

**ALEXANDER CITY, CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023
4:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Alexander City held a work session on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Complex, 281 James D. Nabors Drive, Alexander City, AL 35010.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Colvin. The opening prayer was led by Council President Colvin and Councilor Tapley led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilor E. Brown and Mayor Baird were recorded as being absent. Those present included Romy Stamps, Finance Director; Drew Meacham, Public Works Director; Fire Chief R. McAlister; Lynn Miller, Water Superintendent; Police Captain McKinney; Amanda Thomas, Community Development Director; Kathy Railey, Human Resources Director; Miles Hamlett, Purchasing Agent; Jacob Meacham, Teresa Moten, Piper Barnett, Records Clerk; Larkin Radney; Police Captain Tuck; Joanna Banks, Michelle West, Stephanie J. Southerland, City Clerk. The media was represented by the Outlook.

Councilor Eric Brown arrived at 4:34 and Mayor Baird arrived at 4:51.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:

1. Michelle West, Main Street Director, and Joanna Banks, Main Street Board President, showed renderings of a proposed Community Performing Arts Center being considered in the area of the former City Hall building. Larkin Radney asked if the city could begin the process of demolition of the building. It was discussed that Main Street would assist in fund raising efforts to support the facility, a Civic Center Authority would own the property, and the City Council would be responsible for appointing the members.
2. Amanda Thomas, Community Development Director, presented a draft MOU with the Board of Education for the proposed site for a new High School and gave an update on upcoming projects throughout the city.
3. Mayor Baird addressed two (2) needed projects; a power sub-station at Coley Creek and Dadeville Road. The city is in discussions with Southern Transmission, through Alabama Municipal Electric Authority (AMEA) for engineering. The Pines Development is requesting sewer. Federal grant funds were requested, but were not considered. The lines will have to be adjusted. These projects are expected to cost approximately \$3.5 million each.
4. Stephanie Southerland discussed the option of requiring a Council member to sponsor agenda items, in order to help them be more informed of upcoming projects. The council agreed that this would be helpful to them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Tapley made a motion to adjourn, Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved (6-0). There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

Stephanie J. Southerland

City Clerk

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Audrey Buffy Colvin, President
Alexander City, City Council