuals present included: Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Stephanie Southerland, Amanda Thomas, Kathy Railey, Kasey Kaschak, Drew Meacham, Teresa Moten, T.J. Tuck, and others.

OPENING PRAYER: Councilor Tapley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Work Session and Regular City Council meeting February 20, 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).

Council President Colvin announced that there is an upcoming vacancy on the Board of Education. Any interested applicants may submit an application to the City Clerk no later than March 31, 2023.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: March 6, 2023 Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the draft agenda, with the exception of Resolution #3 and Resolution #6. He asked that these two items be removed. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion and the amended agenda was adopted (6-0).

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Councilor Eric Brown: The Fire Department has three (3) recruits attending Recruit School. The Police Department has hired four (4) new officers.

Councilor Keel: The Light Department has been working to provide an additional service to Adams Filter Plant as well as route maintenance on our lines and right of ways. The Gas Department is starting their annual natural gas system survey. Employees can be seen walking or driving on the east side of town including the downtown area. They will have on high visibility vests and should be in a marked city truck. Sewer Dept – The electrical work for the Sewer Department Maintenance building is almost complete. Should be adding insulation next week and then will complete moving equipment and supplies. Contractors are lining sewer mains in the Parrish Hills / Jones Village area. Replaced two more sections of sewer line at Haliana Road, raised manholes off Scott Rd., added a gravel parking area to Sugar Creek site, repaired service and sidewalk on Marshal St. Sugar/Coley Creek – Started installing the High Tide monitoring system on the few remaining lift stations. Finishing up wall repair and painting in the Sugar Creek lab. Repaired sweeper arm on #3 clarifier. Greased and performed scheduled preventive maintenance on the press in the solids handling building. Adams filter plant – Concrete pad finished for the new Copper sulfate tank, got TOC samples for the month, DBP samples, chemical calibrations done. Roof on chemical building is in bid stage, new sample pump installed for rapid mixer. Normal PMCS on all equipment Water Dept – Repaired multiple water leaks, responded to 40 line locates, and installed 4 new water services.

Councilor Chris Brown: Baseball/Softball opening day scheduled for April 1st at the Sportplex. Our youth recreational league basketball teams played great at the district tournament in Opelika on March 4, however, none of our teams advanced to the state tournament. We thank the players and their families for a great basketball season. The Imagination Station Committee held their second meeting the past Friday, March 3rd. We're making significant progress on the design and hope to release the final design to the public in the next week or so. We've been able to get dead trees cut down behind both the softball and baseball fields at the Sportplex. Fiber lines have been hung at the Sportplex for high-speed internet and phone lines. Still building out RecDesk, but hope to have a full rollout for online registration, rentals, etc. by the start of next month. The weather is pretty. Get out to the golf course and play a round.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy A portion of Ridgeway Drive will be closed starting Monday, March 13th until Wednesday, March 15th. The street department will be working to replace a culvert. Please stay tuned to the Public Works Facebook page for updates and a map showing the exact location of the work. Also, debris removal from our right of ways from the January 12th tornado is still in process. We expect to be completed in the next week or two.

Councilor Tapley March 31, 2023 will be the Lead Forward Women's Expo & Conference that will be held at CACC. The library will be participating in that.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES: None

PROCLAMATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **RESOLUTION** To Appoint Voting Delegates for the 2023 Annual Business Meeting at the Alabama League of Municipalities Conference to be Held May 12, 2023 **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-38**

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy made a motion to appoint Council President Colvin as the Voting Delegate and Councilor Tapley as the 1st Alternate Voting Delegate. Councilor Chris Brown 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. **ORDINANCE** To Correct and Amend Resolution Number 10-102 Adopted by the City Council on August 2, 2010 for the Purpose of Creating the Position of Finance Director as a Permanent Position in the Corporate Structure of the City of Alexander City, Alabama **ORDINANCE BOOK 23-11**

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). Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the ordinance as written. Councilor President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. 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

3. **RESOLUTION** To Appoint the Mayor of Alexander City, Alabama to Determine and/or Approve the Rental Amount for the Hangars at Thomas C. Russell Air Field **REMOVED**
4. **RESOLUTION** To Authorize the Mayor to Apply for the FY 2022 AFG SAFER Grant for Hiring **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-39**

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

5. **RESOLUTION** to Authorize the Mayor to Apply for the FY 2022 AFG Fire Prevention Safety Grant for Residential Hood Fire Extinguishing Canisters **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-40**

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. Councilor Chris Brown expressed his appreciation to Chief McAlister for continually looking for ways to keep our citizens safe. 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 Appoint Members to the Airport Advisory Committee REMOVED

7. REQUEST To Approve an ABC Restaurant Retail Liquor License to Wharf Casual Seafood Located at 4011 Highway 280

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the request as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the request 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

8. REQUEST To Approve Blues in the Park Event in Strand Park to be Held May 20, 2023

Councilor Tapley thanked Mr. Tyrone Oliver for holding this event, and it is always well attended. Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the request as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the request 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

9. REQUEST to Approve a Circus/Carnival to be Held on Comer Street OR in Front of TC Russell Airport to be Held May 15-21, 2023

Councilor Tapley made a motion to Table this request in order to gain more information from the prospective applicant. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the request was tabled 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):

Lakisha Tolbert- reported that she has recently built a home and it sits next to an abandoned building where it is in disrepair and people and animals are in and out of there conducting illegal drug activity. She stated that the windows have been busted out and it is a nuisance in the neighborhood. Mayor Baird stated that he would address this property with the Code Enforcement Officer and communicate to her what can be done. Captain Tuck of the Police Department stated that they would increase patrol in the area.

Arlene Wyckoff – Thanked the council for supporting the Blues in the Park event.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR: Everything is moving along well and we are extremely busy.

COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR: I'd like to thank my 2 accountants, Alicia for her support and Amber for speaking during the last meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK: Reminded those present that next weekend starts Daylight Savings Time and to move your clocks forward. The next work session and council meeting will be March 20th.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy thanked everyone for their attendance and assisting with the city moving in the right direction. He stated that many citizens have asked how things are going because they haven't heard anything, which is typically a good thing. City employees are busy behind the scenes making Alexander City the best place it can be.

Councilor Eric Brown thanked everyone for coming and further thanked the Mayor and his staff, and all of the employees.

Councilor Chris Brown thanked everyone for coming out. He asked citizens to get out and support our local businesses.

Councilor Keel expressed his appreciation for those in attendance and those watching live on Facebook. He commended Sandra Fuller, Director of the Tallapoosa County Tourism Association, for her efforts in bringing the Alabama BASS tournament to Alexander City and helping to promote an event that brought in 225 boats (450 fisherman) which boosted our economy.

Councilor Tapley thanked everyone in attendance and further thanked the Mayor and his staff for their hard work. He expressed his hope that the ACFD receives the grants they are applying for to help staff the fire department and protect our community.

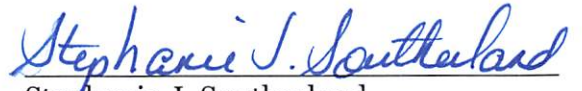
Council President Colvin thanked everyone for coming and expressed her appreciation for all of the prayers, comfort and support that has been given since the loss of her mother. She thanked the Mayor and his staff, and the Police and Fire Departments for their hard work.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the council, Councilor Tapley made a motion to adjourn and Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned (6-0) at 6:04 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 March 17, 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:

City of Alexander City, Alabama City Council Public Comments

Agenda Item: Public Comments (3 minutes per Speaker)

Must be an Alexander City Resident

Date & Time: March 6, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Public Comments before the City Council are an opportunity for citizens to express their views.

If you wish to speak, please fill out the information below.

ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK MUST SIGN-IN

Print Name

Address

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2	Arlene Wyczkoff	[REDACTED]
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