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Regular Council Meeting Minutes

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex
Tuesday, June 20, 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 Tuesday, June 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Roll was called, and all members were recorded as being present.

Individuals present included: Romy Stamps, Finance Director; Piper Barnett, Records Clerk; Fire Chief Reese McAlister; Drew Meacham, Public Works Director; Lynn Miller, Wastewater Superintendent; Kathy Railey, Human Resources Director; Joe Milam, IT Director; Police Captain Tuck; Police Captain Alford; Drew Meacham, Public Works Director; Kasey Kaschak, Parks & Recreation Director; Stephanie J. Southerland, City Clerk. Others present included: Arlene Wyckoff, Teresa Moten, Michelle West, David Boleware and the media was represented by The Outlook.

Drew Meacham discussed the ADOC inmate program, costs, supervisory responsibilities and required background checks. Councilor Tapley asked for clarification on the cost schedule. Drew stated that the city cost will be \$20.00 per inmate, per day. Mayor Baird stated that he has questioned other entities utilizing the program and they all have been pleased. Council President Colvin reported that the inmates are required to go through a very thorough process in order to participate. Councilors Tapley, Eric Brown and Chris Brown are in agreement with utilizing the program. Councilor Tapley and Drew confirmed that if these inmates were to walk off a job, the city will not be responsible.

Regarding agenda item #1, Councilor Keel reported that this agreement is basically a license to use the water. It also allowed for new ramps to be installed many years ago.

Regarding agenda item #2, Stephanie Southerland stated that the change will add Executive Session to be added to the rules of procedure, and allow for the use of a consent agenda.

Regarding agenda item #3, Council President Pro Tempore Hardy reported that this will address keeping the city streets clean. Mayor Baird stated that grass clippings are being thrown in the street and subsequently clogs storm drains. Councilor Tapley expressed his concern for the police department time in monitoring this. Stephanie stated that the Code Enforcement Officer, Jan, typically addresses these violations and would initially warn the party. Captain Tuck stated that in the past, ordinances are given a month or so to begin enforcement, and allow that interim timeframe to educate the public. Councilor Eric Brown asked that the Code Enforcement Officer give a written warning in order to have proof of the warning. Councilor President Pro Tempore and Councilor Eric Brown agreed with a written warning for the first offense.

Councilor Chris Brown stated that the Beautification Board and the Recreation Advisory Board have been inactive for many years, and it is unnecessary to remain in the Code of Ordinances.

Councilor Keel asked for clarification on the 50% match on agenda item #5. Councilor Chris Brown and Council President Colvin reported that the excess is due to the budgeted amount being exceeded in the bid.

Councilor Chris Brown explained that agenda item #6 addresses the property on the lake. He further reported that agenda item #7 is correcting an erroneously zoned property.

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:54 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Roll was called and all members were recorded as being present.

OPENING PRAYER: Held in Work Session

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Held in Work Session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular City Council meeting June 5, 2023. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy made a motion to approve the minutes and Councilor Chris Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the minutes were approved (5-0), with Councilor Tapley abstaining from voting due to his absence at the June 5, 2023 meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Councilor Tapley made a motion to amend the agenda to add item numbers 6 and 7. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the amendment to the agenda was adopted (6-0). Councilor Tapley made a motion to adopt the amended agenda and Council President Pro Tempore seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the agenda was adopted as amended (6-0).

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Council President Colvin: The Finance Committee continues to work in obtaining taxes and fees. She expressed her appreciation to the Finance Department for their hard work.

Councilor Eric Brown: The Alexander City Police Department has hired three new officers. The Alexander City Fire Department hosted the Southeast Fire Chiefs meeting on June 17 and hosted lunch for the campers for Burn Camp.

Councilor Keel: The sewer department had a few guys to attend class for wastewater training/credits. They serviced 20 line locates.

Sugar/Coley Creek shut down, pumped out, and dismantled the treatment unit at Lake Martin Industrial Park. They also pressure washed the #3 clarifier and repaired the ceiling at Guest House.

Adams filter plant is preparing for ADEM's inspection coming

Water Department has repaired 10 leaks, performed numerous 811 locates, replaced one broken fire hydrant, finished 8" water main on Russell Road, performed several lead and copper inspections, and installed four new services. They also had three employees to attend CEH classes.

Gas Department has completed the Campground Road extension and also the Dobbs Road crossing. There is a gas line being installed from Highway 280 to Coven Abbett Drive to Elkahatchee Bridge.

Councilor Chris Brown: The golf course is doing really well when compared to last year. The Cooper Rec Center is being assisted by public works in regrading and upgrades to the softball field and possibly adding a scorer's building where the existing structure is behind home plate.

Just finished adding chicken wire to A&B row hangars to get rid of the pigeons that have been living in those hangars. Have one of our firetrucks coming to clean A & B row hangars to have them looking great.

RecDeck is now fully 100% online and live. Tackle and flag football registration are currently ongoing through July 23.

All Star baseball and softball is ongoing. 7U, 8U, and 10U baseball teams will be playing this weekend.

All Star softball state tournament for 6U through 12U is this weekend.

