

MINUTES

Montevallo City Council Work Session

January 27, 2025

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Present: Mayor Rusty Nix, Council Member David King, Council Member Lelia Mitchell, Council Member Kenneth Dukes, Council Member Sonya Swords, Council Member Martha Eisenberg. Quorum present.

Work Session Called to Order at 5:30 P.M. by Mayor Nix with Quorum present.

Discussion of New Business Items:

- **Discussion of Ordinance 01132025-729**, an Ordinance to establish the monthly compensation of the Mayor and City Council.
- **Discussion of Recommendation to accept the bid of Metro Fence** in the amount of \$3,950 for the purpose of constructing an additional Auto Impound Area at the Recycling Center Property, to be leased to South Calera Towing Company.

Old Business: None

Other Business: Discussion of Recommendation of Finance Committee to budget \$27,000 for purchase of vehicle for City Hall, Code Enforcement, and other City Business (to place on next Council Agenda).

Board Appointments: None

Mayor Nix Called for Committee Reports:

Mayor Nix called on Council Member King for Public Health and Safety Reports. Council Member King called on Chief Littleton for the Police Report. Chief Littleton reported there were 58 Total Cases the month of January. See Appendix 1.

Council Member King reported Chief Davis, Fire Department had a conflict and could not attend but did submit a written report. Council Member King read the report: There were 59 Total Calls the first half of January. See Appendix 2.

Council Member David King reported the Planning and Zoning Commission would meet at 6 p.m. on February 20th at City Hall.

Mayor Nix called on Council Member Dukes for the Sustainability Reports. Council Member Dukes called on Kirk Hamby, Head of Public Works. Kirk reported Public Works used a sand spreader from Alabaster when there was snow and ice and advised Public Works may need to purchase one in the future.

Council Member Dukes read a letter advising the Arbor Board for City has received the Tree City USA status for 2024.

Council Member Dukes reported the Historical Preservation Commission (HPC) will meet on February 4th at 6 p.m. at the Parnell Memorial Library.

Mayor Nix called on Council Member Martha Eisenberg for Recreation, Preservation and Community Development. Council Member Eisenberg reported the work is underway on the renovation of the concession stand at Stephens Park; she reported the City of Montevallo has created a new staff position, Youth Sports Director; maintenance and care of the City parks will be done by the Public Works Department; two positions are currently open for Grounds Workers and are posted online on the City website.

Mayor Nix on Council Member Mitchell for Education, Arts, and Outreach. Council Member Mitchell called on Sarah Hogan Program Director Impact Montevallo. Sarah reported their statewide webinar, Weeding Out the Truth: Investigating Today's Marijuana Laws, Products & Precautions has been rescheduled for January 29th; Impact is partnering with the Parnell Memorial Library for an inaugural Backyard Book Fest on March 8th; Impact is working on updating their community resources list; creating a resource packet for local businesses to remind them and help them with compliance checks, Impact is working on an awareness campaign using survivor stories; the next Impact Coalition meeting will be held via Zoom on February 4th. There was no written report submitted.

Council Member Mitchell called on the Montevallo Junior City Council (MJCC) Junior Mayor Mary Elizabeth House. Mary Elizabeth reported that the MJCC has collected their boxes and turned in donations to the Shelby Humane Society; they held their first meeting last week; the MJCC is working on their Spring activities.

Council Member Mitchell advised Marissa Wilson, Director of the Parnell Memorial Library was unable to attend due to taking an online class. Council Member Mitchell reported there would be a blood drive on January 23rd; February calendar has been posted; have a busy month of programs planned for February. See Appendix 3.

Council Member Mitchell reported the University of Montevallo preregistration for the Pre K program is now open.

Council Member Mitchell thanked everyone that participated in the annual Health Walk last Saturday, it was a great event.

Mayor Nix called on Council Member Swords for Finance, Economic Development & Tourism. Council Member Swords called on Adele Nelson, Executive Director, Montevallo Chamber of Commerce. Adele reported the Chamber Chatter will be delivered on January 31st; 3rd Annual Montevallo Community Grant will be open February 1st; Montgomery Drive-In will be held February 5th; Blessing and Dedication of Fire Truck will be held February 15th. See Appendix 4.

Council Member Swords reported Courtney Bennett, Montevallo Main Street had a conflict but did submit a written report. Council Member Swords reported the report: Congratulations to the four winners of Main Street's Illuminate" Marketing Grant; they are sold out of tickets to their inaugural Monte Gras; the 2024 Annual Report is in Council Packets. See Appendix 5.

Council Member Swords reported the Finance Committee Meeting was held January 22nd and discussed budget for the Mayor and Council stipend and City Hall vehicle.

Montevallo City Council Meeting

January 27, 2025

6:00 P.M. at City Hall

Present: Mayor Rusty Nix, Council Member David King, Council Member Lelia Mitchell, Council Member Kenneth Dukes, Council Member Sonya Swords, Council Member Martha Eisenberg. Quorum present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Meeting called to order at 6 P.M. by Mayor Rusty Nix.

Approval and or corrections of the Minutes 1.13.25 – Motion by Council Member Mitchell, Seconded by Council Member King, All Ayes, Motion passed.

Recognitions/Awards: Proclamation Honoring Herbert (Herby) Milstead – Mayor Rusty Nix read the Proclamation and presented it to the Milstead family. See Appendix 6.

Opportunities for Citizens to speak to the Council: Council Member Dukes spoke to those present about Herby Milstead’s service to the community.

Steve Sears 170 Crestview Circle addressed Mayor and Council about a sign on bridge at Bulldog Crossing and presented concept.

Brenda Essix 508 Hwy 204 addressed Mayor and Council with questions about water sources for the City; referred to the Water Board for more answers.

Public Health & Safety (Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, Housing Abatement, Planning and Zoning) - Reported during Work Session.

Sustainability (Streets & Sanitation, Recycling, Arbor & Beautification, ValloCycle, Environmental Preservation Initiatives, and Historical Commission) - Reported during Work Session.

Recreation, Preservation and Community Development (Parks & Recreation, Youth Athletics, Trails, Annexations) – Reported during Work Session.

Education, Arts & Outreach (Schools, Library, UM, Boys & Girls Club, American Village, Sister City Commission, Artwalk, IMPACT) - Reported during Work Session.

Finance, Economic Development & Tourism (Finance, MDCD, IDB, Chamber, Main Street) – Reported during Work Session.

Consent to Pay the Bills: Mayor Nix asked for a Motion to Pay the Bills. Council Member King made a motion to pay the bills, Seconded by Council Member Dukes, All Ayes. Motion passed.

New Business:

- **Ordinance 01132025-729, an Ordinance to establish the monthly compensation of the Mayor and City Council. No Vote – Tabled until next Council Meeting. See Appendix 7.**
- **Recommendation to accept the bid of Metro Fence in the amount of \$3,950 for the purpose of constructing an additional Auto Impound Area at the Recycling Center Property, to be leased to**

South Calera Towing Company. Motion made by Council Member King, Seconded by Council Member Eisenberg, All Ayes, Motion Passed. See Appendix 8.

Old Business: None


Board Appointments: None

Other Business: None

Citizen Participation: Bobby C.P. Pierson 1131 SW Oak St addressed Mayor and Council about cars blocking driveway and asked who to call.

Adjourn: Mayor Nix called for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Council Member King, Seconded by Council Member Eisenberg, All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:13 P.M.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Gilbert", written over a horizontal line.

Steve Gilbert
City Clerk / Treasurer

APPENDIX 2

Montevallo Fire Department Report

January 1st - January 15th 2025

EMS- 42

Lift assist- 1

Structure Fire- 2

Brush Fire- 2

Dumpster Fire- 0

Electrical Fire - 0

Vehicle Fire- 1

Appliance Fire- 0

Fire Alarm - 4

MVC- 7

Fuel Spill/ gas leak- 0

Assist other agency- 0

Assist Public- 0

Assist Law Enforcement- 0

Total Calls for the first half of

January - 59

Brad Davis

Fire Chief

City of Montevallo

Montevallo Fire & Rescue Service

541 Main Street

Montevallo, AL 35115

Office- 205-666-2555. Ext. 705

PARNELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

JANUARY 27, 2025

- Mini music tomorrow at 10
- Book Club at 6:30, at Meri Moon
- Homeschool Hub at 10:15 on Thursday.
- February calendar is out
- Crochet and knitting club will be Feb 3, at 10:30. Bring your own Yarn
- 4H Art Club will be on Feb3 at 3:30, must register to attend. for elementary and middle school age.
- Play doh day Feb 7, at 11:30
- Galentines Brunch Feb 8th, for all age girls
- We are starting a Prime Timers group, every Monday at 10:30. Feb 10th, they will be making Valentines crafts
- Family Fun night is Feb 11th.
- Closed Feb 5 and 17th for Presidents day
- Adult Craft night will be Feb 20th
- In partner with the Montevallo Legacy Project, and APT, we are having our first Black History Program, at the library at 5:30 on Feb 27th

Chamber Council Report 1.27.25

- 1) **Feb. 2025 Chamber Chatter** will be delivered on Friday, Jan. 31st
- 2) **3rd Annual Montevallo Community Grant** will be Open February 1, 2025 and Close March 1, 2025 Applicants will need to have a Montevallo address and a current non-profit status with an EIN #. Starting on Feb 1, 2025, an application can be requested by emailing the Chamber at montevallochamber@gmail.com
- 3) **Montgomery Drive-In** / Wed. Feb. 5 / Montevallo Chamber will co-host with the Shelby Chamber, Hoover Chamber and 58 inc. / conference with State leaders
- 4) **J. ALEX Child Development Center Ribbon Cutting** Sat. Feb 8 / 10am / 1205 Ashville Road
- 5) **Blessing & Dedication** of Montevallo's New Fire Truck, Sat. Feb. 15 / 10am / Fire Station #1, 1140 Ashville Rd. / Public is invited, Please park at MHS Football Stadium
- 6) **Feb. Chamber Luncheon** / "Montevallo African American Heritage Trail" / Speakers: Montevallo Legacy Project reps. / Wed. Feb. 19 from 11:30am to 1pm ; noon - lunch \$15.00 per person , at Parnell Library meeting room, RSVP by FRI. 14



Adele Nelson

Executive Director

Montevallo Chamber of Commerce

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205.665.1519 office

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Report to City Council

January 27, 2025

Updates

- Congratulations to the 4 winners of our “Illuminate” Marketing Grants: Bradford Real Estate Group, Falcon Art Supply, Meri Moon, and Team Lehman/Su Casa. A press release will be published soon. We will also announce the three winners of our “Bright Ideas” Pitch Contest on Friday of this week. We’d like to thank Main Street Alabama and the Small Business Administration for this opportunity to financially support our businesses through this new initiative.
- We are pleased to report that we are officially SOLD OUT of tickets to our Inaugural Monte Gras Ball! This first-time event will be held this upcoming Saturday, February 1, and our goal is to make it an annual event. Tickets for a chance to win one of our giveaway baskets are still available for purchase for \$10/each online or from the Bradford Real Estate Office.
- Please see our enclosed 2024 Annual Report. Highlights include that we welcomed 4 new businesses to downtown Montevillo last year, 8 new supporting members, and 9 graduates of our CO.STARTERS program. We also hosted or contributed to more than 39 special events in 2024.

Courtney Bennett, Executive Director

How did we make our mark on Downtown?

INVESTMENT

- Welcomed 4 net new businesses to the District
- 8 new supporting members and 45 renewing members
- 3,732 volunteer hours served by 35+ volunteers
- Volunteer Training: 15 attended National Main Street Conference in Birmingham, 5 attended State Conference in Monroeville
- Hosted “Main Streets in Shelby County” tour as part of National Main Street Conference in May with 15 attendees, and as part of Main Street Alabama Quarterly Training in October with 57 attendees

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Hosted or contributed to 39+ special events in 2024
- Friday Nights at the Cove – 4 free concerts
- Presenting sponsor of 5th Annual Tinglewood Festival and 2nd Annual Day of the Dead Festival
- Promoting the arts by sponsoring DRUM the Program’s performance at 2nd Annual Juneteenth Celebration, live music at Art Walk, and supporting Montevallo Main Street Players and Arts Fest
- Sponsor of 3rd Annual Team Lehman/SEA Disc Golf Tournament, and Santa at MES Christmas Bazaar
- 5th Annual Blooming Bargains promotion
- 3rd Annual Spring Fling Family Food Truck Fest
- Small Business Saturday Promotional Video

- UM Orientation Craft Party at Parnell Memorial Library with 70 incoming students in attendance
- Partnered with Owen’s House to decorate downtown for Child Abuse Prevention Month
- 5th Annual Holiday Party for Volunteers and Members

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS

- 5 Façade Grants Completed at Montevallo Realty, The Type Shop, Falcon Art Supply, 615 Main Street, and 645 Main Street
- “Bienvenidos A Montevallo” mural completed at 620 Valley Street, funded by Main Street Alabama grant
- New Veteran Banners and Christmas bows purchased for Main Street
- Fall and Christmas decorations installed downtown
- 8th Annual Holiday Window Decorating Competition
- Community Christmas Tree ornament fund
- Continued Veteran Banner Program, with 158 veterans honored to date
- Updated photo Spots at Owl’s Cove Park and Post Office

OTHER PROJECTS

- Third cohort of CO.STARTERS - 9 graduates
- Partnered with UM Michael E. Stephens College of Business and Montevallo Chamber to promote Falcon Consulting and 2025 Business Basics Course



9
CO.STARTERS
GRADUATES



8
NEW
MEMBERS



4
NET NEW
BUSINESSES



PARTNERSHIPS WITH IMPACT MONTEVALLO

- Inaugural K.A.S.H. (Kids' Action Side Hustle) Market with Alabama Public Television, Montevallo Chamber, and Parnell Memorial Library
- 3rd Annual Spring Fling Family Food Truck Fest with DRUM the Program
- Elf Scavenger Hunt

PARTNERSHIPS WITH MONTEVALLO CHAMBER

- Blooming Bargains Promotion with American Village
- Owl's Cove Photo Spot
- Joint advertising initiatives
- Collectible Christmas ornament fundraiser

RECOGNITIONS

- Magic Maker Award presented to CO.STARTERS facilitator Maggie Hall at Montevallo Chamber's Community Awards

VETERAN BANNER PROGRAM

- 158 veterans honored with customized banners...and counting!

ADVERTISING

- Advertised downtown in Shelby County Reporter's Annual Profile, Montevallo map, Football Guide, Shelby County Football Show, and Shelby Living Gift Guide
- Installed Online Dining Guide QR Code signage at Montevallo Parks
- Printed brochures, including Downtown Dining, Pendleton Hydrant Parade, Public Art Trail
- Provided Downtown Dining rack card and Business Guide to incoming UM students

FACADE GRANT PROGRAM

- 5 projects completed
- Grant Funds Disbursed since 2018: \$58,275.36
- Total Private Investment since 2018: \$137,616.48

MAIN STREET ALABAMA AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

- Main Street Hero Award: Adele Nelson
- Excellence in Property Activation: 747 Main Street
- Excellence in Planning and Public Space: Shining Star Sculpture





PROCLAMATION

In Honor and Memory of Herbert "Herby" Otis Milstead

WHEREAS, Herbert Otis Milstead, born on July 2, 1945, entered eternal rest on December 17, 2024, at his home in Montevallo, Alabama, at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, Herbert was a devoted husband to his beloved wife of 56 years, Barbara Farnell Milstead and together they had two children and five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Herbert was a man of deep faith and tireless service, he was an active member of Montevallo First United Methodist Church, where he served as a Trustee, Property Maintenance Chairman, United Methodist Youth Fellowship Counselor, and participated in the Men's Club, Administrative Council, and Prayer Counselor; and

WHEREAS, His commitment to his community was evident through decades of involvement. He worked as a U.S. Postal Letter Carrier for 36 years and later as a courier for People's Bank. He also dedicated himself to civic service as a Volunteer Firefighter for 16 years, two-term Montevallo City Councilman, and Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission. He also served as president of the Montevallo Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, His contributions extended to youth programs as a Scoutmaster, Cub Scout leader, and coach for T-ball, baseball, and youth football; and

WHEREAS, Herbert was a graduate of Montevallo High School (Class of 1963) and a student at the University of Montevallo, he supported local schools as President of the Montevallo High School Troubadours Band Boosters, an announcer for MHS football games, and a member of the MHS Bench Warmers Club; and

WHEREAS, Among his many honors were being named Montevallo's Citizen of the Year in 1982 and a Montevallo Hometown Hero in 2018. In 2019, he received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award from Meals on Wheels;

NOW, THEREFORE, to further share awareness of Herbert "Herby" Milstead's contribution to the City of Montevallo, Alabama, I, Mayor Rusty Nix, do hereby proclaim, recognize, and honor his service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 27th day of January 2025.



Rusty Nix, Mayor
City of Montevallo



ORDINANCE NO. 01132025-729

An Ordinance Establishing the Salary of the Mayor and Councilmembers

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEVALLO, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the salary of the Mayor of the City of Montevallo, Alabama shall be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum of \$2,250.00 per Month.

Section 2. That each Councilmember of the City of Montevallo, Alabama shall be compensated at the sum of \$ 500.00 per Month.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective on the first Monday in November, 2025, and shall continue in force and effect until repealed by action of the Council.

Section 4. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable; if any portion of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE ___ DAY OF February, 2025.

Rusty Nix, Mayor

ATTEST:

Steve Gilbert, City Clerk

OWNER
Jason Fisher

PROPOSAL

INDUSTRIAL AND
RESIDENTIAL
ERECTORS



"Always, A Quality Job"

805 Pinewood Avenue
Hueytown, AL 35023

205-424-9400
205-368-1856

DESIGN, CONSTRUCT & INSTALL CHAIN LINK FENCES

TO City of Montevallo DATE 1-21-25
 ADDRESS 1120 Overland rd TELEPHONE NR 688-6320
 LOCATION Recycling Center JOB LOG NR _____

SPECIFICATIONS: ALL WORK WILL BE PERFORMED IN A WORKMANLIKE MANNER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD PRACTICE. ALL POST SET IN CONCRETE.

- TOTAL HEIGHT _____
- POST SPACED _____
- STYLE FENCE _____
- GAUGE 11 1/2" ECONO
- KNUCKLED
- TWISTED
- TERMS - CASH
- 1/2 START 1/2 COMPLETION
- CASH ON COMPLETION
- GATE ORNAMENTS
- TOP RAIL 1 3/8" O.D.
- LINE POST 1 5/8" O.D.
- END POST 2 1/2" O.D.
- CORNER POST 2 1/2" O.D.
- WALK GATE POST 2 1/2" O.D.
- DRIVE GATE POST 2 1/2" O.D.
- GATE FRAMES 1 3/8" O.D.

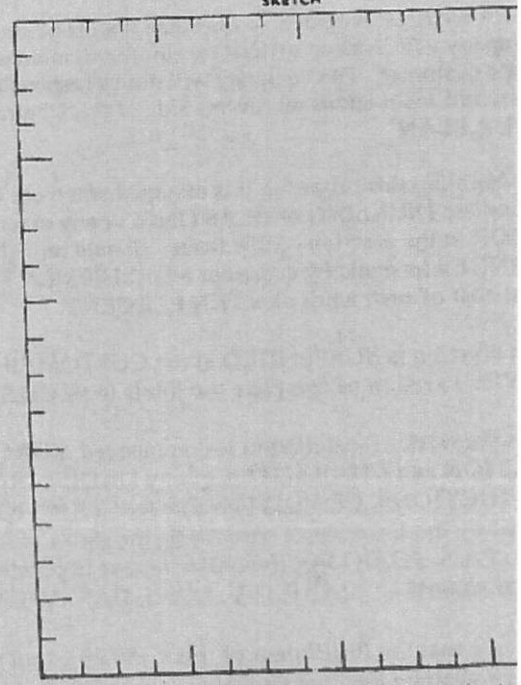
KEY

- Fence to be erected _____
- Tie-ons (get permission) x _____
- Terminal Post o _____
- Existing Fence x x x x _____
- Walk Gate _____
- Double Gate _____
- Clothes Post Location Must be shown on plan. Indicate if sides are shared.

- TOP RAIL _____
- LINE POST _____
- END POST _____
- CORNER POST _____
- WALK GATE POST _____
- DRIVE GATE POST _____
- GATE FRAMES _____

150' 6' Galv
Chain link with Barbwire
1-16' Double Gate

TOP RAIL OF FENCE TO FOLLOW GROUND BE LEVEL WITH LOWEST OR BE LEVEL WITH HIGHEST GROUND



FOR YOUR PROTECTION ON PAYMENTS TO US, USE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO COMPANY AS SHOWN ON HEADING OF THIS SALES CONTRACT, CREDIT CARD ADD 4 PERCENT.

TOTAL 3950.⁰⁰
 SALES TAX _____
 DOWN _____
 TOTAL _____

THE COMPANY _____
 TERMS: MONTHLY PAYMENTS _____ FOR _____ MONTHS

Contract Specifications on back are part of this contract.
 ACCEPTED _____