

MINUTES

Montevallo City Council Work Session

June 14, 2021

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Rusty Nix, Council Member David King, Council Member Lelia Mitchell, Council Member Sonya Swords, Council Member Martha Eisenberg, were in attendance. Council Member Kenneth Dukes, Absent. 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 cumulative 691 Total Calls, 92 Cases, 422 Traffic Citations, 16 Arrests, 527 Traffic Stops, 422 Traffic Citations, and 29 Total Arrests. Chief Littleton presented the Code Enforcement Report which had a Total of 4 Cases addressing properties that had Overgrown Grass and Weeds, 1 Trash and/or Debris, 1 Inoperable Vehicles, 1 Unsafe Structure, 1 Miscellaneous, 2 Closed Cases, 4 Continuances for a Total of 8 Cases this Month and a Total Number of Cases for the Year of 61. See Appendix 1.

Chief Davis presented the Fire Department Monthly Report with a total of 117 Total Calls, 32 EMS Calls, 9 Lift Assists, 1 Structure Fire, 2 Electrical Fires, 2 Fire Alarms, 4 MVC, Total of 51 Calls for the Second Half of May and 117 for the Year. He reported the Fire Prevention Division had a Total of 18 Fire Inspections, 1 Pre-Plan, 1 Reinspection. See Appendix 2.

Council Member David King advised Planning and Zoning Commission will meet this Thursday, June 17th at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and is open to the public. The Commission will be discussing Colonial Oaks Phase 7. City Clerk Steve Gilbert advised this meeting is also a Public Hearing and has been advertised. If anyone needs to address any issues to contact him by email or drop a letter off to his office by 5:30 p.m. before the meeting.

Kirk Hamby Public Works Department reported the flags went up before Memorial Day, remained for Flag Day, and will remain on display until after the July 4th Holiday. The banners will be changed out in the next few days. He reported the grapple trailer has been very effective and has cut down time, which is more efficient. He reported the truck was still on hold by the manufacturer and estimated time delivery is August. He reported the rain has caused potholes and the department is repairing. Council Member Sonya Swords advised Kirk she had a constituent call about Cochise Street having mud and water. Kirk advised the department has been there and the drain is clean. He was informed by the Senior Center they are needing volunteer drivers for the Meals on Wheels Program and 8 people that currently use the service. If anyone would like to volunteer, the priority is on Thursday and takes about 45 minutes, call him at 205-665-9206.

Mayor Nix called on Olivia Barone, Sustainability Coordinator. She reported the ADECA Energy Efficiency Grant that had been received had \$461 funds remaining to spend. She has been working with Fire Chief Davis about retrofitting lights at Station 2 to LED. She reported the total project would cost \$684.80 and asked if Council would approve an additional \$223.80 to fund the project. The payback would be less than a year. Once approved from Council she would submit scope of work and budget amendments to ADECA. She advised the Future ADECA Grant for 2021 is due in July. See Appendix 3.

Council Member Eisenberg gave the report on behalf of Shane Baugh, Parks and Recreation Department Head. She reported the bridge in Orr Park is still in need of repairs and there is a problem with people trying to use the bridge. She reported the tape and sign continues to be pulled down and the remedy is to place a “No Trespassing - Violators will be Prosecuted” sign. Mayor Nix asked Chief Littleton if the Police Department would step up patrols in the area because nobody needs to be on the bridge. Mayor Nix reported there was a Travel Ball Tournament for Girls 10 years and under over the weekend at Stephens Park. Mayor Nix went by the tournament and the parking lot was packed. Shane Baugh advised Mayor Nix that there are 3 more tournaments scheduled for the next 3 weeks and is a good boost for sales tax in the City. Council Member Eisenberg reported the City of Montevallo is hosting the “Greening Your Community Workshop” on Thursday, June 15th and participants will tour Shoal Park and then spend the day hearing various speakers on Greening Communities. Mayor Nix reported Shoal Creek Park has a new bird sign that was purchased through the Foundation and is asking Council to approve putting up the sign which will be under Other Business on the agenda. City Clerk Steve Gilbert reported to Council he has asked for bids to repair the Orr Park Bridge and is waiting on bids to come in for review.

