



Regular Council Meeting Minutes

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex
Monday, April 1, 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, April 1, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. All councilors were recorded as being present.

Individuals present included: Mayor Baird, Amber Gortney, Finance department; Piper Barnett, Administrative Assistant; Police Captain Tuck; Kasey Kaschak, Parks & Recreation Director; Sasha Stewart, Purchasing Agent; Alicia Clifton, Finance department; Amanda Thomas, Community Development Director; Police Officer Spivey; Christy Clayton, IT department. Others present included: Mrs. Keel, Pastor and Mrs. John Hill, Arlean Wyckoff, and others. The media was represented by the Outlook.

Regarding agenda item #1, this was presented previously and needs to be accepted.

Councilor Keel stated that agenda item #2 is needed for the new substation on Old Dadeville Road.

In discussion of agenda item #3, Council President Colvin reminded the body that the council has already voted to waive their fee and the vendor will be donating twenty percent (20%) of gate proceeds to the Imagination Station.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy stated that agenda item #4 is for painting the Coven Abbett bridge.

Council President Colvin stated that agenda item #5 is to waive the fee for Blues in the Park which has been held for the past six (6) years.

Agenda item #6 is required to appoint delegates in attendance of the Alabama League of Municipalities annual convention.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy reported that agenda item #7 will benefit drainage from Highway 280 through the complex property to the retention pond.

Mayor Baird clarified that agenda item #8 is the final step in the airport lighting project.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy stated that agenda item #9 is for the geotechnical work for the power substation. It's a specialized field and can't be done in-house but the dirt work will be done in-house.

Councilor Keel reported that agenda item #10 is also for completion of the new substation.

Council President Colvin stated that agenda item #11 is to reject a bid.

Council President Colvin stated that agenda item #12 is to allow Friday, July 5, 2024, a one-time holiday for city employees.

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex.

Pastor John Hill, Flint Hill Methodist Church, led the invocation. Mayor Baird led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Council President Colvin asked that anyone interested in opening future meetings in prayer, please contact the City Clerk's office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular City Council meeting March 4, 2024. Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Councilor Chris Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the minutes were adopted (6-0).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Regular City Council meeting April 1, 2024. Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, and Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. The agenda was approved (6-0).

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Council President Colvin reported that the first quarter liquor tax is due by April 20 with reminders being sent today. Delinquent business license notices have been sent as well. Thanks to Revenue Manager and Finance Department for the work they do.

Councilor Eric Brown reported that the Police Department has nine (9) openings and encouraged anyone interested to submit an application.

Councilor Keel: The Light Dept has been working on the new service to the new Tesla charging station. We are continuing to change out damaged poles on our system. March 18th was National Gas Utility workers day. April 18th is National Lineman Appreciation Day.

Councilor Chris Brown: Baseball/Softball opening day will be held April 6th at the upper fields at the Sportplex. The weather is warming up, so don't forget to go ahead and make your reservations at the Sportplex Cabin, The Pavilion, and Cooper Rec. Visit acpr.recdesk.com to reserve! One-hundred twenty (120) kids participated in the city's first Easter Egg Hunt this past weekend. He further encouraged to participate in a round of golf.

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy: Pipe repair is being done as well as some road patching. Mulching is being done around the city.

Councilor Tapley stated that National Library Week is April 7 – April 13 and encouraged everyone to check the website for events to be held throughout the week. There were about forty (40) participants last week for an Easter egg hunt and story time.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: Council President Colvin announced a vacancy on the Board of Education. All interested applicants must provide an application to the City Clerk’s office no later than April 30, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES: Amber Gortney reported that the bank statement (as attached) shows normal fluctuations. Cleanwater is 95% complete; the majority of the remaining balance is retainage. Wicker Point project is waiting on reimbursement from the last payment. At this point in the year, 58% of each department’s budget should remain. Overall, most departments are within the threshold. For any that are not, it is most likely based on that department’s dynamics. The basketball program under Parks and Rec (page 2) is highlighted as an example, due to unexpected expenditures for tournaments -hosted in our City and elsewhere, expenses exceeded the original appropriation; however, the total expense budget for the department is @ 60% available - meaning that the fund as a whole remains within budget.

Council President Colvin announced that the Board of Education has an upcoming vacancy and applicants should submit their application to the City Clerk’s office no later than April 30, 4:30 p.m.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Baird read a proclamation (as attached) for Fair Housing Month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Tapley made a motion to move items 1 – 11 to a consent agenda. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. Agenda items 1 – 11 were moved to a consent agenda (6-0), 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

1. RESOLUTION: To Accept the Fiscal Year 2021 Audit. (Sponsored by: Council President Colvin) **RESOLUTION BOOK 2024 - 25**

2. RESOLUTION: To Award Bid to Siemens Industry, Inc for Four (4) Circuit Breakers and to Southern States, LLC for Circuit Switchers and to Reject Bids for the Regulators and Power Transformers at a Cost not to Exceed \$171,300.00. (Sponsored By: Councilor Keel)
RESOLUTION BOOK 2024 - 26

- 3. RESOLUTION:** To Authorize the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with James Gang Amusement for a Carnival to be Held at the Sportplex March 29 – April 6, 2024. (Sponsored By: Councilor Chris Brown) **RESOLUTION BOOK 2024 - 27**
- 4. RESOLUTION:** To Award Bid No. 24-09 to Southern Coatings of Tarpon Springs, LLC for Bridge Coating on Coven Abbett Highway Bridge (BIN #8450) at a Cost not to Exceed \$327,246.00. (Sponsored By: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy) **RESOLUTION BOOK 2024 - 28**
- 5. REQUEST:** To Waive the Application Fee for Blues in the Park Concert to be Held May 18, 2024. (Sponsored By: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy)
- 6. RESOLUTION:** To Appoint Voting Delegates for the 2024 Annual Business Meeting at the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention. (Sponsored By: Mayor Baird) **RESOLUTION BOOK 2024 – 29**
- 7. RESOLUTION:** To Authorize the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement Related to the American Recovery Plan Act Drinking Water/Wastewater Project to be Paid from an Alabama Department of Environmental Management Grant. (Sponsored By: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy) **RESOLUTION BOOK 2024 - 30**
- 8. RESOLUTION:** To Authorize the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for Flight Inspection. (Sponsored By: Mayor Baird) **RESOLUTION BOOK 2024 - 31**
- 9. RESOLUTION:** To Authorize the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Thompson Engineering for Geotechnical Consulting Services for the Electrical Substation at Dadeville Road and Coley Creek Road at a cost not to Exceed \$19,400.00 (Sponsored By: Council President Pro Tempore Hardy) **RESOLUTION BOOK 2024 - 32**
- 10. RESOLUTION:** To Award Bid Number 24-11 to Siemens Energy for the Purchase of Twelve (12) Regulators at a cost not to Exceed \$43,849.00 Each. **RESOLUTION BOOK 2024 - 33**
- 11. RESOLUTION:** To Reject Bid Number 24-12 for the Purchase of Two (2) Power Transformers. (Sponsored By: Councilor Keel) **RESOLUTION BOOK 2024 - 34**

Councilor Tapley made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Councilor Chris Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, agenda items 1 – 11 were adopted with the following roll call vote:

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

12. RESOLUTION: To Authorize a One-Time Additional Paid Holiday for Friday, July 5, 2024. (Sponsored By: Mayor Baird) **RESOLUTION BOOK 2024 - 35**

Councilor Tapley made a motion to adopt the resolution as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. Councilor Tapley stated that he supports the resolution in recognition of employee's hard work. He recently had a constituent contact him after hours regarding an issue with their gas being turned off due to some work being done. Councilor Tapley contacted the Gas Department after hours and they responded after hours to turn their gas on. There being no further discussion, the resolution was adopted with the following roll call vote:

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

13. RESOLUTION: To Approve a Proclamation Marking the 56th Anniversary of the United States Fair Housing Law. (Sponsored By: Mayor Baird) **RESOLUTION BOOK 2024 - 36**

Councilor Tapley made a motion to adopt 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, COLVIN, C. BROWN, KEEL	6
NAYS:	NONE	0
ABSTAINED:	NONE	0
ABSENT:	NONE	0

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker): Ms. Arlean Wyckoff, 1368 1st Street, Alexander City, thanked the City Council for their support of Blues in the Park. They have established a 501 (c) 3.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR: On Tuesday and Wednesday there is a possibility of severe weather, please be weather aware and have access to weather updates.

COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR: None

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK: Our next Work Session and City Council meetings will be held Monday, April 15, 2024 at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Council President Pro Tempore Hardy thanked everyone for their attendance. He further stated that multiple residents have complained about the timeliness of their utility bill being received and payments being processed.

Stephanie Southerland stated that there have been multiple discussions with the postmaster and has been told that the issue is the Birmingham Post Office not processing mail in a timely manner.

Councilor Eric Brown thanked everyone for coming out and further thanked the mayor and his staff for making the city work.

Councilor Chris Brown thanked everyone for coming out and acknowledged Kasey's frustration with the sound system and assured everyone that we are working hard to getting proper audio.

Councilor Keel thanked everyone for coming out and those watching live.

Councilor Tapley thanked everyone for coming and followed up with the acknowledgement of the postal service lacking in service. He asked for an update on paving. He also asked how the Imagination Station is progressing.

Mayor Baird replied that bids should go out mid-April and pre-emptive work is being done.

Kasey reported that Imagination Station is on track.

Council President Colvin thanked everyone for coming out, thanked the council for approving a consent agenda, and thanked the mayor and his staff for the work that they do. She asked for continued prayers for the council. She acknowledged the Gibraltar Lodge for the egg hunt and the Stop the Violence program. She encouraged everyone to be weather aware over the next couple of days and watch the city's social media for possible shelter, if needed.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the council, Councilor Tapley made a motion to adjourn and Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. All were in favor (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

APPROVED:

FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

Audrey "Buffy" Colvin
Council President

FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

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 April 8, 2024 for review.

OTHER:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agenda
2. Sign – in sheets
3. Bank Statement
4. Proclamation



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Call to Order: Council President Colvin

Opening Prayer: Pastor John Hill, Flint Hill Methodist Church

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Baird

Roll Call:

Approval of Minutes: March 4, 2024 Regular Meeting

Approval of Agenda: April 1, 2024

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:

There is an upcoming vacancy on the Board of Education. Any interested applicants must submit an application to the City Clerk no later than April 30 at 4:30 p.m.

Public Hearing: None

Report on Status of City Finances: None

Proclamation: Fair Housing Month

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

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Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker): Please step to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

Comments from the Mayor:

Comments from the Finance Director:

Comments from the City Clerk:

Comments from the Council:

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

The next Work Session & City Council meetings are scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2024 at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 11, 2024 marks the 56th Anniversary of the passage of the United States Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which enunciated a National Policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, religion, sex, and national origin; and

WHEREAS, the effective implementation of the National Policy depends on affirmative action at all levels of Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Alexander City, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2024, as Fair Housing Month in recognition of the importance of fair housing to our way of life, and I urge our citizens to obey the letter and the spirit of the Fair Housing Law as an expression of the individual rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexander City affixed this the 1 day of April 2024.

FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

*Curtis "Woody" Baird
Mayor*

FOR PUBLIC RELEASE



American Recovery Plan Act Update February 2024

Funded Amount	\$3,403,549.40
FY 21 Expenditures	\$0.00
FY 22 Expenditures	\$664,230.02
FY 23 Expenditures	\$1,344,002.42
Credits/grants	\$26,250.52
FY 24 Expenditures	\$70,665.71
Total Expenditures to date:	\$2,052,647.63
Remaining Balance:	\$1,350,901.77

Completed Projects:

	Budgeted Amount	FY 22 Expenditures	FY 23 Expenditures	Grants/credits	FY 24 Expenditures	Combined Annual
SCADA update Adams	\$43,294.00	\$4,884.17	49,929.17		\$0.00	\$54,813.34
Gas Dept Conf. room & Telmetry system	\$164,365.00	\$56,007.99	0.00		\$0.00	\$56,007.99
Creek Road	\$330,000.00	\$268,255.73	61,919.50		\$0.00	\$330,175.23
Computer upgrades	\$40,000.00	\$33,233.09	0.00	\$13,250.52	\$0.00	\$19,982.57
AEDs	\$70,000.00	\$68,510.00	1,895.80		\$0.00	\$70,405.80
6th Street Park	\$40,000.00	0.00	36,506.30		\$0.00	\$36,506.30
Waterworth	\$5,000.00	0.00	4,662.00		\$0.00	\$4,662.00
Imagination Station Donation	\$25,000.00	0.00	25,096.40		\$0.00	\$25,096.40
Fiber Installation (city)	\$400,000.00	\$51,207.55	\$342,209.05		\$0.00	\$393,416.60
Duo Multi-Factor Authentication	\$7,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00
YTD Totals:	\$1,117,659.00	\$482,098.53	\$522,218.22	\$13,250.52	\$7,200.00	\$998,266.23

Projects In Process:

	Budgeted Amount	FY 22 Expenditures	FY 23 Expenditures	Grants/credits	FY 24 Expenditures	Combined Expense
City Works/PLL-KCI	\$315,000.00	\$77,253.99	\$183,154.92	\$13,000.00	\$44,145.47	\$291,554.38
Clarifier 1	\$550,000.00	104,877.50	613,907.50		2,970.00	\$721,755.00
Kiosks	\$123,000.00	\$0.00	\$24,721.78		\$16,350.24	\$41,072.02
Springbrook merge	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Clarifier (2)	\$625,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00

Projects Discussed Not Started:

Complex Security update	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Stormwater maintenance	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Fiber Update -Sugar Creek	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
CDBG match	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Contingencies	\$190,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00

YTD Totals:	\$2,203,000.00	\$182,131.49	\$821,784.20	\$13,000.00	\$63,465.71	\$1,054,381.40	
Combined Totals:	\$3,320,659.00	\$664,230.02	\$1,344,002.42	\$26,250.52	\$70,665.71	\$2,052,647.63	
Available:	\$82,890.40	\$2,739,319.38	1,395,316.96	1,421,567.48	1,350,901.77	\$1,350,901.77	\$0.00

FY24 Allocation Breakdown

Remaining Balance:	\$1,350,901.77
City Works/PLL-KCI - Completion	\$58,445.62
Clarifier 1	\$5,000.00
Kiosks	\$81,927.98
Springbrook merge	\$75,000.00
Clarifier (2)	\$625,000.00
Complex Security update	\$50,000.00
Stormwater maintenance	\$100,000.00
Fiber Update -Sugar Creek	\$75,000.00
CDBG match	\$100,000.00
Contingencies	\$150,000.00
Total:	\$1,320,373.60
Available/Not Allocated:	\$30,528.17