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Regular Council Meeting Minutes

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex
Monday, March 4, 2024 --- 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, March 4, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Roll was called, and all Councilors were recorded as being present.

Individuals present included: Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Finance Director; Piper Barnett, Records Clerk; Kasey Kaschak, Parks and Recreation Director; Drew Meacham, Public Works Director; Police Captain Tuck; Sasha Stewart, Lynn Miller, Wastewater Superintendent; Kristin Joiner, Human Resources Director; Stephanie J. Southerland, City Clerk. Others present included: Pastor Tony Harris, Arlene Wyckoff, Robert Boleware, Casey Lowe and others. The media was represented by The Outlook.

Kasey explained that there have been major renovations at the Cabin at the Sportplex and feels like the newly renovated cabin justifies a higher rental rate. All renovations have been done in-house to cut costs. There are 2 new stoves, a microwave, new flooring and an outside deck.

Sasha reported that these items are old, no longer in use and have been sitting around the lot for a while and need to be disposed of.

Drew stated that agenda item #3 is an agreement from the city with ALDOT's plan.

Sasha stated that agenda item #4 is to award bid for items that will allow preparation for paving and is being paid from ACRIP funds. She further reported that agenda item #5 will provide for an outside cleaning service to maintain what was previously known as the Guest House, now named Alex – Young Hollow. This is being presented as a venue and currently has two (2) weddings booked in the near future.

Amanda reported that agenda item #6 has been ongoing for 2 years, and due to the previous bids being over budget, more funding has been acquired through ARC and the city would like to move forward.

Council President Colvin stated that agenda items # 7 and #8 are requests to waive application fees for events planned for the city.

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. All Councilors were recorded as being present.

Pastor Tony Harris, Family Worship Center, led the invocation. Councilor Eric Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Work Session and Regular City Council meeting February 19, 2024. 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) with Councilor Eric Brown abstaining due to his absence at those meetings.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Regular City Council meeting Monday, March 4, 2024. Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the agenda, and Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. The agenda was approved (6-0).

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Council President Colvin: The Finance Department has issued 2,371 business licenses totaling over \$2,000,000.00 in revenue. Late renewals are being assessed a penalty, and the penalty will increase after March 15. She expressed her appreciation to the Finance Department for their work.

Councilor Eric Brown: The Fire Department has eleven (11) candidates in school, with an anticipated graduation date in May. There are still blue address number signs available. Congratulations to Dewayne Rathel as being named Alexander City Firefighter of the Year and Detective Christopher Graham for being named Alexander City Officer of the Year at the Alexander City Chamber of Commerce annual meeting.

Councilor Chris Brown Lake Martin Trailblazers, along with Parks & Recreation staff have planned our inaugural Easter Egg Hunt to be held at the Sportplex Softball fields on Saturday, March 23rd at 9:00am. We will have 3 age divisions 0-4, 5-8 & 9-12. All hunts will start at 10am. Inflatables, prize eggs, music, and a good time!

Baseball/softball opening day will be April 6th at the Sportplex. We are looking forward to a great season for each league.

The cabin renovation has been completed and will re-open for booking tomorrow at acpr.recdesk.com. Huge shoutout to Bryan and the Parks and Recreation Maintenance crew for completing this project in-house.

The parking lot expansion project is still ongoing.

The ARPA District 5 basketball tournament was a success. The parks department grossed over \$10,000 from gate sales and entry fees. The 8U boys team won their division and will advance to the ARPA State Championship this weekend in Gadsden.

The Parks Department is looking to hire a weekend security guard. Anyone interested should contact the parks department at 256-392-5761.

Golf course is over \$44,000.00 ahead in revenue from this time last year.

The parking lot at the pro shop and looks great.

This week, we will start working on the restroom building on the course, including adding a new roof and other major upgrades to that facility.

The apron expansion project at the airport is slated to begin this month; be on the lookout for more details as we get closer to start the project.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy congratulated our own Sasha Stewart on her promotion to the position of City Purchasing Agent. We greatly appreciate her contribution to the city as Public Works Specialist over the last 3 years. Sasha has always shown dedication to her role and pursued additional responsibilities, most notably in the areas of grants, permit administration, and filling management roles whenever needed. We are excited to see the great things she will do for the city going forward. As a result, the city has an opening for Public Works Specialist and is accepting applications through March 12.

Councilor Tapley reported that the library is holding March Madness reading program March 11 -30.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES: None

PROCLAMATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ORDINANCE: To Amend Alexander City Code § 62-1 – Fees for Use of Facilities. (Sponsored By: Councilor Chris Brown) **ORDINANCE BOOK 2024 - 03**

YEAS:	TAPLEY, HARDY, E. BROWN, C. BROWN, KEEL, COLVIN	6
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	NONE	0

2. RESOLUTION: To Declare Personal Property as Surplus and no Longer Needed for Municipal Use. (Sponsored By: Councilor Tapley) **RESOLUTION BOOK 2024 - 20**

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:

YEAS:	TAPLEY, HARDY, E. BROWN, C. BROWN, KEEL, COLVIN	6
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	NONE	0

3. RESOLUTION: To Authorize the Mayor to Enter into Agreements with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the Relocation of our Utilities at the Bridge Replacement on State Route 63 over Sugar Creek. (Sponsored By: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy)
RESOLUTION BOOK 2024 - 21

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. Councilor Tapley expressed his appreciation to the state for paying for this project. There being no further discussion, the resolution was adopted with the following roll call vote:

YEAS:	TAPLEY, HARDY, E. BROWN, C. BROWN, KEEL, COLVIN	6
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	NONE	0

4. RESOLUTION: To Award Bid No 24-07 to Ferguson Waterworks for Paving Preparation Supplies at a cost not to Exceed \$32,725.70. (Sponsored By: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy)
RESOLUTION BOOK 2024 - 22

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:

YEAS:	TAPLEY, HARDY, E. BROWN, KEEL, COLVIN	5
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	C. BROWN	1
ABSENT:	NONE	0

5. RESOLUTION: To Award Bid No. 24-08 to Chano & Sons, Inc. for Janitorial Services at Alex - Young Hollow at a Varied Cost Determined by Rental Space. (Sponsored By: Mayor Baird)
RESOLUTION BOOK 2024 - 23

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:

YEAS:	TAPLEY, HARDY, E. BROWN, C. BROWN, KEEL, COLVIN	6
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	NONE	0

6. RESOLUTION: To Amend the FY21 CDBG Downtown Water Improvement Project at a Cost not to Exceed \$338,244.84. (Sponsored By: Mayor Baird)
RESOLUTION BOOK 2024 - 24

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. Councilor Tapley stated that he would be glad for this project to finally be done. There being no further discussion, the resolution was adopted with the following roll call vote:

YEAS:	TAPLEY, HARDY, E. BROWN, C. BROWN, KEEL, COLVIN	6
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	NONE	0

7. REQUEST: To Waive the \$500.00 Application Fee for Michael Waldrop and Various Churches to Hold a Live Nativity at the Alexander City Sportplex in December, 2024.

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the request as presented. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. Councilor Tapley thanked everyone involved in this project and expressing the real reason we celebrate Christmas. Council President Colvin also expressed her appreciation that this will be held over two weekends. There being no further discussion, the request was approved with the following roll call vote:

YEAS:	TAPLEY, HARDY, E. BROWN, C. BROWN, KEEL, COLVIN	6
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	NONE	0

8. REQUEST: To Waive the \$500.00 Application Fee for James Gang Amusements, LLC to Hold a Carnival at the Alexander City Sportplex, April 3 – 6, 2024.

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the request as presented. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. Councilor Tapley expressed his appreciation in their donation of 20% of gate fees to the Imagination Station project. Councilor Chris Brown also expressed his appreciation for a quality carnival coming to the area. There being no further discussion, the request was approved with the following roll call vote:

YEAS:	TAPLEY, HARDY, E. BROWN, C. BROWN, KEEL, COLVIN	6
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	NONE	0

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker): Mr. Lowe, River Bend, asked for assistance in the area regarding speed limit signs.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR: Mayor Baird reminded everyone to vote, exercise their opportunity to vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR: None

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK: Our next Work Session and City Council meetings will be on Monday, March 18, 2024.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Councilor Eric Brown thanked everyone for their attendance and for those watching live, he thanked the mayor and his staff.

Councilor Chris Brown thanked everyone for their attendance and for watching on YouTube and the Outlook. He asked everyone to be weather aware later in the week.

Councilor Keel thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilor Tapley thanked everyone for coming out and wished the baseball team good luck in Gadsden. He congratulated Sasha Stewart in her new role.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy thanked everyone for their attendance and invited everyone to come out Thursday night for the public Comprehensive Plan meeting. He asked everyone to also get out and vote tomorrow.

Council President Colvin thanked everyone for their attendance, thanked Sasha, and thanked the city employees for the work they do. She further congratulated Detective Graham and Firefighter Rathel in their awards given by the Alexander City Chamber of Commerce.

ADJOURN: Councilor Tapley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council President Pro Tempore Hardy. The City Council adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

APPROVED:

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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 March 11, 2024, for review.

OTHER:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agenda

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: