



Regular Council Meeting Minutes

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex
Monday, August 21, 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 21, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Councilor Tapley was recorded as being absent.

Individuals present included: Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Finance Director; Piper Barnett, Records Clerk; Police Captain McKinney; Police Captain T. Tuck; Fire Chief McAlister; Kathy Railey, Human Resources Director; Kristin Joiner, Assistant City Clerk/HR; Kasey Kaschak, Parks & Recreation Director; Joe Milam, IT Director; Amanda Thomas, Community Development Director; Todd Sassano, EMS Director; Scotty Price, Revenue Manager; Chris Hardy; Dana Fuller, Mayor's office; Jan Jones, Code Enforcement Officer; Rebecca Channell, Purchasing; Stephanie J. Southerland, City Clerk. Others present included: Libby McCollum, Dave & Nancy McClanahan, Rodney Johnson, Larry & Karen Jennings, Jody & Allison Sheffield, Karen Kison, James Mason, Jay Patel, Marsha Mason, Tom McMullen, Chuck Britton, Patsy Densmore, David Mitchell, Beverly Howard, Mark Lamborne and others. The media was represented by the Outlook.

Jody and Allison Sheffield appeared before the council to accept responsibility for their failure to pay their liquor taxes in a timely manner. Mr. Sheffield apologized for his behavior to all parties involved when he came to the Municipal Complex on August 9. They stated that they have cash in hand to pay the past due taxes along with penalties and interest.

Scotty reported that while the Sheffield's did have a credit, those funds could not be used without the proper liquor sales paperwork from Castelluccio's.

Council President Colvin asked for information regarding each agenda item. She reported that agenda item #1 is for a retail liquor license.

Mayor Baird stated that agenda item #2 will allow the city to sign paperwork to pursue grants for cybersecurity.

Council President Colvin reported that agenda item #3 is to award a bid for tree trimming services to Matthew & Jody's Tree Service, which was the lowest bidder.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy stated that agenda item #4 is an annual plan that must be adopted. The funds have not been spent thus far, to allow the funds to build to move forward with painting the bridge on Airport Drive.

Council President Colvin stated that agenda items #5 and #6 are for the proposed Holiday Inn Express.

Mayor Baird explained that agenda item #8 is to assist with construction costs at the airport. Grant funds are anticipated, and this loan will bridge that gap until those funds are received. The grant funds should pay off this loan.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy asked what the cap is for AMEA loans. Mayor Baird reported that the cap is \$1,000,000.00, and are currently at \$200,000.00 through the hospital, but they are responsible for that loan. These loans come through the Economic Development Authority. This loan would bring the city to \$700,000.00 in AMEA loans.

Councilor Chris Brown asked about the repayment timeframe. Mayor Baird said the loan repayment starts when the funds are received.

Regarding agenda item #9, Amanda Thomas asked that this be amended, as the intent from the previous ordinance was to charge \$1,000.00 for a rezone request, not for an appeal. This ordinance will correct that.

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:47 p.m. on Monday, August 21 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Councilor Tapley was recorded as being absent.

OPENING PRAYER: Held in Work Session

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Held in Work Session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular City Council meeting August 7, 2023. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Councilor Chris Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the minutes were adopted (5-0).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Regular City Council meeting August 21, 2023. Councilor Chris Brown made a motion to amend the agenda to allow Mark Lamborne to report for the Planning Commission and Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. The amendment was approved (5-0).

Marsha Mason, District 3, addressed the council to request an amendment to the city's animal ordinance.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Council President Colvin: The Revenue Department has been receiving all current abatement agreements with a focus on the Development Agreement between the City and Russell Marine, LLC. The City began making rebate payments to Russell Marine, LLC as per the Development Agreement in October, 2020 and has made a total of eighteen (18) payments as of this date. A total of \$197,174.00 has been paid back to Russell Marine, LLC under the terms of the Development Agreement.

Councilor Eric Brown: Congratulations to Officers Carson Baker and Allen McDonald, recent graduates of the Law Enforcement Academy on August 10. The Fire Department has new employees but are still looking for part time employees.

Councilor Keel: All utilities are online. No report.

Councilor Chris Brown: There have been youth sports registrations as follows: cheerleading: 58; tackle football: 51; flag football: 106; volleyball: 45. Prep work has started to clean Martin-Savarese Stadium. Thank you to Clean Start Pressure Washing for their great work at getting the stands pressure washed and looking good. Brian and his crew are preparing for this Friday night's game as the Wildcats host Wetumpka. The Alexander City boat ramp was damaged around July 4, and will be repaired as soon as possible. If anyone would like to sign up to be a vendor for Octoberfest, they can do so by visiting acpr.recdesk.com. The airport runway is officially closed for the LED runway lights to be replaced and plans to reopen by September 22nd. Cooper Rec Center is hoping to have the gym floor replaced next month. Revenue at the golf course is ahead of last year.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy: Main Street, to include the roundabout on Broad Street and Highway 63 N will be closed tomorrow, August 22 beginning at 7:00 a.m. for repairs at the railroad crossing.

Council President Colvin: The "All Together Now" Summer Reading Program had 133 registered readers with a total of 6,176 books read and 1,798 children, teens, and adults in attendance at our in-person events. Thanks to the following groups and individuals: Jacob's Ladder, Woody Woodpecker, Lake Martin Trailblazers, Harbor Learning, Veritas, and Kendell Sims for volunteering. Thanks to Kim Dunn for hosting the Magic Show at the Library and to Dairy Quick and McDonald's for contributing coupons. Congratulations to gift card winners: Abiel Loyo, Webster Palmer, Heidi Daniel, Sophie Bishop, Kaison Lahr, and Levi Turner. They ended the Summer Reading Program Finale with Magic Man Entertainment.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Mark Lamborne, Planning Commission, reported that the Planning Commission tabled a rezone request at Highway 63 and Lamberth Road, due to a lack of information.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. To Convey Property to JCUP Hotels, LLC to Approve the Project/Development Agreement for a Holiday Inn Express. (Sponsored By: Councilor Tapley)

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to this conveyance.

2. To Revoke the Business License of Jody Sheffield, DBA Castelluccio, LLC for Violation of Alexander City Code 82, Article IX, § 82-244. (Sponsored By: Council President Colvin)

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES: Romy Stamps reported that the packet they received in the Work Session has the most recent information.

PROCLAMATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy 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:	COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, C. BROWN, KEEL	5
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	NONE	0

1. REQUEST: To Approve an ABC Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package) License to Mary Ann Gray, DBA Whats Up Located at 2810 Dadeville Road. (Sponsored By: Councilor Keel)

2. RESOLUTION: To Authorize the Mayor to Sign and Execute a Local Consent Agreement to Pursue Funding for State and Local Cybersecurity Grants. (Sponsored By: Council President Colvin) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-95**

3. RESOLUTION: To Award Bid No. 23-22, Tree Trimming Services to Matthew & Jody’s Tree Service in an Amount not to Exceed \$40,000.00. (Sponsored By: Council President Colvin) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-96**

4. RESOLUTION: To Adopt a Transportation Plan for Fiscal Year 2024 as Required by Act 2019-2 for the Rebuild Alabama Fund. (Sponsored By: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-97**

Councilor Chris Brown made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no discussion, agenda items 1 – 4 were adopted with the following roll call vote:

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

5. RESOLUTION: To Authorize the Mayor to Enter into a Project Agreement with Jay N. Patel, Developer of JCUP, LLC for the Construction of Holiday Inn Express. (Sponsored By: Councilor Tapley) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-98**

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:

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

6. ORDINANCE: To Convey Property to JCUP Hotels, LLC for the Construction of Holiday Inn Express. (Sponsored By: Councilor Tapley) **ORDINANCE BOOK 23-29**

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 Chris Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the rules were suspended (5-0). Council President Pro Tempore Hardy made a motion to approve the ordinance as written. Councilor Chris Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion the ordinance was adopted with the following roll call vote:

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

7. RESOLUTION: To Revoke the Business License of Jody Sheffield, DBA Castelluccio, LLC for Violation of Alexander City Code 82, Article IX, § 82-244. (Sponsored By: Council President Colvin)

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy made a motion to approve the resolution as written. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

8. RESOLUTION: To Authorize the City Council of the City of Alexander City to Secure a Zero-Interest Loan from Alabama Municipal Electric Authority's Capital Fund Loan through the Lake Martin Area Industrial Development Authority. (Sponsored By: Mayor Baird) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-99**

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

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

9. ORDINANCE: To Amend the Alexander City Zoning Ordinance, § 9 – FEES, 9.2 (Sponsored By: Mayor Baird) **ORDINANCE BOOK 23-30**

By point of order, the council rules must be suspended if immediate action is to be considered. Councilor Chris Brown 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-

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker):

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR: Main Street will be closed in the morning, please re-route school traffic. There are planned discussions with GFL tomorrow to address the pickup complaints.

COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR: None

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK: Due to September 4 being Labor Day holiday, the next City Council meeting will be held Monday, September 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy thanked everyone for coming out for the Work Session and council meeting. The Work Session went well and the budget is going in the right direction. He further expressed thoughts and prayers to the family of Kade Senn.

Councilor Eric Brown thanked everyone for coming and Ms. Marsha for her efforts in reviewing an update to the city's animal ordinance. He further thanked the mayor, his staff, Romy, and all of their hard work.

Councilor Chris Brown thanked everyone for their attendance. He reminded everyone to stay hydrated due to the extreme heat and asked everyone to come out and support our Wildcats.

Councilor Keel thanked everyone for coming out, and asked for people to be careful due to the street closures.

Council President Colvin thanked everyone for coming out, thanked the council members, the mayor and his staff, and Romy for her leadership. She thanked the Animal Control employees in attendance. She asked for prayer for Kade Senn's family and reminded everyone to tell our kids to buckle up.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy wished Councilor Chris Brown a happy birthday today.

Council President Colvin reported that the Quarterback Club has been moved to next Tuesday.

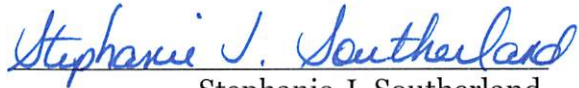
| |

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 (5-0) at 6:22 p.m.

APPROVED:



Audrey "Buffy" Colvin
Council President



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 30, 2023 for review.

OTHER:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agenda

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

Agenda Item: To Revoke the Business License of Jody Sheffield, DBA Castelluccio, LLC for Violation of Alexander City Code 82, Article IX, § 82-244.

Date & Time: August 21, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Public Hearings before the City Council are an opportunity for citizens to express their views. If you wish to speak, please indicate in the appropriate box when you sign in.

ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK MUST SIGN-IN

	Print Name	If you would like to speak to the Council please print your address.	For	Against
1	Marsha Mason <small>in error she will</small>	not be speaking about this topic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Jody & Alison Sheffield	107 Main St. Alexander City, Ala. 35010	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Regular Council Meeting Agenda

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex
Monday, August 21, 2023 --- Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Council President Colvin

Opening Prayer: Held in Work Session

Pledge of Allegiance: Held in Work Session

Roll Call:

Approval of Minutes: August 7, 2023 Regular Meeting

Approval of Agenda: August 21, 2023

Marsha Mason: Discuss requested changes to the city's animal ordinance.

Reports from Council on Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Council President Colvin

Public Safety Committee: Councilor Eric Brown

Utilities Committee: Councilor Keel

Parks and Recreation: Councilor Chris Brown

Public Works Committee: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy

Buildings and Properties: Councilor Tapley

Reports from Special Committees:

Public Hearing:

1. To Convey Property to JCUP Hotels, LLC to Approve the Project/Development Agreement for a Holiday Inn Express. (Sponsored By: Councilor Tapley)

2. To Revoke the Business License of Jody Sheffield, DBA Castelluccio, LLC for Violation of Alexander City Code 82, Article IX, § 82-244. (Sponsored By: Council President Colvin)

Report on Status of City Finances: Romy Stamps, Finance Director

Proclamation: None

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. REQUEST:** To Approve an ABC Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package) License to Mary Ann Gray, DBA Whats Up Located at 2810 Dadeville Road. (Sponsored By: Councilor Keel)
- 2. RESOLUTION:** To Authorize the Mayor to Sign and Execute a Local Consent Agreement to Pursue Funding for State and Local Cybersecurity Grants. (Sponsored By: Council President Colvin)
- 3. RESOLUTION:** To Award Bid No. 23-22, Tree Trimming Services to Matthew & Jody's Tree Service in an Amount not to Exceed \$40,000.00. (Sponsored By: Council President Colvin)
- 4. RESOLUTION:** To Adopt a Transportation Plan for Fiscal Year 2024 as Required by Act 2019-2 for the Rebuild Alabama Fund. (Sponsored By: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy)

AGENDA:

- 5. RESOLUTION:** To Authorize the Mayor to Enter into a Project Agreement with Jay N. Patel, Developer of JCUP, LLC for the Construction of Holiday Inn Express. (Sponsored By: Councilor Tapley)
- 6. ORDINANCE:** To Convey Property to JCUP Hotels, LLC for the Construction of Holiday Inn Express. (Sponsored By: Councilor Tapley)
- 7. RESOLUTION:** To Revoke the Business License of Jody Sheffield, DBA Castelluccio, LLC for Violation of Alexander City Code 82, Article IX, § 82-244. (Sponsored By: Council President Colvin)
- 8. RESOLUTION:** To Authorize the City Council of the City of Alexander City to Secure a Zero-Interest Loan from Alabama Municipal Electric Authority's Capital Fund Loan through the Lake Martin Area Industrial Development Authority. (Sponsored By: Mayor Baird)
- 9. ORDINANCE:** To Amend the Alexander City Zoning Ordinance, § 9 – FEES, 9.2 (Sponsored By: Mayor Baird)

Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker):

Comments from the Mayor:

Comments from the Finance Director:

Comments from the City Clerk:

Comments from the Council:

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

**The next City Council meeting is scheduled
for Monday, September 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.**