



**ALEXANDER
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ALABAMA

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex
Monday, December 11, 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, December 11, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Roll was called and Councilor Tapley was recorded as being absent.

Regarding agenda item #1, Mayor Baird reported that the Developer plans to develop retail business at the location. Councilor Chris Brown reported that the Planning Commission is in support of this rezoning request.

Drew Meacham, Public Works Director, stated that agenda item #2, is a requirement every ten (10) years to ensure there is a plan for solid waste in the city.

Individuals present included: Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Finance Director; Piper Barnett, Records Clerk; Police Captain T. Tuck; Drew Meacham, Public Works Director; Kasey Kaschak, Parks & Recreation Director; Chris Hardy, Gas Superintendent; Larkin Radney, City Attorney; Amanda Thomas, Planning & Development Director; Police Captain McKinney; Stephanie J. Southerland, City Clerk. Others present included: Robert Boleware, Arlene Wyckoff, Denise Walls 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 5:33 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Councilor Tapley was recorded as being absent.

Councilor Eric Brown 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 November 20, 2023. Councilor Chris Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the minutes were adopted (3-0), with Councilors Hardy and Chris Brown abstaining due to their absence at the previous meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Regular City Council meeting December 11, 2023. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy made a motion to remove agenda item #3 and to approve the agenda as amended and Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion. The agenda was approved as amended, removing agenda item #3 (5-0).

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Council President Colvin:** Municipal license will expire on December 31 and are to be renewed by February 15, 2024, without penalty. Jan Jones has been hired as the new Revenue Clerk and will transition into her new position by the end of the year. She expressed her appreciation to the Finance Department and the awesome job that they do.

Councilor Eric Brown: Officer Brandon Estes and Kirkland Newsome graduated from the northeast Alabama law enforcement academy.

We have Fire Recruit Graduation @4:00 on Dec 13th

ACFD will be participating in the following over the next couple of days:

- December 18 and 19th Santa on Fire truck
- December 21st Letters to Santa

We have burnt three (3) of the five (5) dilapidated structures we should have other two burned this month.

Councilor Keel: The Light Department has been working on the new service to Russell Medical Advance Care and Cottages. They have also set new poles on Jefferson Street and Airport Road.

The Gas Department is still working on routine valve maintenance and three (3) employees just returned from the Annual PSC Conference in Montgomery, Alabama. They will be closing a small section of Adams Street Tuesday morning after the buses are finished running and should re-open before 3:00 p.m.

The Speakes Road pump station should be complete on Tuesday, December 12. Sugar/Coley Creek repaired/replaced lights downtown and wired building addition at Sugar Creek. Adams filter plant has two (2) new trainees.

The Water Department has repaired numerous leaks, responded to numerous 811 locates and taken care of several route notes.

Councilor Chris Brown: Kasey came to share with the council that Steve Robinson is allocating \$100,000.00 to the Imagination Station.

CFA Fundraiser night for the Imagination Station will take place tomorrow night at Chick-fil-A from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Shirts will be on sale.

Downtown Christmas was a huge success. The weather held off long enough for us to get the entire event in. Great feedback from the community. Shoutout to Megan Blake for her planning and execution of the event. And thank you to Michelle West at Main Street for her assistance with the event.

The baseball parking lot project is underway. We've cleared the trees and majority of the stumps. We appreciate Public Works for helping us with the project.

Santa on a Firetruck will be held on Monday, December 18th and Tuesday, December 19th around the community. Check out the parks and recreation Facebook page for this year's routes.

We have 197 kids signed up for youth basketball. We're looking forward to a great season. Games will take place Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at the Sportplex gym, Cooper Rec, Stephens, and CACC. Alex City will also be hosting ARPA District 5 Basketball tournament in February.

The senior citizen group had a great trip to North Carolina last month. Everything had a great time and the reviews were positive. Hosting the senior citizen community this Friday at the Sportplex gym for a Christmas movie at 1:00 p.m.

The cabin at the Sportplex will be closed for the months of January and February for renovation. We will not be taking reservations online during this time.

The golf course is doing well and funds are ahead of this time last year.

The airport had its most profitable month of the year in November. We've seen an uptick in jet traffic since re-opening after the new runway light installation. Look forward to starting the apron expansion in the spring of next year.

Nutrition Center is geared up to start moving to our new location on East Church Street. Service at the new location will start on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Cooper Rec Center has been completing some painting and general touch ups to the center over the past few weeks.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy: The public works department has several job openings available at this time. The Automotive Shop has an opening for a Mechanic/Welder. The Street Department has an opening for an Equipment Operator I-Street Sweeper. The Property Maintenance Department has an opening for a Landscape Maintenance Technician and two Bush Hog Operators. Please visit the city website under human resources to review the requirements and information for these positions.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. To Rezone Property Located at 3065 Highway 63 South from RR (Reserve Residential) to B2 (General Business).

2. To hear comments regarding the City of Alexander City, Alabama Solid Waste Management Plan.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to either item.

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES: None

PROCLAMATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **ORDINANCE:** To Rezone Property Located at 3065 Highway 63 South from RR (Reserve Residential) to B2 (General Business). (Sponsored By: Mayor Baird)

ORDINANCE BOOK 23-33

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy made a motion to approve the ordinance as written. Councilor Eric 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

2. **RESOLUTION:** To Adopt the 2023 City of Alexander City, Alabama Solid Waste Management Plan. (Sponsored By: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-131**

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

3. **RESOLUTION:** To Authorize the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement by and Between the City of Alexander City, Alabama, the Lake Martin Area Economic Development Alliance, the Tallapoosa County Commission and the Lake Martin Area Industrial Development Authority for Project "Buck". (Sponsored By: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy) **REMOVED**

Councilor Chris Brown made a motion to suspend the rules in order to bring an item from the floor. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the motion to suspend the rules was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

Kasey reported that the current golf cart lease is expiring and needs to be renewed for fifty (50) new golf carts. The cost was a little more than expected and the lease payments had to be extended to meet the budget line item. They plan to adjust the golf cart fees in order to meet the cost increase. Councilor Keel commended Kasey and his staff on the Downtown Christmas event.

4. RESOLUTION: To Authorize the Mayor to Enter into a Lease Agreement with E-Z GO for Golf Carts to be used at Lakewinds Golf Course at a Cost not to Exceed \$4,173.15 per Month. (Sponsored By: Councilor Chris Brown) **RESOLUTION BOOK 23-132**

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker): None

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR: We met with representatives to discuss the possibility of re-opening a Boys & Girls Club in Alexander City. Dana Fuller is retiring and we will be having an event for her on Friday. He expressed his appreciation for her twenty-seven (27) years of dedicated service.

COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR: The auditors have sent each of the council members an e-mail and asked that they respond as soon as possible so the audit can be completed.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK: Our next Work Session and City Council meetings will be Monday, December 18 and will be our last meetings for 2023.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy expressed his appreciation for everyone's attendance. He commended the light department for their response in making sure Main Street looked good.

Councilor Eric Brown thanked everyone for coming out. He thanked the mayor and his staff in the work that they do, and further thanked the community in their efforts to build a better community.

Councilor Chris Brown thanked everyone for their attendance. He also thanked the staff for decorating downtown and how great it is to see the community downtown.

Councilor Keel thanked everyone for coming out and asked everyone to remember the reason for the season.

Council President Colvin thanked everyone for coming and stated how great downtown looks. She further thanked the mayor and his staff for their leadership.

ADJOURN: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion, all were in favor (5-0). Council President Colvin stated that Executive Session is to discuss potential litigation and an economic development project. She further stated that the meeting will be adjourned following the Executive Session, and there would not be any vote following the meeting. All parties entered into Executive Session at 5:50 p.m., and ended at 6:34 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 December 15, 2023 for review.

OTHER:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agenda

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: