



**ALEXANDER
CITY**
ALABAMA

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex
Monday, August 7, 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, August 7, 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; Miles Hamlett, Purchasing Agent; Jeremy Spears, Deputy Fire Chief; Todd Sassano, ACEMS Director; Kristin Joiner, Assistant City Clerk/HR; Larkin Radney, City Attorney; Stephanie J. Southerland, City Clerk. Others present included: Mike Waldrop, Bobby Smith, Stevie Martin, Pat & Jimmy Avery, Robbie Hyde and others. The media was represented by the Outlook.

Mayor Baird reported that agenda item #1 is being requested in order to gain statewide interest for industrial development in that area.

Councilor Keel stated that the vehicles in agenda item #2 have been replaced with newer vehicles.

Council President Colvin reported that agenda item #3 is to replace the gym flooring at Cooper Rec Center.

Councilor Eric Brown described the vehicles in agenda item #4 being donated to CACC.

Councilor Chris Brown stated that agenda item #5 is a request to waive hangar rental fees for one month to offset the closure of the airport during maintenance/repairs.

Councilor Eric Brown asked Fire Marshall Spears to explain the ambulance purchase in agenda item #6. Spears reported that their current ambulance fleet has over 200,000 miles with the exception of one ambulance. ADECA has awarded some grant funding for the purchase and this resolution will make up the shortfall.

Mayor Baird reported that agenda item #8 is a result of the sale of the Sportplex property to the Board of Education. The agreement included \$100,000.00 to the Alex City Horse Riding Club for relocation of their facility.

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. on Monday, August 7 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Roll was called and all were recorded as being present.

OPENING PRAYER: Pastor Mike Waldrop, River of Life Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilor Eric Brown

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Work Session and Regular City Council meeting July 17, 2023. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy made a motion to adopt the minutes as written and Councilor Chris Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the minutes were adopted (4-0), with Councilors Tapley and Eric Brown abstaining due to their absence at these meetings.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Regular City Council meeting August 7, 2023. Councilor Tapley made a motion to remove agenda item 7 and add agenda item 8. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. All were in favor to amend the agenda (6-0). Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended, and Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. The amended agenda was adopted (6-0).

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Council President Colvin: Taxes are due and must be paid on time or suffer penalties and possible revocation of business licenses. Thank you to the Finance department for the work they do.

Councilor Eric Brown: Alexander City Fire Department worked with Our Town fire department to put out a house fire in the River Oaks area. The Fire department has a few part time positions open. Jeremy Spears assisted the City Clerk's office move almost 100 boxes as they purge old files in the records room.

Councilor Keel: Deferred to the Superintendent of Utilities.

Councilor Chris Brown: There have been over 150 kids registered for youth football & cheerleading. Youth volleyball registration has closed. The Golf course is over \$63,000.00 ahead of last year.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy: The grounds maintenance department has been busy trimming brush along bus routes in preparation for school starting. Jerry Wilson, GIS and City Works administrator, has been working in conjunction with Caroline Brown in the community development department to roll out the new Permit and Land use Licensing (PLL) system. It is currently in testing and we're very pleased with the progress and product.

Councilor Tapley: We have seen a 2.5% increase in e-Books usage, a 12% increase in Wi-Fi usage, and over a 9% increase in website visits. The Community Development staff is working on the following:

1. RFP for Downtown Buildings

2. Holiday Inn Express: Development Agreement and Ordinance for approval on Monday, August 21, 2023
3. Proposals for the Comprehensive Plan
4. Finalizing documentation for AMEA Loan for Airport Apron Expansion
5. Finalizing PLL for implementation on September 1st
6. Updating website with development processes and information
7. Multiple other items

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES: None

PROCLAMATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Tapley made a motion to move items 1 – 4 to a consent agenda. Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion. Agenda items 1 – 4 were moved to a consent agenda (5-0), with the following roll call vote:

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

1. RESOLUTION: To Set a Public Hearing to Rezone four (4) Parcels on Comer Street from R2 (Medium Density Residential District) to I1 (Light Industrial). (Sponsored By: Mayor Baird) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-88**

2. RESOLUTION: To Surplus Two (2) Vehicles from the Police and Gas Departments. (Sponsored By: Councilor Keel) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-89**

3. RESOLUTION: To Award Bid No. 23-21 to Covington Floor Company, Inc. for Cooper Recreation Center Gym Floor Project in an Amount not to Exceed \$73,705.00. (Sponsored By: Council President Colvin) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-90**

4. RESOLUTION: To Declare Personal Property no Longer Needed for Municipal Use and to Donate to Central Alabama Community College. (Sponsored By: Councilor Eric Brown) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-91**

Councilor Tapley made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, agenda items 1 – 4 were adopted with the following roll call vote:

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

5. RESOLUTION: To Waive Airport Hangar Rentals to all Tenants for the Month of September, 2023. (Sponsored By: Councilor Chris Brown) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-92**

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 Amend the FY23 Budget \$121,212.23 and Authorize the Emergency Purchase of an Ambulance and to Authorize the Mayor to Sign all Documents Related to the Purchase. (Sponsored By: Councilor Eric Brown) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-93**

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	5
NAYS:	KEEL	1
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	NONE	0

7. RESOLUTION: To Award \$100,000.00 Proceeds to the Alex City Horse Riding Club from the Sale of Sportplex Property to the Alexander City Board of Education. (Sponsored By: Mayor Baird) **THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED**

8. RESOLUTION: To Grant \$100,000.00 to the Alex City Horse Riding Club from the Sale of Sportplex Property to the Alexander City Board of Education to Relocate the Alex City Horse Riding Club's Facility. (Sponsored By: Mayor Baird) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-94**

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): Bobby Smith, on behalf of the Alex City Horse Riding Club thanked the mayor and the city council, Romy and the finance department for the funding for their relocation.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR: None

COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR: Auditors are hoping to complete FY 21 audit by end of this fiscal year, and the FY 22 to be completed by the end of the calendar year.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK: The next Work Session and City Council meetings will be held August 21, 2023.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Councilor Tapley thanked everyone for coming out and thanked city employees.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy thanked everyone for their attendance. He wished all school staff a great academic year.

Councilor Eric Brown thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilor Chris Brown wished all students and teachers a great year and encouraged participation on the golf course.

Council President Colvin congratulated Council President Pro Tempore Hardy for receiving the Wildcat Award. She further reminded everyone that council members are not allowed to direct employees but as a tax paying citizen, are allowed to ask questions and communicate. She stated that it is the mayor's responsibility to direct employees. She further stated that it is an ethics violation to direct an employee in their duties as well as doing personal work for any elected official.

Executive Session: Council President Colvin asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation under Code of Alabama § 36-25A-7(a)(3).

Councilor Tapley made a motion to go into Executive Session and Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. The vote to go into Executive Session was unanimous (6-0). They entered Executive Session at 5:58 p.m. and resumed at 6:11 p.m.

Councilor Tapley made a motion to grant the mayor the authority to execute any necessary agreements associated with the Department of Labor in case #1971325. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the council, Councilor Tapley made a motion to adjourn and Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned (6-0) at 6:12 p.m.

APPROVED:

FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

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 mayor, city council members and the city attorney on August 11, 2023 for review.

OTHER:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agenda
2. Legal notification of Executive Session

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:



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2023	SALES & USE	BUSINESS LICENSE	RENTAL	GASOLINE	TOBACCO	WINE	LODGING	BEER	LIQUOR QUARTERLY
OCTOBER	\$1,125,425.16	\$11,445.89	\$19,798.09	\$11,805.43	\$1,078.52	\$1,020.02	\$59,485.59	\$15,164.09	\$26,213.71
NOVEMBER	\$1,080,052.70	\$6,156.18	\$15,671.33	\$12,857.67	\$9,931.12	\$1,067.70	\$72,564.47	\$12,325.90	
DECEMBER	\$1,123,578.96	\$111,822.69	\$18,521.14	\$14,557.20	\$10,924.74	\$1,069.97	\$53,056.50	\$12,096.77	
JANUARY	\$1,325,064.23	\$10,616.27	\$5,824.34	\$22,454.23	\$5,797.59	\$1,296.69	\$6,779.61	\$12,082.03	\$23,695.56
FEBRUARY	\$1,141,602.14	\$788,784.35	\$4,505.53	\$2,732.62	\$6,769.85	\$999.22	\$18,571.09	\$11,292.42	
MARCH	\$1,067,738.56	\$751,485.38	\$32,554.60	\$13,416.72	\$12,220.69	\$924.17	\$70,248.74	\$11,221.91	
APRIL	\$1,266,181.50	\$69,624.50	\$18,258.94	\$13,134.22	\$11,279.81	\$962.84	\$76,070.63	\$14,938.07	\$23,523.50
MAY	\$1,283,579.80	\$80,235.43	\$14,508.43	\$13,880.15	\$9,800.92	\$969.90	\$64,282.44	\$13,936.45	
JUNE	\$1,264,436.16	\$51,057.03	\$14,607.43	\$18,985.84	\$11,647.53	\$1,178.42	\$72,108.79	\$17,961.82	
JULY	\$1,231,011.39	\$51,335.85	\$18,512.82	\$13,337.08	\$10,476.12	\$1,285.41	\$73,991.67	\$19,175.55	\$28,064.21
AUGUST									
SEPTEMBER									
FY TOTAL	\$11,908,670.60	\$1,932,563.57	\$162,762.65	\$137,161.16	\$89,926.89	\$10,774.34	\$567,159.53	\$140,195.01	\$101,496.98

TOTAL \$15,050,710.73

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I, Robbie Hyde, am a licensed attorney in the state of Alabama and certify that the planned discussion for executive session falls under Ala. Code § 36-25A-7(a)(3) as a matter appropriate for executive session.

Robbie Alexander Hyde
FOR PUBLIC RELEASE
Robbie Alexander Hyde

City of Alexander City, Alabama City Council Public Comments Sign-In Sheet

Public Comments - 3 minutes per speaker

Date & Time : August 7 2023

Public Comments before the City Council are an opportunity for citizens to express their views.

If you wish to speak, must be a resident of the City of Alexander City

ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK MUST SIGN-IN

Print Name

If you would like to speak to the Council please print your address or district

Bobby Smith

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