



## Regular Council Meeting Minutes

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281 James D. Nabors Drive  
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex  
Monday, June 5, 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, June 5, 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; Piper Barnett, Records Clerk; Police Captain D. Alford; Police Captain T. Tuck; Larkin Radney; Fire Chief R. McAlister; Amanda Thomas, Community Development Director; Drew Meacham, Public Works Director; Caroline Brown; Kathy Railey, Human Resources Director; Todd Sassano; Stephanie J. Southerland, City Clerk. Others present included: Randy Lee, Jr., Dr. Price, Susan Tilley, Hanlon Boyles, Teresa Moten, David Boleware, Jada Love Birmingham, Abigail Francis Gilliland, Benton Alan Stegall and others. The media was represented by the Outlook.

Council President Colvin asked for information regarding each agenda item.

Mayor Baird addressed agenda item #3, being an SRF loan to provide funds for wastewater/sewer lines, allowing sewer lines for Wicker Point development to be kept from the lake.

Drew Meacham asked that agenda item #4 be held until the next meeting. The use of inmates will compensate for a labor shortage throughout the city. The intent is for them to cut grass and pick up litter. Council President Pro Tempore thanked Drew for bringing this forward as a resolution. Councilor Keel expressed his concern for the cost of transporting inmates. Drew explained that the \$25 per person, per day, per inmate was for transportation and labor being performed. An employee would have to undergo a background check to oversee the inmates. Councilor Eric Brown stated that he is in favor of utilizing inmate workers. Council President Colvin expressed her desire to offer this opportunity. (The actual cost is \$20.00 per inmate, per day)

Council President Colvin stated that agenda item #5 is to allow employees to enjoy the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

She further commented on agenda item #6; the buildings being discussed have been addressed a number of times, but a cost effective, favorable resolution has not been

brought forward. Main Street has offered a proposal of what to do with the area, but cannot move forward with those buildings still standing.

Agenda item #8 is to initiate the process of getting a new High School.

**CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:** Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:41 P.M. on Monday, June 5, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Roll was called and Councilors Tapley and Chris Brown were recorded as being absent.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Reverend Jimmial Harrison

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council President Colvin

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Work Session and Regular City Council meeting May 15, 2023. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy made a motion to adopt the minutes and Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the minutes were adopted (4-0).

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Regular City Council meeting June 5, 2023. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy made a motion to approve the draft agenda, with the exception of item #4, which is to be held until the June 20, 2023 meeting. Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion and the amended agenda was adopted (4-0).

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Council President Colvin:** There has been good response from delinquent notices sent out last month. There have been seven (7) new store front businesses to apply for a business license in the past month.

In absence of Councilor Chris Brown, Cooper Rec Center is being prepared to bid for the floor and expect to close for a period of time in August for those repairs. The softball field is being considered for re-grading. The airport is doing well and they are looking for additional funding avenues to aid in apron expansion. Traffic and fuel costs increased over Memorial Day weekend. RecDesk is up and running for any registrations, reservations, parties, or swim lessons.

Randy Lee, Jr. introduced the members of the Youth Basketball Organization of America and thanked the city for allowing them to use the facilities. This organization gets children involved at the second-grade level and trains them to play through high school. They have won two of the five tournaments they participated in this season. They won runner up in the State Tournament.

**Councilor Eric Brown:** Presented Fire Chief McAlister to address the council regarding his need for ambulances. They are currently down three ambulances. An ADECA grant was supposed to provide an ambulance in March of last year, but not

expected until July, 2024. The Chief has found an ambulance but it is much more expensive and will need additional funding in order to get it. ADECA is another possibility for additional funding. There is a \$64,000.00 difference that is needed.

**Councilor Keel:** The sewer department relayed a main between Madison and Marshall Street, repaired a service on Dadeville Road, cleaned out old wet wells at the Kellyton Industrial Park, had the off-road dump truck and camera truck at the Tykes and Trucks event, and repaired a sewer main hit by Alabama Power Company. At Sugar/Coley Creek they completed hightide installation on all lift stations, repaired effluent pump, repaired hypo leak, drained and cleaned RAS//WAS wet well, and repaired sweeper arm on #4 clarifier. At the Adams Filter Plant, they replaced the gear oil in the rapid mix gear boxes, painted the walkway outside filter housing, and all weekly and monthly calibrations were done and recorded. The water department has responded to 120 line locates, repaired 18 water main breaks and installed ten new water services.

**Council President Pro Tempore Hardy:** The street, environmental, and property maintenance departments participated in the Tykes and Trucks event last Saturday, it was a great success! The property maintenance and environmental departments spent time last week preparing Strand Park and the down town areas for all of the Sun Fest events that are currently taking place, and the Engineering department assisted the library with their parking lot rehab capitol project that was completed last week.

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** On behalf of Councilor Chris Brown, Council President Colvin announced that the Planning Commission has recommended a Public Hearing to rezone property located at 394 Russell Road from B3 (Central Business) to B2 (General Business) (Petitioner/Owner: Kevin Becker, K2 Self Storage) for Monday, July 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES:** None

**PROCLAMATION:** None

Mayor Baird presented AMEA Scholarships to Benjamin Russell High School graduates: Jada Birmingham, Abigail Gilliland, and Benton Stegall.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. RESOLUTION:** To Re-appoint Hanlon Boyles to the Library Board (Sponsored By: Councilor Tapley) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-72**

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy was happy to recognize Hanlon and her daughter in the same meeting and Councilor Eric Brown thanked Hanlon for volunteering her time to the library. There being no further discussion the resolution was adopted with the following roll call vote:

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSTAINED:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>

**2. REQUEST:** To Approve an ABC Lounge Retail Liquor – Class I License to Jessica Cindy Wilson, DBA Jazzy Daiquiri Factory, LLC Located at 849 Cherokee Road

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

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSTAINED:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>

**3. ORDINANCE:** To Authorize the Issuance of One (1) \$7,105,000 General Obligation Warrant Series 2023-CWSRF-DL (Sponsored By: Council President Colvin and Councilor Keel) **ORDINANCE BOOK 23-19**

By point of order, the council rules must be suspended if immediate action is to be considered. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy made a motion to suspend the rules and Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the rules were suspended (4-0). Council President Pro Tempore Hardy made a motion to approve the ordinance as written. Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion the ordinance was adopted with the following roll call vote:

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSTAINED:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>

**4. RESOLUTION:** To Authorize the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Alabama Department of Corrections to Allow the use of Inmates at the City of Alexander City, Alabama (Sponsored By: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy) **HELD UNTIL JUNE 20, 2023**

**5. RESOLUTION:** To Authorize a One-Time Additional Paid Holiday for Monday, July 3, 2023 and to Re-Schedule the July 3, 2023 City Council Meeting Date (Sponsored By: Council President Colvin) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-73**

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

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSTAINED:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>

**6. RESOLUTION:** To Authorize the Mayor to Petition the Historic Preservation Committee to Grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to the City to Demolish the Former City Hall, Located at 318 Church Street and the Former Courthouse, Located at 4 Court Square (Sponsored By: Mayor Baird) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-74**

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion. Council President Colvin stated that this resolution does not mean that the buildings will be torn down, but to corroborate with the Historic Preservation Commission for the future of this area. There being no further discussion the resolution was adopted with the following roll call vote:

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSTAINED:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>

**7. ORDINANCE:** To Rescind the Alexander City Zoning Ordinance, Page 124, Article VIII, Amendments, § 5, City Council Action, 5.2, Public Hearing Notice and Amend § 9, Fees (Sponsored By: Mayor Baird) **ORDINANCE BOOK 23-20**

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<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSTAINED:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>

**8. RESOLUTION:** To Authorize the Mayor to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Alexander City Board of Education. (Sponsored By: Council President Colvin and Councilor Tapley) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-75**

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

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSTAINED:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker):** Ms. Judy Huett expressed her dissatisfaction with the location of the Nutrition Center. They have to walk across the road, which is in a curve, and they have to walk down a long driveway sometimes in the rain. The room is too big, and it is too cold in the winter. The programs are excellent, but the location is not safe for those attending. She requested a wheel chair, due to some people have fallen. She asked everyone to come visit the center. She thanked Council President Pro Tempore Hardy for coming.

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:** Mayor Baird reported that the city is working towards a resolution for the relocation of the nutrition center soon.

He further reported that Throw Away Days was a tremendous success. Two (30) yard dumpsters were filled.

The new recycling trailer will be located behind Public Works so it will be accessible on Saturdays and may be expanded.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR:** Budget meetings are going well and Capital Budget meetings will be in a couple of weeks.

**COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK:** June 19 is a recognized Federal and City holiday so the Work Session and City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, June 20.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy thanked everyone's attendance and the opportunity to recognize young athletes. He expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Huett for her comments and assured her that the issue is being addressed. He further thanked all city employees for their hard work in Saturday's Tykes and Trucks event.

Councilor Eric Brown thanked everyone for coming and stated that the Nutrition Center is of top priority and thanked them for their patience.



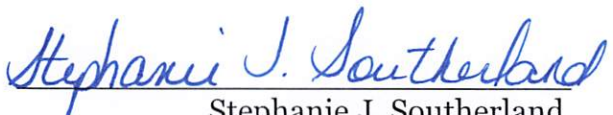
Councilor Keel thanked those in attendance and those watching on Facebook.

Council President Colvin also stated that the Nutrition Center is a top priority. She further expressed her enjoyment in recognizing young athletes and students.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the council, Council President Pro Tempore Hardy made a motion to adjourn and Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned (4-0) at 6:21 P.M.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Audrey "Buffy" Colvin  
Council President

  
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Stephanie J. Southerland  
City Clerk

**METHOD OF DELIVERY:** The draft minutes were e-mailed to the City Council for review on June 9, 2023

**OTHER:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Agenda

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**