



Regular Council Meeting Minutes

281 James D. Nabors Drive

Council Chambers of Municipal Complex

Monday, April 17, 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, April 17, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. She asked for a moment of silence in light of the tragedy in Dadeville over the weekend. All Councilors were recorded as being present.

OPENING PRAYER: Pastor Wilson, Early Rose Missionary Baptist Church, in honor and memory of those affected by the shooting in Dadeville, April 15, 2023.

Individuals present included: Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Finance Director; Police Captain D. Alford; David Hogan, Wastewater Superintendent; Lynn Miller, Water Superintendent; Kasey Kaschak, Parks Director; Chris Hardy, Gas Superintendent; Caleb Shaw, Sewer Department; Police Captain McKinney; Miles Hamlett, Purchasing Agent; Amanda Thomas, Community Development Director; Kathy Railey, Human Resources Director; Scott Coats, Water Department; Doug Jones, Sewer Department; Stephanie J. Southerland, City Clerk. Others present included: Fred Bennett, Jay Conner, Jeff Lynn, Steve King, James Durrett, Jr., Chante Ruffin, Liz Holland, Jacob Meacham, Arlene Wyckoff, Teresa Moten, David Boleware, and others. The media was represented by the Alexander City Outlook.

Council President Colvin asked for information regarding each agenda item.

Miles Hamlett addressed agenda items 1 and 2 and requested that both bids be awarded.

Mr. Fred Bennett, with the Bennett Group, and Mr. Jay Conner, with Barrett Simpson, discussed agenda item 4, and if the re-zoning is approved, they plan to build a Senior Adult apartment complex.

Mr. Kasey Kaschak addressed agenda item 5 and how it will streamline the process for parks and recreation participants. The software tracks financial records, sends mass e-mails, and reduces the use of paper. Councilor Tapley asked if there will be other payment options for those who may not have the technology to utilize RecDesk, and Kasey assured the council there are other payment options.

Council President Colvin asked that agenda item 8 be tabled until they can determine sufficient nominees.

Kathy Railey addressed item 9, requesting employee reclassifications.

Amanda Thomas explained that this is the next phase of airport improvements.

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:49 P.M. on Monday, April 17, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Roll was called and all Councilors were recorded as being present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Held in Work Session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular City Council meeting April 3, 2023. Councilor Tapley made a motion to adopt the minutes and Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the minutes were adopted (6-0).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Regular City Council meeting April 17, 2023. Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the draft agenda. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion and the agenda was adopted (6-0).

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Council President Colvin: Council President Colvin reported that the city has collected 2,459 business licenses. Any licenses that have not been renewed by May 1 would be assessed a 15% penalty and after June 1, a 30% penalty. She thanked the Finance Department for the great job that they do.

Councilor Eric Brown: Congratulations to Police Officer Landon Turner graduated from the Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy on 4/6/2023.

The Fire Department is considering splitting the Fire and EMS Departments due to the loss of employees, potential liability to the city, and the number of non-emergency ambulance runs.

Councilor Keel: The Light Dept has been trimming lines and performing routine line maintenance.

Alexander City Water Services has completed the move to the Sugar Creek Treatment Plant for the Sewer Department. They are grateful to all who made it possible and are currently working on grading and forming areas around the two new buildings.

The Forestree Company is scheduled to begin applying herbicide to sewer easements soon. The two new pump stations for the sewer line down 280 and pump station #1 inside the Wicker Point development are almost complete.

The Adams filter plant is conducting routine maintenance and awaiting the installation of new relay boards for two generators.

The Water Department has repaired leaks, performed inspections, replaced fire hydrants, installed new services, and responded to 811 locates and route notes.

Congratulations to John McDaniel on passing his Journeyman Gas Fitter's Exam. The Gas Department will begin moving into the old Sewer Department as time permits.

April 18 is National Lineman Day and he expressed his appreciation to them in light of the recent weather events.

Councilor Chris Brown: Baseball and softball are in full swing. The golf course is being utilized more than this time last year. There are a lot of upcoming tournaments, including the ARPA tournament which helps to support Camp ASSCA.

Thank you to Leadership Lake Martin for pressure washing the playground equipment at Cooper Rec Center and donating fiber mulching around the equipment.

New lease agreements have gone out to everyone who currently rents a hangar at the airport.

RecDesk is expected to be implemented around May 1st. Go play a round of golf or enjoy one of our city parks.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy The final layer of pavement was put on Wicker Point Road on Friday 4/14/2023.

We are adding walls to the ends of our recycling center and heating blankets onto our baler to help with equipment issues that arise due to low temperatures in the winter.

Councilor Tapley stated that the library will be celebrating National Library Week April 23 – 29 and would like the elected body to come by and have their photo taken.

Councilor Chris Brown reported that the Imagination Station is moving forward and the preliminary drawings have been released.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

PUBLIC HEARING: To Rezone Property Located on Highway 22 West from RR (Reserve Residential) to R3 (High Density Residential)

1. Possible rezone of Property Located on Highway 22 West from RR (Reserve Residential) to R3 (High Density Residential)
Time open: 5:55
Time closed: 5:56

Councilor Tapley made a motion to go into the Public Hearing at 5:55 p.m. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion (6 – 0). No one spoke in opposition to the rezoning request. Councilor Tapley made a motion to exit the Public Hearing at 5:56 p.m. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion (6 – 0).

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES: Romy Stamps, Finance Director presented the Banking Statement Balance sheets (attached).

PROCLAMATION: Fair Housing Month
Community College Month

Both were read by Mayor Baird. Central Alabama Community College President Jeff Lynn was present and accepted the Proclamation from Mayor Baird.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **RESOLUTION:** To Award Bid No. 23-08 to General Maintenance Contractors of East Alabama, Inc. for Natural Gas General Contractor Services **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-48**

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 No. 23-12 to Calhoun Meter Company for Water Main Distribution Replacement Materials in an Amount Not to Exceed \$48,006.60 **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-49**

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

3. **RESOLUTION** to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Garver, Project No. 23A010200, ALX – Apron Expansion Construction Administration Project **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-50**

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

4. **ORDINANCE:** To Rezone Property Located on Highway 22 West from RR (Reserve Residential) to R3 (High Density Residential) **ORDINANCE BOOK 23-14**

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

5. RESOLUTION to Authorize the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with RecDesk, LLC for Parks & Recreation Management Software RESOLUTION BOOK 23-51

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

6. RESOLUTION to Appoint Chante' M. Ruffin to the Board of Education RESOLUTION BOOK 23-52

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. Councilor Eric Brown thanked Ms. Ruffin for serving. 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 Accept the FY 2020 Audit RESOLUTION BOOK 23-53

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. Councilor Chris Brown thanked Romy Stamps, Finance Director, for her efforts in getting this completed. 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 Nominate Three (3) Citizens for Consideration to be Appointed to the Tallapoosa County Board of Equalization TABLED

Councilor Chris Brown made a motion to table this resolution. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the resolution 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

9. RESOLUTION to Amend the FY 23 Personnel Authorization List RESOLUTION BOOK 23-54

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. Councilor Tapley thanked David and the department for their hard work. 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. RESOLUTION to Authorize the Mayor to File a Pre-Application and Application for State and Federal Funds for Apron Expansion and Taxilane Construction Project (23A010200) at the Thomas C. Russell Field Airport RESOLUTION BOOK 23-55

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

11. REQUEST to Approve an ABC Restaurant Retail Liquor AND Brewpub License to Lake Martin Brewing, LLC Located at 82 Court Square

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy made a motion to approve the request as presented. Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion. Councilor Tapley stated that he is not opposed to this business, just the location. Councilor Keel stated that he also doesn't like the location. There being no further discussion the request was approved with the following roll call vote:

YEAS: COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, C. BROWN 4
NAYS: TAPLEY, KEEL 2
ABSTAINED: NONE 0
ABSENT: NONE 0

12. REQUEST to Approve a Special Event Application to the Lake Martin Young Professionals to Hold Free Concerts at Strand Park

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the request as presented. 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

13. REQUEST to Approve a Special Event Application for the 11th Annual Sun Festival and 33rd Annual Jazz Fest to be Held June 1 – June 9, 2023

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the request as presented. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. Councilor Tapley thanked the Chamber of Commerce for putting this together each year. Councilor President Pro Tempore Hardy also thanked them for hosting these events and is excited to attend. 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker):

Pastor Steve King thanked the council for the opportunity to address them and further read a statement expressing his disapproval of the Lake Martin Brewing establishment and the process leading up to the licensed business.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR: Mayor Baird asked for prayers for our country, our community, and the families affected by the shooting in Dadeville over the past weekend. He further commended all of the first responders for their quick response and professionalism on the scene.

COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR: Utility funds were down overall, but still growing.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK: The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2023, and the June 19 council meeting falls on a recognized City holiday.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Councilor Keel asked for comfort and prayers for the Dadeville community.

Councilor Tapley stated that our country needs Christ, moral values, love, and not hate, and it takes everyone to make a difference in the community. He asked for continued prayers for our community and Dadeville and put Jesus first in all that you do.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy also asked for continued thoughts and prayers for those impacted by this violent act. He further offered support for everyone involved.

Councilor Eric Brown thanked everyone in attendance and offered prayer to the Dadeville community. He also encouraged everyone to go into the community and share the love of Jesus. Thank you to all of the city employees for providing such great service.

Councilor Chris Brown thanked everyone for coming and offered thoughts and prayers to Dadeville and the surrounding communities. We have had a lot of tragic events in Tallapoosa County over the past several months and need continued prayers.

Council President Colvin thanked everyone for coming and asked for prayers for Dadeville. She further asked that we talk to young people, guide them in their lives and lead them to Christ, bring back old-school values. Stand up as a community and be the light with rational minds, rational thoughts, rational ideas. She further thanked all city employees for the work they do.


EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURN: Councilor Tapley made a motion to adjourn in honor of those affected by the shooting. Council President Pro Tempore seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 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 April 24, 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: