



## Work Session Minutes of the City Council

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281 James D. Nabors Drive

Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 --- Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Alexander City held a work session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Complex, 281 James D. Nabors Drive, Alexander City, AL 35010. Councilors Hardy and Keel were recorded as being absent.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Colvin. The invocation was led by Council President Colvin, and Councilor Eric Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Those present included Mayor Baird, Brittany Shores, Mayor's office; Romy Stamps, Finance Director; Piper Barnett, Administrative Assistant; Miles Hamlett, Purchasing Agent; Fire Chief McAlister; Tony Sassano, EMS; Drew Meacham, Public Works Director; Kasey Kaschak, Parks & Recreation Director; Police Captain Tuck; Police Captain McKinney, Lynn Miller, Water Superintendent; Amanda Thomas, Community Development Director; Chris Hardy, Gas Department; Meredith Wingler, Gas Department; Joe Ray, Electric Department; David Hogan, Water Department; Jerry Wilson, GIS Coordinator; John McWhorter, Sewer Department; Joe Milam, IT Director; Larkin Radney, city attorney; and William Coats. Others present included Denise Walls and Mark Lamborne.

### **NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:**

Stephanie presented each council member a district map and asked that they review their lines. The 2020 census has necessitated those lines need to be redrawn in order to have more equal populated districts. Council President asked that this be ready for adoption in April. Jerry Wilson explained that the map is showing census blocks and recommends using those in your revisions.

Mayor Baird asked that ordinance 2022- 22 be rescinded due to the fact that Amadeus has not followed through with their commitment to purchase the buildings and have asked the city to not disclose ownership of the property. The mayor asked that Amadeus be allowed thirty (30) days to close on the purchase, or the city will be allowed to place it on the market.

James Dodwell, on behalf of Amadeus, stated that there are some projects pending and they're working with the state. However, he is comfortable with closing the sale within thirty (30) days.

Councilor Eric Brown expressed his appreciation for their efforts in doing business with the city.

Romy presented a power point presentation of how capital funds have been utilized throughout the city. Miles Hamlett, Fire Chief McAlister, Drew Meacham, Kasey Kaschak, Chris Hardy, Joe Ray, Lynn Miller, and David Hogan each gave an overview of projects in their departments.

Councilor Chris Brown arrived at 4:40 p.m.

Kasey Kaschak reported that \$177,000.00 has been raised for Imagination Station, with a resolution on tonight's city council agenda to accept \$100,000.00 from the Tallapoosa County Commission. In discussions with Hercules, there should be an 8 – 10-week lead time for construction.

Amanda Thomas presented the Community Development Update to include: The code enforcement officer will be conducting rental inspections; the Comprehensive Plan is moving forward with meetings scheduled February 13 and March 7; the city has received grant agreements from Tallapoosa County for two (2) projects and is expected to be brought before the council at the February 5 meeting; ADECA is reviewing the Flood Plain Ordinance and Administration; Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances needs revisions but asks that it be tabled this evening.

Council President Colvin asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and stated that the body would not reconvene following the Executive Session.

Councilor Tapley made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Councilor Eric Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>COLVIN, TAPLEY, E. BROWN, C. BROWN</b>	<b>4</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>

They entered into Executive Session at 5:09.

The City Council adjourned Executive Session at 5:20 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Stephanie J. Southerland

City Clerk

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Audrey "Buffy" Colvin, President

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