



Work Session Minutes of the City Council

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex
Monday, August 21, 2023 --- Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Alexander City held a work session on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Complex, 281 James D. Nabors Drive, Alexander City, AL 35010. Councilors Tapley and Eric Brown were recorded as being absent. Councilor Brown arrived at 4:39 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Colvin. The opening prayer was led by Council President Colvin and Council President Pro Tempore Hardy led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present included Romy Stamps, Finance Director; Fire Chief R. McAlister; Kathy Railey, Human Resources Director; Kristin Joiner, Assistant City Clerk/HR; Chris Hardy, Gas Superintendent; Kasey Kaschak, Parks & Recreation Director; Amanda Thomas, Community Development Director; Lynn Miller, Wastewater Superintendent; Todd Sassano, EMS Director; Joe Ray, Light Department Superintendent; David Hogan, Water Superintendent; Police Captain McKinney; Jan Jones, Code Enforcement Officer; Jeff Lynn, CACC President; Dana Fuller, Mayor's office; Piper Barnett, Records Clerk; Police Captain Tuck; Stephanie J. Southerland, City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:

Romy Stamps, Finance Director, presented the proposed FY 2024 budget.

Amanda Thomas, Economic Development Director, gave an update on the following projects:

Wicker Point, Russell Medical Center Legacy, the Pines at Lake Martin, Holiday Inn Express, Gateway to Lake Martin, downtown water lines, sidewalks on James D. Nabors Drive, and bids for the demolition of downtown buildings. Future planning includes looking at infrastructure needs and goals in relation to land use, and proposals for a Comprehensive Plan, Zoning regulations, and Subdivision regulations. PLL is in the final stages. They are working with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission on grant opportunities.

Jeff Lynn, President of Central Alabama Community College, presented a slideshow highlighting the many opportunities they offer.

Mayor Baird asked that everyone avoid Main Street tomorrow, August 22, as repairs will be made to the railroad crossing. He further stated that he would be meeting with GFL tomorrow to discuss the complaints on their service.

Councilor Chris Brown asked about funds from the sale of the Sportplex to the BOE being used for the Sportplex and a donation to the Imagination Station. Mayor Baird and the council members had a lengthy discussion about the immediate needs of those funds and the possibility of using some of those funds to make up for any shortfall as the fund-raising efforts have been exhausted. The city is committed to in-kind services throughout the project. \$100,000.00 has already been donated and another \$50,000.00 has been committed as well as the city's donation of \$25,000.00 in ARPA funds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None


ADJOURNMENT: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy made a motion to adjourn, Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned (5-0) at 5:17 p.m.

APPROVED:



Stephanie J. Southerland

City Clerk



Audrey "Buffy" Colvin, President
Alexander City, City Council