



Regular Council Meeting Minutes

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex
Monday, May 1, 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, May 1, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Roll was called, and Councilor Chris Brown and Mayor Baird were recorded as being absent.

Individuals present included: Romy Stamps, Finance Director; Piper Barnett, Records Clerk; Fire Chief Reese McAlister; Drew Meacham, Public Works Director; Kathy Railey, Human Resources Director; Police Captain Alford; Police Captain Tuck; Jerry Wilson; Steve Robinson, Tallapoosa County Commissioner; Fire employees: Captain Spears; Dallas Acton, Zackary Zippich; Logan Bevels; Andrew Baker; Lance Moss; Barry McCullough; Peyton Frew; Kenny Gray; James Duncan; Tommy Allen; Jonathan Florine; Dillon Lashley; Logan Blair; Cody Reed; Mason Hallman; Shane Hanson; Jerry Sewell; Todd Sassano; Dewayne Rathel; Travis Lahr; Grey Parker; Zach Baty; Stephanie J. Southerland, City Clerk. Others present included: Jacob Meacham, Teresa Moten, Arlene Wyckoff, and the media was represented by The Outlook.

Council President Colvin asked for information regarding each agenda item.

Fire Chief McAlister asked for support of agenda items #2 and #7 to aid in recruitment and employee retention. There is significant interest in serving as an EMT but not fighting fires.

Council President Colvin explained that agenda item #3 is updating City Code to align with the International Building Code. Agenda item #4 is appointing and updating the members to the Historic Preservation Commission. Agenda item #5 is a request from Taqueria Avita for a Restaurant Retail Liquor License and they are a long-time established business.

Parks and Recreation Director, Kasey Kaschak explained that agenda item #6 is simply updating the fees for rental of recreational facilities.

Romy Stamps, Finance Director, stated that regarding agenda item #7, the General Budget will be offset to provide for these employees.

Council President Colvin detailed that agenda items #8 – #10 are bids that were mailed out but did not receive any bids. These resolutions are to allow the Purchasing Agent to negotiate these items.

Council President Colvin stated that agenda item #11 is important to the local agencies working together for the benefit of tourism to the area.

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:39 P.M. on Monday, May 1, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Roll was called and Councilor Chris Brown and Mayor Baird were recorded as being absent.

OPENING PRAYER: Council President Colvin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Work Session and Regular City Council meeting April 17, 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 (5-0).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Councilor Tapley made a motion to amend the agenda to change the name of Director Tim Hatch to Mr. James Hardin. Councilor Hardy seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the amended agenda was adopted (5-0).

Mr. James Hardin, Alabama Department of Public Health, discussed the services provided by Tallapoosa County Health Department and provided handouts. Services they offer include: ALLKids insurance, breast and cervical cancer screenings, family planning, home health, immunizations, STD testing/treatment, WIC, investigating dog bites, and many others. They work closely with EMA and provides a lot of PPE across the state. They have an office in Alexander City and in Dadeville, the only county in the state with multiple sites.

Pastor Vincent T. Ellison was scheduled to hold the opening prayer, but was delayed, and now offered prayer.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Council President Colvin: The Finance Department is working hard and she expressed her appreciation to them.

Councilor Eric Brown: The Alexander City Fire Department has three (3) recruits that will be graduating Fire Recruit School on May 5 in Phenix City. The 911 street signs are still available. Please contact the Fire Department to get yours.

Councilor Keel: The Water Department had 42 calls to locate sewer lines and 57 calls to locate water lines. We repaired 5 water main breaks and installed 2 new services. The Light Department had their monthly ECG safety meeting and also helped Tidal Wave by setting the transformer and pulling the wire. Projects are progressing at the Adams Water Treatment Plant as they are working on its road and its roof. The oil has been changed in all the high service pumps. Schmidt Environmental has started on the next phase of upgrades on #1 Clarifier. The Sewer Department replaced a section of the sewer main behind Byers Field and completed the 2023 herbicide application of the sewer easements.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy: We have 10 applications for structures to be removed through the Dilapidated Structure program. With the removal of the structures that are approved, we are able to assist the Fire Department and the Police Department with training inside of these locations as well additional training on the structures that will be burned. This program is great for community development and provides a very low-cost option for dilapidated structures to be removed throughout our community. We have a job opening at the landfill for an Equipment Operator II that is open until May 14th. Please visit the Human Resources section of the City's website to apply.

Councilor Tapley: The Summer Reading program at the library is planned and the dates will be publicized soon. More sign language classes are being offered and will begin May 9th. There were 218 3rd graders that toured the municipal complex and the library on Friday, April 28. Library Director Huff thanked the elected body for coming over to help celebrate National Library Week.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES: None

PROCLAMATION: National Public Works Week, presented by Council President Pro Tempore Hardy

Council President Colvin presented Councilor Keel with his Certified Alabama Planning and Zoning Official Certificate. He completed thirty-two (32) hours of training to earn his certification. Councilor Keel felt the knowledge will aid him in making decisions as a councilor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **RESOLUTION** to Nominate Three (3) Citizens for Consideration to be Appointed to the Tallapoosa County Board of Equalization (Tabled April 17, 2023) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-56**

This item was tabled at the April 17, 2023 meeting. Councilor Tapley made a motion to remove from the table. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the resolution was removed from the table (5-0) and is now properly before the governing body. Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion.

