



**ALEXANDER
CITY**
ALABAMA

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex
Monday, November 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 5:36 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Councilors Chris Brown and Scott Hardy were recorded as being absent.

Individuals present included: Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Finance Director; Piper Barnett, Administrative Assistant; Police Captain T. Tuck; Police Captain McKinney; Larkin Radney; Dana Fuller, Mayor's office; Kasey Kaschak, Parks & Recreation Director; Brittany Shores, Revenue Clerk; Drew Meacham, Public Works Director; Amanda Thomas, Community Development Director; Chris Hardy, Gas Superintendent. Others present included: Teresa Moten, Arlene Wyckoff, Sandra Fuller, Jerry Hagood and others. The media was represented by the Outlook.

Council President Colvin asked for information regarding each agenda item.

Drew Meacham, reported that agenda item #1 will allow relocation of utilities.

Council President Colvin stated that item #2 is a transfer of license.

Council President Colvin stated that agenda item #3 is to award bid no. 24-02. Lance Taylor, Taylor Corporation, spoke about the project. Councilor Keel stated that he had done a walk through with Mr. Blankenship and was impressed with the work that has been done.

Regarding agenda item #4, Kasey Kaschak reported that the proposed temporary location will be cost effective and better suited for the senior adults.

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:46 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex.

The opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was held during the work session, preceding the city council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular City Council meeting November 6, 2023. Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the minutes were adopted (4-0).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Regular City Council meeting November 20, 2023. Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, and Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion. The agenda was approved (4-0).

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Council President Colvin commended the Finance Department on the work they're doing. Business License renewal notices have been mailed out.

Councilor Eric Brown stated that Downtown Christmas will be held December 9 and the Fire Department will have Santa's mailbox onsite; Graduation will be December 14; Santa on the firetruck will be December 18 & 19.

Councilor Keel reported that the light department has been working to supply power to the RMC Cottages and are working on supplying power on Elkahatchee Road.

On behalf of Chris Brown, **Council President Colvin** stated that youth basketball registration ended on November 17 and practices will begin soon. Santa on a firetruck will be December 18 & 19 and the route will be posted on the Parks & Recreation Facebook account. Downtown Christmas will be December 9 on Main Street and will feature Frosty's playground, letters to Santa, hot chocolate, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Congratulations to the 8U, 10U and 14U soccer teams who all won District Championships in the ARPA District 5 tournament held on November 4. 12u also earned runner-up. The Cooper Rec Center gym floor is complete and looks great. It will not be rented until the covering is in place to protect form spills and prevent damage. The 5th and 6th grade girls competed in the state volleyball tournament and played extremely well.

Councilor Tapley reported that the library thanks the patrons, staff and employees for their support throughout the year. They had children write letters to veterans at the VA hospital and presented those.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES: Romy Stamps, Finance Director, gave an overview of the city's finances (as attached).

PROCLAMATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION: To Authorize the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation to Authorize the Selection of an Engineering Consultant for the

Relocation of Utilities at the Bridge Replacement on State Route 63 over Sugar Creek.
(Sponsored By: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23 - 128**

Councilor Tapley 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:

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| YEAS: | COLVIN, TAPLEY, E. BROWN, KEEL | 4 |
| NAYS: | NONE | 0 |
| ABSTAINED: | NONE | 0 |
| ABSENT: | NONE | 0 |

2. REQUEST: To Transfer ABC License from Mapco to Circle K Located at 4761 Highway 280 East. (Sponsored By: Council President Colvin)

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the request as presented. Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the request was approved with the following roll call vote:

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| YEAS: | COLVIN, TAPLEY, E. BROWN, KEEL | 4 |
| NAYS: | NONE | 0 |
| ABSTAINED: | NONE | 0 |
| ABSENT: | NONE | 0 |

3. RESOLUTION: To Award Bid No. 24-02 to Taylor Corporation for the Demolition and Construction of Sugar Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Clarifier #2 and #3 Improvements at a Cost not to Exceed \$1,640,000.00. (Sponsored By: Councilor Keel) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-129**

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion. Councilor Tapley thanked the guys for the work they do. There being no further discussion, the resolution was adopted with the following roll call vote:

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| YEAS: | COLVIN, TAPLEY, E. BROWN, KEEL | 4 |
| NAYS: | NONE | 0 |
| ABSTAINED: | NONE | 0 |
| ABSENT: | NONE | 0 |

4. RESOLUTION: To Authorize the Mayor to Enter into a Lease Agreement with Family Worship Center to be Used as the Nutrition Center. (Sponsored By: Councilor Chris Brown) **RESOLUTION BOOK 2023-130**

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion. Councilor Tapley thanked the Worship Center for allowing the city a reasonable lease payment and further thanked Kasey for his efforts in getting the seniors

relocated. There being no further discussion, the resolution was adopted with the following roll call vote:

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| YEAS: | COLVIN, TAPLEY, E. BROWN, KEEL | 4 |
| NAYS: | NONE | 0 |
| ABSTAINED: | NONE | 0 |
| ABSENT: | NONE | 0 |

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker): None

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR: Mayor Baird recognized the breakfast for First Responders and commended each of them for the work they do. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and applauded all of the staff for their part in getting the city in a good place.

COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR: None

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK: The next City Council meeting will be held Monday, December 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Councilor Tapley thanked everyone for their attendance and the employees for their work. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reminded everyone to be thankful. He asked for prayers for Chris Brown’s family in the loss of a family member. He further asked everyone to continue efforts in raising money for the Imagination Station.

Councilor Eric Brown thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He thanked the mayor and his staff. He reported that the Tourism Board has met and have a lot of wonderful ideas in moving Tallapoosa County forward.

Councilor Keel thanked everyone for coming out and for those watching. He wished everyone a Happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Council President Colvin thanked everyone for their attendance and thanked the mayor and all employees for the work that they do. She asked to pray for those less fortunate and for Alexander City.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the council, Councilor Tapley made a motion to adjourn and Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor (4-0). The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

APPROVED:

FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

Audrey “Buffy” Colvin
Council President

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Stephanie J. Southerland
City Clerk