



**ALEXANDER  
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ALABAMA

## Regular Council Meeting Minutes

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281 James D. Nabors Drive  
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex  
Monday, October 2, 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, October 2, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Roll was called and Councilor Chris Brown was recorded as being absent.

Council President Colvin explained that agenda item #1 is to provide materials for various development projects throughout the city.

Councilor Tapley reported that agenda item #2 is to allow emergency telephone service for the Library elevator.

Mayor Baird reported that agenda item #4 is to allow the city to apply for Federal Transportation grants.

Sassano explained that agenda item #5 is necessary as a cost saving measure to prevent having to apply for new licenses, but provide services under the existing licenses for the Fire Department.

Individuals present included: Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Finance Director; Piper Barnett, Records Clerk; Police Captain D. Alford; Police Captain T. Tuck; Amy Huff, Library Director; Fire Chief McAlister; Todd Sassano, EMS Director; Cynthia McCain, Fire Department; Miles Hamlett, Purchasing Agent; Drew Meacham, Public Works Director; Stephanie J. Southerland, City Clerk. Others present included: Minister Alice Hall, Robert Boleware, Arlene Wyckoff and others. The media was represented by the Outlook.

**CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:** Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Councilor Chris Brown was recorded as being absent.

Minister Alice Hall led the invocation. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Work Session and Regular City Council meeting September 18, 2023. Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the minutes were adopted (5-0).

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Regular City Council meeting October 2, 2023. Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. The agenda was approved (5-0).

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Council President Colvin:** The Revenue Dept will be reviewing FY2023 taxes for the companies with tax abatement agreements and will be requesting the checks for payment during the second week of October. We are in the process of pulling all the reports to finish the FY2023 Tax Rollup report that we post online and will have it for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting report on October 16. Revenue Clerk, Brittany Shores, has been working with the auditors and providing them with all reports and documents needed in the FY2022 audit. She further thanked the Revenue and Finance department for their hard work.

**Councilor Eric Brown:** The entire Sportplex family was devastated to learn of the passing of Johnny Nolen this past weekend. Johnny was a vital part of the Sportplex and Alexander City Community. His presence will be greatly missed. We ask that you keep his family and many friends in your thoughts and prayers. Oktoberfest is next Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. We currently have over 100 vendors signed up to participate. We look forward to a great event and ask the community to come and enjoy all of the activities. The runway light installation at TC Russell Field is now complete. Airport returned to normal operations as of September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We're excited to welcome back all air traffic to TC Russell Field. The new gym floor will be removed and replaced starting sometime next week. Girls Volleyball games are going on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Cooper. Come out and support our girls.

**Councilor Keel:** The Light Dept has built a new line and added temporary services at the new high school. We have also started building a new line to feed the new K2 storage. The Sewer Department is nearing completion of Alabama Graphite lines and pump stations. The Wicker Point force main is completed and the pump stations are in progress. Sugar/Coley Creek pulled cable and wire for #4 aeration mixer, made numerous repairs, and replaced sweeper arm scrubber. Cleaned around creek bank at Sugar Creek. Removed sand from influent wet well with vac truck. Adams filter plant has disinfected all filters, down spouts have been installed on gutters and painted. All reports and samples for the state have been completed and submitted. Next week the roofing company is expected to start work on the roof of the chemical building. The Water department repaired numerous water leaks, responded to 19 route notes, assisted meter readers with cut-offs, repaired 12 burst mains, provided 29 locates, and installed 7 new services.

**Council President Pro Tempore Hardy:** Public Works is preparing to assist the Sportplex with the Oktoberfest again this year. We have multiple employees that assist in transportation of citizens from the parking lots to the event, others who help with clean up during and after the event, and anything else that is requested by the Parks and Rec team to make this a successful event for our community. October 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Florence Avenue and Trussell Road will be temporarily closed due to a culvert replacement and sewer repairs. This was planned during Alexander City Schools fall break so that it would not affect bus traffic. We kindly urge residents to stay updated on the progress of this project by following our Public Works Facebook page. In case of any necessary adjustments to the project timeline, an updated schedule will be promptly posted on our social media platforms.

**Councilor Tapley:** Mamie’s Place Children’s Library property was donated by Kathryn Alford Parks and on September 9, members of her family visited the Children’s Library. Amy Huff, Library Director, presented a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of the family’s generous donation.

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

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

**PROCLAMATION:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. RESOLUTION:** To Award Bid No. 23-23 to Various Vendors for Lights and Power Multi-project Materials. (Sponsored By: Council President Colvin) **RESOLUTION BOOK 2023-109**

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:

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL</b>	<b>5</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. RESOLUTION:** To Authorize the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Kings III of America, LLC, dba Kings III Emergency Communications for the Installation and Service of an Emergency Phone. (Sponsored By: Councilor Tapley) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-110**

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:

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL</b>	<b>5</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. RESOLUTION:** To Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Vendor Agreement with the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. (Sponsored By: Mayor Baird) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-111**

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:

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL</b>	<b>5</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 Execute a Memorandum of Understanding for the Alabama Uniform Certification Program with the Alabama Department of Transportation. (Sponsored By: Mayor Baird) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-112**

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:

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL</b>	<b>5</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>

**5. ORDINANCE:** To Amend Ordinance 23-15, Creating the Alexander City Emergency Medical Services (ACEMS) Department of the City of Alexander City. (Sponsored By: Mayor Baird) **ORDINANCE BOOK 2023-32**

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

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL</b>	<b>5</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):** None

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:** Condolences to the Nolen family. Wicker Point Club House has opened and are playing golf.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR:** None

**COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK:** The next Work Session and City Council meetings will be held Monday, October 16, 2023.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

Councilor Eric Brown thanked everyone for coming out. Johnny Nolen will be missed by everyone who grew up in Alexander City. He further thanked the mayor and his staff.

Councilor Keel thanked everyone for coming out and wished them a nice week.

Councilor Tapley thanked everyone for their attendance and expressed his condolences to the family of Johnny Nolen.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy expressed his appreciation for everyone's attendance. He thanked the staff of the Fire Department in their efforts of saving money for the city. He also expressed the trials the city has faced in recent months with so much loss of life of our young people as well as Johnny Nolen; he was the epitome of what being a good person is like. Johnny loved the Wildcats more than anyone, and he has affected so many lives. He asked for continued prayers for Johnny's family.

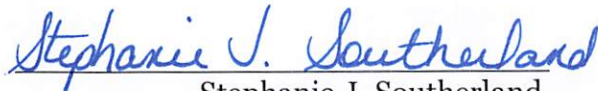
Council President Colvin stated that she went to BRHS with Johnny, and expressed what a special person he was. He loved the kids and was an encouragement to each of them. She thanked Minister Hall for her prayer tonight and her continued prayers for her.

**ADJOURN:** Councilor Tapley made a motion to adjourn in memory of Coach Johnny Nolen. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion, all were in favor (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 5:52 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 October 6, 2023 for review.

**OTHER:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Agenda

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**



## Regular Council Meeting Agenda

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281 James D. Nabors Drive  
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Monday, October 2, 2023 --- Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**Call to Order:** Council President Colvin

**Opening Prayer:** Minister Alice Hall

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Council President Pro Tempore Hardy

**Roll Call:**

**Approval of Minutes:** September 18, 2023 Work Session  
September 18, 2023 Regular Meeting

**Approval of Agenda:** October 2, 2023

**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:** None

**Report on Status of City Finances:** None

**Proclamation:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURN:**

**The next Work Session and City Council meetings are scheduled for  
Monday, October 16, 2023 at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.**