

MINUTES

Montevallo City Council Work Session

May 10, 2021

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Rusty Nix, Council Member David King, Council Member Lelia Mitchell, Council Member Kenneth Dukes, Council Member Sonya Swords, Council Member Martha Eisenberg, were in attendance. Quorum present.

Work Session called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Rusty Nix.

Chief Littleton presented the Police Department Monthly Report. Chief Littleton reported there was a total of 545 calls, 91 Total Reports, 311 Traffic Citations, and 28 Total Arrests. He also advised 4 new units in Service Patrol Vehicles. Officer Mike Wilder's Report showed a total of 8 cases addressing properties that had: Overgrown Grass and Weeds, Trash and/or Debris, Inoperable Vehicles; 2 unsafe structures; 1 miscellaneous; 2 closed cases; 2 continuances for a Total this month of 10 and a Total Number of Cases for the Year is 42. See Appendix 1.

Chief Davis presented the Fire Department Monthly Report with a total of 64 calls: 40 EMS calls, 9 Lift Assists, 2 Structure Fires, 1 Brush Fire, 1 Electrical Fire, 7 MVC, 1 Assist Other Agency, 3 Fire Alarm and 16 Fire Inspections. See Appendix 2.

Councilman Dukes called on Kirk Hamby, Public Works Director and he reported that everyone had heard about potential gas shortages and that the Public Works Department ordered 2,000 gallons in preparation of a shortage. Three weeks ago, a light was installed at the City Cemetery shining toward the flag. The lighting was good but went ahead and added an additional light, so there is one shining down on flag and one shining up on flag. He reported the Veterans Banners are up for Memorial Day and will continue to complete flags and banners on Main Street.

Councilman Dukes called on Olivia Barone, Sustainability Coordinator. She reminded Council about the Weatherization Program in which Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded grants totaling \$3.2 million to assist low-income, elderly, and disabled Alabama residents to lower energy costs and if anyone had questions, they could call the Central Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission at 334-262-4300 ext. 217. She reported the lights at Hwy. 119/Hwy. 25 have been fixed and thanked Stone and Sons. ALDOT Permit for the four additional lights have been submitted and it could be an additional month to four months for approval. She attended the Southeastern Sustainability Director Network's Annual Meeting and reported to Council the network has been extremely valuable to build resources for Montevallo, gain tips from other cities and insight into resources and strategies. See Appendix 3.

Councilwoman Eisenberg called on Shane Baugh, Parks and Recreation Director, and he reported youth sports softball and baseball are wrapping up. Travel ball will continue. He

reported there is water damage to Orr Park fields as the water was 5 feet in dug outs. Bridge in Orr Park was damaged and plans to fix railings and bridge, creek bank has some erosion. Shoal Creek Park had crossties that washed out and cleanup is ongoing.

Councilwoman Mitchell called on Savannah Kitchens, Library Director for the Library Report. Savannah reported the LSTA 2022 (federal grant) has been applied for with matching grant support from the foundation which will allow the Library to revive the juvenile nonfiction section, recapped how awesome it was to have the vaccine clinic at the Library and would like to have another if needed, Dial-A-Story going well – 50 participants monthly, the Summer Reading Program brochures have been distributed to schools and daycares and Summer Reading Program launches June 3rd, the Library is in the process of creating 2 Little Free Library book outreach stations and the MJCC is going to help with the project, the Library is participating in POP the SUMMER with IMPACT Montevallo. See Appendix 4.

Councilwoman Mitchell called on IMPACT Director, Sarah Hogan. Sarah called on Olivia Gilbert, Junior Mayor, Montevallo Junior City Council (MJCC). Olivia reported the Super Youth Saturday is ongoing, Bird House Art Project was completed and asked Council to vote on their favorite, the MJCC is excited to be participating in the Little Free Library Project, and MJCC is planning a Drive-In movie POP the SUMMER and she reminded Council the Program is seeking applications from students from the eighth grade and up for nominations. The membership application is on the website and social media.

Sarah Hogan, Director of IMPACT Montevallo reported about the POP the SUMMER event to be held Saturday, May 15th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. to promote and educate a drug-free community for our youth and city. She invited City Council and the public to attend the free event and asked for volunteers.

Councilwoman Mitchell reported the last day of school for Montevallo Schools is Thursday, May 27th, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Teachers and staff last day of school will be Friday, May 28th, 2021, Montevallo High School graduation will be held May 24th at 6 p.m. The Boys and Girls Club, 205-665-4466 is search for a new Director as Freda Shivers is retiring. She reported The American Village is still closed due to Covid. And reminded everyone to wash their hands, social distance and wear a mask.

Councilwoman Swords called on Courtney Bennett, Executive Director Main Street Montevallo. Courtney reported Friday Nights at the Cove began on April 30th at Owl's Cove featuring Cam Spinks and there were 150 people in attendance. Friday Nights at the Cove events will be held the last Friday of each month for three more months. She reported the Façade Grant Program is available and encouraged interested parties to complete the application. She also reminded Council about the Shelby County Small Business of the Year Program and asked for

nominations. She reported to Council there are 90 Veteran Banners on display and thanked Public Works for their hard work in putting them up. See Appendix 5.

Councilwoman Swords called on Adele Nelson for the Chamber Report. Adele reported Chamber Chatter was delivered April 30th and placed copy in Council boxes, she reminded Council about the 2021 Small Business of the Year Program and asked for nominations. May 8th the Chamber sponsored an Alabama Pet Pantry at Shelby Emergency Assistance (SEA) for pet owners to get food and others to donate food and the Chamber will be participating again on June 19th and July 17th from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. The 2021 Montevallo Farmer's Market will be Monday, June 7th, 2021 from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. at Montevallo Baptist Church. See Appendix 6.

Councilwoman Swords advised the MDCD meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on May 11th, 2021.

Montevallo City Council Meeting

May 10, 2021

6:00 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Rusty Nix, Council Member David King, Council Member Lelia Mitchell, Council Member Kenneth Dukes, Council Member Sonya Swords, Council Member Martha Eisenberg, were in attendance. Quorum present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Call to Order – Mayor Rusty Nix called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Approval and/or corrections of the Minutes: 04.26.21

Councilwoman Mitchell made a motion to approve the Minutes, second Councilman King, All Ayes, Motion passed.

Recognitions / Awards: Proclamation read by Mayor Nix declaring May Mental Health Awareness Month; MJCC civically engaged members were recognized by MJCC President, Olivia Gilbert and presented the Most Engaged Member Award to Karen Nolan.

Opportunities for citizens to speak to the Council:

Chris Nelson 8775 Co. Rd. 73 addressed Council about the proposed Prison to be built in Brierfield, water board meeting on December 29th and addressed Councilwoman Mitchell and Councilwoman Swords since they serve on the Montevallo Water Works and Sewage Board, about letter of review.

Stephanie and Ron Prevatt 1061 Hidden Forrest Drive addressed Council about flooding and damage and need help with drainage issue. Wanted to know if Council could assist or intervene

by digging from Forrest Drive to the lake area as it is a chronic problem. Council members have discussed and there is an active HOA and developer that would need to be involved too.

Emily Stone 278 Hwy. 54 Addressed Council about the Boys and Girls Club and would like to see a proposal for a Community Center. She asked if there could be grant funds available or any other funding to make this happen. The current facility is not big enough for the community. Her phone number is: 205-587-6548.

Patricia Gilmore 111 Selma Road asked about the flooding around her house, and she thinks there may be a sink hole forming. City Clerk Steve Gilbert advised he spoke with city engineer and as soon as the water goes down work is planning to take place.

Committee Reports and Consideration of Bills:

Councilman King made a motion to pay the bills, second by Councilman Kenneth Dukes, All Ayes. Motion passed.

Public Health & Safety (Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, Housing Abatement, Planning and Zoning) – reported earlier.

Sustainability (Streets & Sanitation, Recycling, Arbor & Beautification, ValloCycle, Environmental Preservation Initiatives, and Historical Commission) – reported earlier.

Recreation, Preservation and Community Development (Parks & Recreation, Youth Athletics, Trails, Annexations) – reported earlier.

Education, Arts & Outreach (Schools, UM, Boys & Girls Club, Library, American Village, Sister City Commission, Artwalk, IMPACT) – reported earlier.

Finance, Economic Development & Tourism (Finance, MDCD, IDB, Chamber, Main Street) – reported earlier.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Board Appointments: None

Other Business: Shoal Creek Park to place Bird Houses. Motion made by Councilman King, Second by Councilwoman Eisenberg, All Ayes, Motion passed.

Citizen Participation: C. P. Pierson 1131 Oak Street had question on Facebook about any updates on hotel and Council advised non.

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Rusty Nix called for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn from Councilman King, second by Councilman Dukes, ALL Ayes.
MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Steve Gilbert
City Clerk / Treasurer