We are hosting the All-American Youth Sports Softball Tournament for the second consecutive year this weekend. As of 6/16/23, we have approximately 60 teams in 10u and 12u divisions that will be playing at the Sportplex and anticipate crowds between 2,000-2,500 in the park this weekend. We are always excited to host this tournament and have visitors in town and the economic impact it has on the city of Alexander City.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy: Property Maintenance Department prepared Strand Park for the Church of God VBS event this past Saturday. The Street Department will be completing a culvert repair at the intersection of Emerson Street and Lincoln Heights this week. They will also be continuing work on a culvert replacement at 6th Street Park. The building department is in the process of adding outer walls to our recycling center. This will help our equipment that struggles to run during the winter months. The environmental department is on schedule with their brush routes at this time.

Councilor Tapley: Our Library does an amazing job in the many activities they hold. The Summer Reading program has been very successful. Over 170 attended the Kick-Off featuring the Auburn Raptor Center on June 5, over 300 attended the Kids Fest magic show on June 7, over 170 attended Mr. Larry's Magic Show on June 13.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES: Romy Stamps, Finance Director, presented the statement as attached.

PROCLAMATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. **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 FROM JUNE 5, 2023 RESOLUTION BOOK 23-76

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, C. BROWN, KEEL	6
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	NONE	0

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. **RESOLUTION:** To Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Non-Residential Lakeshore Permit Agreement with Alabama Power Company (Sponsored By: Councilor Keel)
RESOLUTION BOOK 23-77

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. Councilor Tapley thanked the mayor, Alabama Power and Councilor Keel for their efforts in getting this public boat ramp open. 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 Amend Alexander City Code Article II – City Council, § 2-25, Order of Business and § 2-27, Agenda. (Sponsored By: Council President Colvin)
ORDINANCE BOOK 23-21

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 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. ORDINANCE:** To Prohibit Depositing Certain Substances upon Public Roadways and Streets. (Sponsored By: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy) **ORDINANCE BOOK 23-22**

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 amend the ordinance by adding: First Offense as a written warning. Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the ordinance as amended. 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

- 4. ORDINANCE:** To Rescind Article II – Recreation Advisory Board and Article V, Division 2. Beautification Board. (Sponsored By: Councilor Chris Brown) **ORDINANCE BOOK 23-23**

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 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 Submit an Application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to Request Appalachian Regional Commission Funds in the Amount of \$500,000.00 for Water System Improvements. (Sponsored By: Councilor Keel) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-78**

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, C. BROWN, KEEL	6
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	NONE	0

6. **RESOLUTION:** To Set a Public Hearing to Rezone Property Located Inside the City Limits on Coven Abbett Highway, also known as The Pines at Lake Martin, Consisting of 440.80 acres from RR (Reserve Residential) to SD-1 (Lake Front Residential & Resort District). (Sponsored By: Councilor Chris Brown) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-79**

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, C. BROWN, KEEL	6
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	NONE	0

7. **RESOLUTION:** To Set a Public Hearing to Rezone Property Located Inside the City Limits on Dadeville Road from I-1 (Light Industrial) to B-2 (General Business). (Sponsored By: Councilor Chris Brown) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-80**

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, C. BROWN, KEEL	6
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	NONE	0

Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker):

Ms. Arlene Wyckoff thanked the city for the funds donated to the Blues in the Park and a special appreciation to the Police Department. She expressed her appreciation to the officers present at the Juneteenth celebration. She stated that there are some good things happening in Alexander City and we are blessed to have officers willing to put their lives on the line.

Ms. Teresa Moten, District 1, expressed her frustration that she has been told that she cannot enter the municipal complex. She states that she was told that she has been banned and must be escorted by officers. She further stated that she has spoken with Mr. Marlowe at the Outlook

regarding her treatment. She asked to see in writing what she is violating. She thanked the elected officials for the work that they do.

Council President Colvin responded to Ms. Moten that she would find out what the situation is regarding her complaint.

Comments from the Mayor: None

Comments from the Finance Director: Romy stated that she is in budget season and anyone requesting an appropriation would need to submit by July 21 and it is available online.

Comments from the City Clerk: Due to the additional holiday on July 3 and July 4, the next City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Comments from the Council:

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy thanked everyone for their attendance and congratulated the mayor on becoming a grandfather. He further thanked the city employees for the job that they do.

Councilor Eric Brown thanked everyone for coming out. He stated that we have great city departments and all of the people in the public that do not get recognition.

Councilor Chris Brown thanked everyone for coming out. There is a lot of progress in the city and asked for patience with the council. He addressed Ms. Moten that he, too will be asking questions regarding her statements. He asked everyone to be safe during the July 4 holiday. Councilor Keel thanked everyone for attending and watching on Facebook. He thanked Romy, Stephanie, and all city employees for keeping the city going. The Benjamin Russell FFA Chapter competed in state competition last week in Montgomery and elected the first Benjamin Russell State FFA President, Kayden Ray and had five state champions.

Councilor Tapley thanked everyone for their attendance and the city employees for their work. He also thanked the light department for their efforts in getting everyone's lights back on last week. He wished everyone a Happy 4th of July and asked remembrance of those who fought for our independence. He further asked for prayers for the city and for Stephanie's husband who has been in the hospital.

Council President Colvin expressed her appreciation to the city employees and their hard work. She asked for prayers and patience during their efforts and continued prayers for all elected officials and city employees. She thanked Officers Marbury and Hall for speaking at the Juneteenth celebration. The police are doing all they can to keep everyone safe.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the council, Councilor Tapley President Pro Tempore Hardy made a motion to adjourn and Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned (6-0) at 6:22 P.M.

APPROVED:

Stephanie J. Southerland

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City Clerk

[Handwritten Signature]

Audrey "Buffy" Colvin, President

Alexander City, City Council