YEAS:	TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL	5
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	C. BROWN	1

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. RESOLUTION:** To Award Bid No. 23-11 to Advanced Roofing Solutions for Roof Repair Project at Adams Water Treatment Plant at a Cost not to Exceed \$58,600.00
RESOLUTION BOOK 23-57

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

YEAS:	TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL	5
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	C. BROWN	1

- 2. ORDINANCE** To Create the Alexander City Emergency Medical Services (ACEMS) Department of the City of Alexander City **ORDINANCE BOOK 23-15**

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 (5-0). Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the ordinance as written. Councilor President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. Councilor Eric Brown expressed his appreciation to the Fire Department and feels like this will be a great long-term benefit for the city. There being no further discussion the ordinance was adopted with the following roll call vote:

YEAS:	TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL	5
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	NONE	1

- 3. ORDINANCE:** To Amend Chapter 18, Buildings and Building Regulations, Chapter 46, Fire Prevention and Protection, Chapter 82, Taxation, and Chapter 90, Utilities, of the Code of Alexander City, Alabama **ORDINANCE BOOK 23-16**

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 (5-0). 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, KEEL	5
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	C. BROWN	1

4. RESOLUTION to Appoint Members to the Historic Preservation Commission
RESOLUTION BOOK 23-58

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

YEAS:	TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL	5
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	C. BROWN	1

5. REQUEST to Approve a Restaurant Retail Liquor License to Taqueria Avita Located at 60 Broad Street

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

YEAS:	TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL	5
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	C. BROWN	1

6. ORDINANCE To Amend Alexander City Code Section 62-1 – Fees for use of Facilities
ORDINANCE BOOK 23-17

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 (5-0). Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the ordinance as written. Councilor President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. Councilor Tapley thanked Kasey for putting this together and standardizing fees. There being no further discussion the ordinance was adopted with the following roll call vote:

YEAS:	TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL	5
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	C. BROWN	1

7. RESOLUTION to Amend the FY23 Budget and Personnel Authorization List for the Alexander City Emergency Medical Services Department **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-59**

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

YEAS:	TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL	5
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	C. BROWN	1

- 8. RESOLUTION** to Authorize the City of Alexander City Purchasing Agent to Negotiate and Proceed by Force Account for Bid No. 23-13, for the Replacement of Precision Approach Path Indicators at Thomas C. Russell Airport **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-60**

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

YEAS:	TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL	5
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	C. BROWN	1

- 9. RESOLUTION** to Authorize the City of Alexander City Purchasing Agent to Negotiate and Proceed by Force Account for Bid No. 23-15, the Light Department Traffic Signal Loop Repair and Upgrade Project **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-61**

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

YEAS:	TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL	5
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	C. BROWN	1

- 10. RESOLUTION** to Authorize the City of Alexander City Purchasing Agent to Negotiate and Proceed by Force Account for Bid No. 23-17, Pool Filtration System Repair and Upgrade and to Amend the FY 2023 Capital Budget in an Amount not to Exceed \$80,000.00 **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-62**

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

YEAS:	TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL	5
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	C. BROWN	1

11. RESOLUTION to Join Tallapoosa County Commission in Creating and Establishing the Lake Martin – Tallapoosa County Tourism and Visitors Bureau RESOLUTION BOOK 23-63

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. Councilors Tapley, Hardy and Eric Brown expressed their appreciation to the County Commission and the Chamber of Commerce for their efforts and collaboration. There being no further discussion the resolution was adopted with the following roll call vote:

YEAS:	TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL	5
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	C. BROWN	1

Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker): Arlene Wyckoff, District 1, commented that the creation of the ACEMS is really needed. All public service personnel are needed. She also stated there is a lot of history in Alexander City and citizens need to be made aware.

Comments from the Mayor: None

Comments from the Finance Director: FY 21 Audit is underway and hopes to have it in the coming months.

Comments from the City Clerk: The next Work Session and Council meeting are scheduled for Monday, May 15, 2023

Comments from the Council:

Councilor Keel asked everyone to enjoy the good weather and be safe.

Councilor Tapley thanked everyone for coming out and commended the Fire Department, Public Works, and all city employees.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy thanked everyone for their attendance and is happy to assist the Fire Department and hopefully take some of the pressure off of the department. He further thanked Dana Fuller for assisting in organizing the 3rd grade tour of the complex. He expressed his appreciation and the importance of administrative personnel, working behind the scenes.

Councilor Eric Brown thanked everyone for coming out and is looking forward to collaboration with the county. Make an impact on the community. He encouraged everyone to be the hands and feet of Jesus right here, in Alexander City.

Council President Colvin expressed her appreciation to the Fire Department, the Chamber of Commerce, and the county and their willingness to work with the city. Last Friday, 218 3rd graders toured the city facilities and was reported by teachers that they were very appreciative and learned a lot about how the city functions. She thanked Dana Fuller for her efforts in putting this together. She thanked Pastor Ellison for coming to offer prayer for our city.

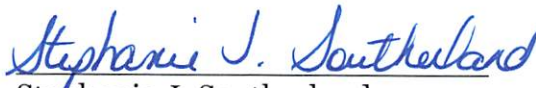
Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Councilor Tapley made a motion to adjourn at 6:12 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 May 10, 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: