# Montevallo City Council Work Session March 9, 2015 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Hollie Cost, Council members Rusty Nix, Willie Goldsmith, Jason Peterson, and Dee Woodham were in attendance. Council Member Gilbert was absent.

Mayor Hollie Cost called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m.

Police Department Chief Jeremy Littleton provided the Police Department report for the month of February.

#### Council Meeting March 09, 2015

Total Calls	875
Total Cases	105
Traffic Accidents	13
Traffic Stops	209
Traffic Citations	90
Arrests	26
Burglaries	0
Auto Burglaries	4
Domestics Related	12
Assaults	3
Fraud/Forgery	7
Thefts	10
Zone Checks	710
School Patrols	80
School Report	
Reports	6
Arrests	0
Investigations	
Open Felony Cases	6
Cases Closed	3

# Code Enforcement Activity Report February 23, 2015 – March 8, 2015

Junk Cars Inspections	<u>- 0</u>			
Pending	- 1			
Closed	- 0			
Animal Complaints Inspections	<u>- 0</u>			
Pending	- 0			
Closed	- 0			
Abandoned Buildings/Houses	<u>- 0</u>			
Pending	- 29			
Closed	- 0			
Un-Kept Property Inspections	<u>- 0</u>			
Pending	- 4			
Closed	- 0			
Misc. Complaints	<u>-1</u>			
Pending	- 1			
Closed	- 1			
Total New Inspections This Period		- 1		
Total Inspection Year To Date		- 12		

The Chief discussed the leaking of a sewage line near Overland Road. The managers of Oak Park apartments called in a complaint because their pond's fish were dying due to the sewage leak. In response to a question from Council Member Woodham, the Chief discussed race relations in Montevallo and noted that the majority of all police cases in Montevallo involve white suspects.

# Fire Department Chief Bill Reid said that the call rate for the month of February was down at 61 calls.

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Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {02/01/2015} And {02/28/2015}

		Pct of	Total	Pct of
Incident Type	Count	Incidents	Est Loss	Losses
1 Fire				
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	2	3.27%	\$0	0.00%
	2	3.27%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	11	18.03%	\$0	0.00%
321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with	23	37.70%	\$0	0.00%
322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2	3.27%	\$0	0.00%
324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	1	1.63%	\$0	0.00%
	37	60.65%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
550 Public service assistance, Other	1	1.63%	\$0	0.00%
552 Police matter	1	1.63%	\$0	0.00%
553 Public service	2	3.27%	\$0	0.00%
554 Assist invalid	1	1.63%	\$0	0.00%
	5	8.19%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	8	13.11%	\$0	0.00%
6112 No Response	5	8.19%	\$0	0.00%
	13	21.31%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	3	4.91%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	1	1.63%	\$0	0.00%
	4	6.55%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 61 Total Est Loss: \$0

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#### Inspections by Inspector

# Date Completed Between {02/01/2015} And {02/28/2015}

Date	Time	Inspection Type/Occupancy		Hours
0044 BROAD	HEAD, I			
02/12/2015	14:34	200 INSPECTION - General R000001 RACEWAY 4607 25 SH		0.03
Total for	Staff:	1	Total Hours:	0.03
0075 DANZE	R, JON	ATHAN		
02/09/2015	13:19	200 INSPECTION - General S000009 SMITHERMAN'S PHARMACY 703 MAIN ST		0.21
02/09/2015	13:38	200 INSPECTION - General 00005 Video Underground 727 MIDDLE ST		0.36
02/09/2015	14:24	200 INSPECTION - General 00006 Wear It Again 603 MAIN ST		0.00
02/10/2015	13:58	200 INSPECTION - General 1000003 It's About Time Barber Shop 709 MAIN ST		0.19
02/10/2015	14:11	200 INSPECTION - General V000002 Main Street Beauty Supply and Fashion 707 MAIN ST		0.06
02/12/2015	10:30	200 INSPECTION - General M000016 Watts On Main 615 MAIN ST		0.00
02/13/2015	13:17	200 INSPECTION - General 00007 Hot Headz 741 MIDDLE ST		0.17
Total for	Staff:	7	Total Hours:	0.99
Grand Tota	l Acti	vities: 8	Grand Totals:	1.02

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We will not hear back about grants until April. A Homeland Security bill tied up the grant money they've been expecting but the money has be OK'd for disbursement as of March 1<sup>st</sup>. He expects it will be thirty to sixty days before those funds are actually disbursed. There was an accident on highway 155 and two helicopters arrived at the scene.

Public Works Director Kirk Hamby mentioned that they've been monitoring the roads and have lots of sand stockpiled. Right now they're working on cleaning out ditches. A lot of potholes have been popping up and they're working on resurfacing these. Bus drivers have been calling in to report low hanging branches and they've also been trimming limbs away from streetlights. About three weeks from now they'll need to start cutting the grass on the right-of-ways as it warms up. Litter has become an increasingly big problem, especially on county roads (in particular County Road 10). The County is working on our behalf replacing stop signs and old wooden signs but there are still many to replace. Typically, they work on replacing signs when the weather is rainy and other work cannot be done. The fencing at the recycling center is complete. It is now lower so that people will have an easier time accessing the bins. We still have a problem with people contaminating the bins which results in a lower return rate for those recyclables. As a reminder, we no longer accept glass and we will not accept televisions on our electronics recycling day April 21st. Lastly, the elm and holly trees will be picked up to be planted at Region's.

There has been a problem with trash on the hill behind Lucky's. The police department has contacted Lucky's regarding this issue. In addition, they've contacted the railroad company with regard to trash along the tracks. We will contact them again.

Councilman Peterson reported that Arbor Day was very successful with around 275 people in attendance. His committee is working on the beautification awards.

Councilman Nix read Parks and Rec Director Shane Baugh's written report. The local businesses have done well lately as a result of the recent tournaments and Arbor Day.

# **Park and Recreation Report**

# March 9th 2015

- 1. Sod was installed at Stephens Park today.

  Opening day has been pushed back until March

  21st. This completes the work on this phase at

  Stephens Park.
- 2. We have a couple of bids on replacing the roof at the scout lodge which needs to be done. The first bid was for \$5000 that did not cover any repairs to the roof decking if needed. The second bid was for \$7000 and included returns on the soffit and any decking repairs that needed to be done. This bid also included fixing the Alabama Power entrance stack. It is currently bent. See bid for what other items they included. This money would come from the Donation made by Mr. Brown last year. The third person we asked to give us a bid, never submitted anything.
- 3. We had a 28 team travel tournament this past weekend that brought in about 900 1000 people

for Saturday and Sunday. At 2:40 pm, I could not get into McDonald's, Subway, or Jack's due to the lines.

Mayor Cost and Kirk Hamby discussed the state of the Scout Hut roof bids and, in particular, Dave's Construction and Builders' bid. More work needs to be done on the roof besides just a replacement of the shingles. Mayor Cost recommended that the council move forward on the roof bids while they still have money to address the issue.

Councilwoman Dee Woodham did not go to the Arbor and Beautification meeting. She announced that a proposal for a set of trails at the Mahler property will come before the council soon. There was nothing to discuss in relation to the golf course, zoning, or annexation.

Mayor Cost mentioned that Councilwoman Sharon Gilbert couldn't attend the meeting due to the fact that her mother is ill.

The library director, Allie Williams, gave her report on the library statistics.

CIRCULATION: 3709 Items Charged

(Decreased by 4%)

COMPUTER USE: 635 users

(Decreased by 18%)

STORYTIME/4: 64 Children

(Increased by 14%)

MOVIES/4: 154 People Attended

(Increased by 140%)

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: 27

ADULT PROGRAMS: 50

WEBSITE VISITS: 1680 visits since February 23, 2015

DEPOSITS: 2/9/15 \$199.35

2/10/15 \$1091.96 2/12/15 \$187.14 2/20/15 \$252.50 2/27/15 \$154.40 2/27/15 \$213.70

**TOTAL** \$2099.05

Notes:

Big Hero 6 plays Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30

UM presents Hallie Farmer Lecture Series with Lilly Ledbetter, Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

FREE Coupon Class Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

We need Easter candy, plastic eggs and Legos.

Don Stewart Gallery Talk & Reception on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

She's also working on a grant that requires a match of \$1,750. She requested that the money come from the library's surplus fund. This grant will go toward updating the library's juvenile book selection which includes many outdated books. Also, she will need Easter candy and Lego's for upcoming library events.

Councilwoman Dee Woodham told the committee that the finance meeting was cancelled due to weather. The next meeting will go on as scheduled. A \$9,000 bill went to the auditor. \$4,500 went to construction for City Hall. There are some outstanding items with water and sewer which she will bring up at the next meeting.

Montevallo City Council Meeting March 9, 2015 6:00 p.m. at City Hall

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# Pledge of Allegiance

### **Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Hollie Cost called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Minutes:** Council Member Goldsmith made a motion to approve the Minutes from February 23, 2015 as presented. Council Member Nix seconded. Council Member Woodham Abstained. ALL OTHERS VOTED AYE . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Student Recognitions / Awards: NONE

## Opportunity for Citizens to Speak to the Council:

Janice Seaman, Chairperson of the Montevallo Historical Commission, announced that the commission is going to consider adding new properties to its district and she would like the council to attend a hearing on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Parnell Library. This meeting will include pertinent information council members will need to know in order to vote at the next hearing.

John Johnson lives on Waller Street and would like something to be done about the surrounding ditches which are clogged. He explained that they haven't been cleaned out in a very long time, that the pipes in that area have started to break down, and that the overflow of water has washed away his yard. Kirk Hamby will look into the matter as soon as possible and, if needed, contact the city's engineer. Council Member Goldsmith asked Mr. Hamby to look at the ditchers on both sides of the road.

Thomas Hearn thanked the council for taking care of the tree that was dropping limbs over his property.

#### **Committee Reports and Consideration of Bills:**

**Public Health & Safety** (Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, Housing Abatement)—Discussed earlier.

**Sustainability** (Streets & Sanitation, Recycling, Arbor & Beautification, ValloCycle, Environmental Preservation Initiatives) – Discussed earlier.

**Recreation, Preservation and Community Development** (Parks & recreation, Golf Course, Youth Athletics, Trails, Historical Commission, Planning & Zoning, Annexations) – Discussed earlier.

**Education, Arts & Outreach** (Schools, UM, Boys & Girls Club, Library, American Village, Sister City Commission, Artwalk, Middle School Grant) – Discussed earlier.

**Finance, Economic Development & Tourism** (Finance, MDCD, IDB, Chamber) – Discussed earlier.

Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve payment of the bills as presented. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Consent Agenda: NONE

#### **New Business:**

Leaders of Tomorrow - Mayor Cost introduced the Leaders of Tomorrow, which is a group of local 7<sup>th</sup> graders who show leadership potential. The program is in its 13<sup>th</sup> year and works to expose students to a number of different leadership positions through various trips.

Parental Alienation Prevention Proclamation -

Mayor Cost informed the council she would be making the following proclamation as we do each year:

#### **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Strong family relationships constitute the foundation of our community; and

WHEREAS: Alienating behaviors are frequently seen in high-conflict divorces, separations, and asymmetrical custody arrangements but can occur in intact marriages; and

WHEREAS: Parental alienation is a term used to describe any number of behaviors and attitudes on the part of one parent designed to interfere, damage or destroy the relationship a child has with their other parent. It's a form of abuse that causes emotional trauma to children; and

WHEREAS: Parental alienation deprives children of their right to freely love and be loved by both parents, their extended family, and robs children of their sense of security; and

WHEREAS: Mental professionals agree that the negative effects of parental alienation can follow a child into adulthood with tragic consequences; and

WHEREAS: The recently published Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) made several references to the dysfunctional family dynamic of alienation to be a form of psychological child abuse; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 40,000 children in the State of Alabama were subjected to child custody determination in 2013; and

WHEREAS: Parental Alienation Prevention Week is intended to increase the knowledge and understanding of this problem to help Alabamians, institutions, the legal and mental health community, and leaders to better identify and combat such abusive behavior to children; and

**WHEREAS:** God so loved us, we also ought to love one another; love does no harm to its neighbor; therefore Children should be able to freely express the meaning of F.A.M.L.Y. =  $\underline{\mathbf{F}}$ ather  $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$ nd  $\underline{\mathbf{M}}$ other,  $\underline{\mathbf{I}}$   $\underline{\mathbf{L}}$ ove  $\underline{\mathbf{Y}}$ ou; and

WHEREAS: In honor of Parental Alienation Prevention Week, come and show your support by taking 10 minutes out of your day at noon, on Saturday, April 25, to blow soap "Bubbles for Love". Each bubble we blow will represent the love our children have and should be allowed to share with both their parents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I,	, Governor of the Town/City/State/Country of	_,
do hereby proclaim April 19 through A	April 25, 2015, as	
PARENTAL A	LIENATION PREVENTION WEEK	
And April 25, 2015, as	FION AWARENESS "Rubbles of Love" DAY	

Big Brothers & Sisters – The council decided to individually consider donating to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters' event called Boots and Buckles.

#### **Old Business:**

# Parade / Assembly Permit -

Chief Littleton reminded the Council that our Code states we need to have a completed parade permit form in order to approve parades. This would give us the form we need in order to be in compliance with our Code.

Council Member Nix made a motion to approve the permit. Council Member Goldsmith seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.



# **Parade / Assembly Permit Application**

This form must be <u>completely</u> filled out with all information pertaining to your event before submission. All forms are to be turned into the Office of the City Clerk at Montevallo City Hall.

Date of Application:		Parade / Assembly Date:		
Applicant Information:				
Name				
Address				
Home phone				
Work phone				
E-mail				

If the applicant is applying for the permit on behalf or for another person and will not be the organizer or responsible party at the Parade / Assembly, a written communication must be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk <u>before</u> the submission of the permit application form the person proposing to organize the Parade / Assembly authorizing the applicant to apply for the permit on their behalf.

#### Organization Information:

organization. Name of the event Organization name Is the event a Fundraiser? \_\_\_\_ What is the money being raised for? Parade Contact Person / Organizer: Name Address Phone Responsible Person at the Parade / Assembly: Name Address Phone Cell Phone E-mail Address: Parade / Assembly Information: Parade / Assembly Line Up Time Parade / Assembly Line Up Location\_\_\_\_\_ Parade / Assembly Start Time \_\_\_\_\_ Parade / Assembly Start Location Approx. finish time \_\_\_\_\_ Finish Location \_\_\_\_\_ Route Description (Streets, Sidewalks, etc. to be used during Parade / Assembly)

Complete if the Parade / Assembly is proposed to be conducted for, on behalf of, or by an

Participants:						
Number of Vehicles (trucks, cars, golf carts, floats)						
Number of Animals						
Number of Walking Participant Groups						
Approximate Number of People per Walking Group						
Will there be a presentation area or stage with sound equipment?						
If yes, where will it be located?						
Special Conditions:						
Emergency Medical Services						
Completion of this form does not automatically initiate or assume Emergency Medical Services (EMS) coverage. To secure EMS Coverage please contact the Montevallo Fire Department at 205-665-9204. Cost for stand-by coverage are size, scope duration and staffing requirement dependent for the specific event as determined by the Fire Department. If the Parade / Assembly coordinator chooses to utilize a private service for medical stand-by, a medical plan must be submitted and approved by the Montevallo Fire Department prior to the event.						
I have read and acknowledge the above statement (Initial):						
Noise Level:						
If understand that at any point in time before or during the course of this Parade / Assembly I am notified by a Montevallo Police Officer or person designated as a commissioned City Officer that the noise levels generated are too loud and are causing a public disturbance, I must turn the level down or be subject to any and all penalties and prosecutions under applicable State and Local Codes. The Montevallo Police Officer or other City Officer shall make the determination as to whether a Public Disturbance is occurring based upon reasonable complaints and his / her investigation into those reasonable complaints.						
I have read and acknowledge the above statement (Initial):						

### Deviation from the Parade / Assembly Route or Time:

I understand any deviation from the route of the parade / assembly along any point or deviation from the time set forth above for the parade / assembly is unlawful and will cause the parade / assembly to be ended at that time. All participants in the parade will start at the same location and end at the same location unless prior approval for the deviation is obtained from the City of Montevallo.

have read and acknowledge the above statement (Initial):				
whole of any street or sidewalk with violation of State Law and may caus	ticipants are not to interfere or block any part or nin the city limits of Montevallo and doing so is a se the Parade / Assembly to be ended at that time. I rection will be done by or under the supervision of the			
I have read and acknowledge the ab	ove statement (Initial):			
	nditions of the Parade / Assembly Permit. You will be al of this permit application. Any questions should 5-2555.			
Signature of Applicant:				
Date:	_			
APPROVED:	DISAPPROVED:			
DATE:				
Police Chief (Signature):				
City Clerk (Signature):				

### **Board Appointments:**

Mayor Cost informed the council that Lindsay Jennings works at Lucky's and has expressed an interest in serving on the Park Board. Council Member Nix made a motion to approve her appointment to the Board. Council Member Woodham seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

#### Other Business:

Mayor Cost informed the council there will be a meeting with the construction crew every other Friday at 10:00 a.m. The foundation will be poured next week and construction is to be completed in September. We decided to run a second line in regards to water but, as Brandon Broadhead noted, there are no sprinkler plans yet submitted.

Council Member Goldsmith made a motion to approve the \$7,000 bid from Dave's Construction for the new roof on the Scout Hut. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Mayor Cost thanked J.A. Brown once again for the gift that is making these improvements possible.

Council Member Woodham made a motion to approve the \$1,750 in grant matching funds to come from the Library's unallocated surplus fund. Council Member Peterson seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

# Citizen Participation: NONE

There being no further business before the council, Council Member Nix made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Woodham seconded. ALL AYES . . . MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:18 p.m.

Submitted by:

Herman Lehman City Clerk