Council Member Mitchell called on Savannah Kitchens, Library Director for the Library Report. Savannah reported there had been 17,441 items checked out from the Library, there have been 865 Database Searches, 1,395 WiFi & Computer Sessions, 1,136 visits to the Library, 100 program participants and 63 phone calls. She reported the Library is offering 7 Programs and Services. She advised Council the Montevallo Junior City Council (MJCC) did a great job painting the Little Free Library and is looking forward to it being installed in Dailey Park soon. She reported to Council as part of the Libraries Transforming Communities Grant received from the American Library Association they will be able to update the meeting room with lighter tables and chairs and asked that the current tables and chairs be declared Surplus. Some of tables and chairs will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club. She advised the Summer Reading Program is going well and the free craft kits have been very popular. She advised in October 2020 three of our legislators (Sen. Cam Ward, Rep. April Weaver and Rep. Matt Fridy) gave a community grant that will be used to purchase and install new browsing bins. The Library will also receive funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which will allow for the purchase of one additional patron computer for the Library. She reported Tie Dye Day will be Thursday, June 24th 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. outside the Library on the sidewalk. See Appendix 4.

Sarah Hogan, Director of IMPACT Montevallo gave the report for the Montevallo Junior City Council (MJCC). She reported the MJCC Charging Stations for Orr Park, a Student Institute Project, have been received and they will be working with Shane Baugh to have them installed. She reported to Council she attended the Alabama Safe Schools Conference last week along with SROS, Officers Holloway & Wilhite. More than 750 were in attendance and they were briefed on current drug trends, mental health resources, legalities and laws associated with working in schools, and strategies to work with our diverse population. Our SROs successfully completed courses to earn NASRO, National Association of School Resource Officer Certifications. She thanked the Impact Montevallo Coalition members for approving funding for this critical training and the support of Chief Littleton. She will be meeting Chief Littleton to discuss what they had learned. She reported Camp Journey would be June 21st – June 25th at Montevallo High School for 6th grade students and it's a free program to educate students on the skills to navigate through the issues they will face as they move to middle school. She reported the Youth Banner Project is extended and open to the public and is contacting the Boys and Girls Club, Parnell Public Library, and other entities to encourage participation for banner designs. See Appendix 5.

Council Member Mitchell reported the American Village will be open to the public for Red, White and Blue Days every Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. June 14th – July 30th and admission is \$5 per person. The American Village announced it will offer a full year of school programs beginning October 1st. See Appendix 6.

Pledge of Allegiance

Montevallo City Council Meeting

June 14, 2021

6:00 p.m. at City Hall

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

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

Approval and/or corrections of the Minutes: 05.24.21

Council Member Mitchell made a motion to approve the Minutes, second Council Member Eisenberg, All Ayes, Motion passed.

Recognitions / Awards: Mayor Nix read a “Thank you” letter from the Falcon Flight students on their recent participation at the Senior Center. See Appendix 7.

Opportunities for citizens to speak to the Council:

C. P. Pierson 1131 South Oak Street asked Council if the City has applied for COVID monies and will it be dispersed to employees. He addressed concerns about the turn on Hwy. 119 and Dollar General and expressed it needs a turn lane. He asked Council to waive fees for the food trucks that will be participating at a Voting Rights Event on July 25th and asked Council if pressure washing could be done at the Parnell Memorial Library and asked how an issue regarding unsafe living conditions at residences should be addressed. See Appendix 8.

Several scouts and the Troop Leader from Girl Scout Troop 205 addressed Council about the need for handicap swings at Orr and other city parks and they are planning a fundraiser to make the project possible. A goal of the \$2,000 needed will be funded by having a car wash and by bagging groceries for tips. Refer project to Parks and Recreation.

Kenneth Paschal 216 Huntley Parkway, Pelham addressed Council about the Special Election for House District 73 being held on July 13th and asked everyone to vote and his name would be on the ballot. He asked everyone to get out and vote.

Council Member Swords called on Courtney Bennett, Executive Director Main Street Montevallo. Courtney reported Montevallo Main Street has again received its annual Accreditation from the National Main Street Center for 2021 and advised Council there is a Press Release in their packets. See Appendix 9.

Also, this month is the 5th anniversary as a Designated Main Street Program. She reported 9 applications were received for the Façade Grant Program and is pleased to announce all will be funded pending approval from the City of Montevallo's Design Review Committee. The projects are slated to bring almost \$45,000 in improvements to the downtown District. She reported they are adding 5 more Veteran Banners to the rotation for July 4th which will bring the total to 94 personalized banners on display. She thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work installing the banners. Friday Nights at the Cove featured DRUM the Program and was well attended bringing 156 people to the park. The next event will be on Friday, June 25th and will feature "Miss Kim as Aretha" to pay tribute to the Queen of Soul. She thanked Team Lehman for sponsoring this event. See Appendix 10.

Councilwoman Swords spoke on behalf of Adele Nelson, Montevallo Chamber of Commerce, and reported the Farmers Market started today and will be held each Monday from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and will continue through August. The Chamber is hosting a Job Fair at the Parnell Memorial Library on July 11th. The Finance Committee Meeting will be held on June 23rd at 6:00 p.m. The monthly MDCD Meeting was held today at 1 p.m.

Committee Reports and Consideration of Bills:

Council Member King made a motion to pay the bills, second by Council Member Mitchell, 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 during in/during regular council meeting.

Finance, Economic Development & Tourism (Finance, MDCD, IDB, Chamber, Main Street) – reported during in/during regular Council Meeting.

New Business: Ordinance 06142021-322 of the City of Montevallo, Alabama, to exempt certain items from the Municipal Sales and Use Tax during the third full weekend of July 2021, as authorized by Act 2017-120, generally referred to as the State Sales Tax Holiday Legislation. Mayor Rusty Nix advised Council needed to suspend the rules to vote as the Ordinance needs to be turned in tomorrow. City Clerk Steve Gilbert read the ordinance. Motion to suspend the rules made by Council Member King, Second by Council Member Eisenberg. Council then voted on Ordinance 06142021-322, Motion to approve by Council Member King, Second by Council Member Eisenberg, All Ayes, Motion Passed. See Appendix 11.

Motion to return to regular business made by Council Member Mitchell, Second by Council Member King, All Ayes, Motion Passed.

Resolution 06142021-323 of the City of Montevallo to allow Mayor Nix to engage the services of Garver Engineering USA for the sealed bidding process for construction of a City Storm Shelter #2 to be located on BOE property near Fire Station #1. Motion made by Council Member King, Second by Council Member Swords, 1 Nay Council Member Eisenberg, Motion Passed.

Resolution 06142021-324 of the City of Montevallo to allow Mayor Nix to enter into negotiation with City Bowls, LLC, and Wasabi Juan’s LLC for the purpose of a lease agreement. Motion by Council Member King, Motion died, No Second. See Appendix 12.

Old Business: None

Board Appointments: Nick Neill – ValloCycle Board – Term to Expire 06/30/2026, George Henry – Planning and Zoning Commission – Term to Expire 06/30/2026. Motion made by Council Member King to approve as a slate, Second by Council Member Eisenberg, All Ayes, Motion Passed.

Other Business: Savannah Kitchens, Parnell Memorial Library requested permission to declare tables and chairs surplus items. Motion to declare items surplus made by Council Member King, Second by Council Member Mitchell, All Ayes, Motion Passed. See Appendix 13.

Olivia Barone, Sustainability Coordinator requested Council approve \$223.80 from the City’s General Fund to add to the ADECA Energy Efficiency funds of \$461 to retrofit Fire Station 2 lights to LED and the total project will cost \$684.80. Motion to approve funds in the amount of \$223.80 for upgrading lights at Fire Station 2 made by Council Member King, Second by Council Member Swords, All Ayes, Motion Passed. See Appendix 14.

Request for vendor fees to be waived fees for the Voting Rights Event being held on July 25th. Motion made by Council Member King, Second by Council Member Mitchell, All Ayes, Motion Passed.

Request for Bird Sign to be put up in Shoal Creek Park. The sign to be paid for by the Shoal Creek Park Foundation. Motion made to approve by Council Member King, Second by Council Member Eisenberg, All Ayes, Motion Passed. Appendix 15.

Citizen Participation: None

C. P. Pierson 1131 South Oak Street addressed Council about the Victory Building Resolution and stated Council should have brought up any questions during the Work Session.

Arthur Herbert 165 Meadowview Road thanked Council for appointing Nick Neill to serve on the ValloCycle Board and he addressed Council about having Financial Statements available to all Council Members.

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Rusty Nix called for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion to Adjourn made by Council Member King, Second by Council Member Mitchell, All Ayes. MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Steve Gilbert
City Clerk / Treasurer