

# MINUTES

## Montevallo City Council Work Session January 26, 2015 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Hollie C. Cost, Council Member Rusty Nix, Council Member Jason Peterson, Council Member Willie Goldsmith and Council Member Dee Woodham (arrived at 5:37 p.m.) were in attendance. Council Member Sharon Gilbert was absent.

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

Chief Littleton was at the Chief's Association Conference. Lt. Tim Alexander presented the Police Department report:

Montevallo Police Department Stats

	January-15	February-15	March-15	April-15	May-15	June-15	July-15	August-15	September-15	October-15	November-15	December-15	Total
Total Cases	65												
Criminal Cases	26												
Non-Criminal	10												
Traffic Accidents	5												
Traffic Citations	45												
DUI Arrests	1												
Public Intox Arr	0												
Alias Arrests	9												
Juvenile Arrests	0												
Misd Arrests	4												
Felony Arrests	0												
Drug Related	0												
Total Arrests	15												
Auto Thefts	0												
Auto Recoveries	0												
Burglaries	2												
Auto Burglaries	1												
Criminal Mischief	3												
D.V. Related	5												
Assaults	2												
Fraud / Forgery	2												
Harass / Heck	3												
Misc. Offenses	0												
Robberies	0												
Thefts / Attempts	10												
Death Investigation	0												0

Karen Kilar  
1:44 PM  
1/20/2015

# Code Enforcement Activity Report

## January 12, 2015 – January 26, 2015

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<u>Junk Cars Inspections</u>	-0
Pending	-1
Closed	-0
<u>Animal Complaints Inspections</u>	-1
Pending	-0
Closed	-1
<u>Abandoned Buildings/Houses</u>	-0
Pending	-27
Closed	-0
<u>Un-Kept Property Inspections</u>	-1
Pending	-3
Closed	-1
<u>Misc. Complaints</u>	-2
Pending	-2
Closed	-0
<u>Total New Inspections This Period</u>	-4
<u>Total Inspections Year To Date</u>	-7

**Inspections This Period Pending**

Property located in 2000 Block of Highway 119

Housing Abatement Board has met. Determining which structures to move forward on and the procedures for abatement.

Valley St. Spoke to owner of property in yard. Told to move property to open street to two lanes.

**Inspections Pending Continued from Last Period**

Cost list of the Buckingham Circle abatement has been sent to owner.

One residence on Oxford Circle has trash piled behind it, has been abandoned. Notice to clean property sent to owner.

Inoperable Vehicle on Highland Street. Notification sent to owner and posted on vehicle.

Hwy 119 near FD Station 2 – property overgrown / trash in yard

White St – Dumping other than cart – Yard has been cleared of tires and other trash. Furniture removed from roadside, foam and carpet still present. Unknown if residents moved out.

Norfolk Southern Railroad is sending someone to check trash at Hwy 25 and Selma Rd to determine if it is on their right of way. If it is, equipment will be brought from Mobile to remove.

**Cases Closed this Period**

Stray dog complaint in the area of Railroad Ave. Dog caught by animal control and taken to Shelby County humane Shelter.

Shoshone Dr. Property cleaned up and debris removed.

Chief Bill Reid presented the Fire Department Report. He drew the council's attention to two large bills in his folder. Otherwise, he said they were doing business as usual.

Council Member Nix asked if we ever heard anything from Norfolk Southern about the trash along the track. Lt. Alexander informed the council that Norfolk Southern has agreed to clean the tracks. This should be completed in about 4 weeks. Mayor Cost added that she is going to get the Housing Authority involved in this effort, as well. She said the trash may be coming from their residents dumping in that area.

Kirk Hamby announced that we have hired a new Landscape Specialist to manage the Promenade, Library, new City Hall and Main Street landscaping.

(Council Member Woodham arrived at 5:37 p.m.)

Mr. Hamby said the new employee is highly qualified and very experienced regarding landscaping maintenance. Mayor Cost added that this is what we've needed. This new employee also is working on his herbicide certification.

Mr. Hamby reminded the council that UM will be playing its first girls' softball game at the new field in Orr Park next Sunday. He noted that the concrete work at Stephens Park is complete and they are adding the finishing touches to the complex. Our Safe Routes to School project has started. We're helping to haul dirt to that project in order to keep our costs down. Softball has begun. Registration for baseball is on-going.

Council Member Nix asked if the children playing volleyball will be able to participate in other sports at the same time. Mr. Hamby said they may be able to work that out. However, there may still be some scheduling conflicts they'll need to work through.

Lee Waites provided an update for ValloCycle. He said they need some help transporting bikes to their new storage facility. Mr. Hamby said his crews would help. Mr. Waites said they also need to purchase 12 hooks to hang bikes as part of their bike sculpture project. He reminded the council that Tour De Cure is coming up in June. He said they need more riders for the ValloCycle team. He said he is also trying to organize things so that the next ValloCycle Chairperson will have things updated and clear. He said he also has a student liaison working on email blasts at UM to help generate interest in the program.

Mayor Cost discussed the need to identify the best buildings for the proposed bike sculptures.

Cindy Holsombeck informed the council of the following:

***The City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, City of Florence, the City of Daphne, the City of Albertville, the City of Boaz, the City of Troy, the City of Huntsville, the City of Dothan, the City of Montevallo, the City of Guntersville, the East Alabama Recycling Partnership, by and through Auburn University, and the Alabama Environmental Council have agreed to work together to establish and maintain a comprehensive and coordinated recycling program in the state of Alabama, and pursue grant funding through the Alabama Recycling Fund grant program administered by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.***

*This grant will be administered by the City of Tuscaloosa and will produce and distribute public service announcements to promote recycling. At the end of each commercial, the last five seconds will feature graphics promoting local recycling programs. These commercials will run on local television stations in Huntsville, Birmingham, Montgomery and Mobile.*

*No match money will be required from the City of Montevallo. Montevallo's Recycling Center and our curbside service will be featured in the Birmingham area ads.*

Council Member Peterson said he attended last week's Arbor Board meeting. They were primarily working on Arbor Day, which is set for February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Woodham informed the council that we are looking into the possibility of obtaining a grant to assist with stream restoration in Orr Park. She also noted that the Trail Committee is continuing to discuss trail options at the Mahler property.

Mayor Cost reported that the Montevallo Youth Center opened last Monday in the Scout Hut. Our new Youth Director is Allison Smith. We are currently seeking donations of food to help feed the kids at the center.

Council Member Woodham informed the council that Michael Harmon has some recycled concrete we could use for rip-rap along Shoal Creek. Mr. Hamby said it can be used as long as it is clean.

Ms. Holsombeck updated the council on the status of the historical surveys at the Mahler property. She said that the Architectural Survey of Perry Hall is ready to begin. However, the commencement of the Archeological survey has been postponed. The State Historical Commission has pushed our project's start date to their next fiscal year. This will not impact our grant award.

Mayor Cost noted that Council Member Gilbert is absent because her mother is very ill. She asked everyone to keep Council Member Gilbert and her mother in their thoughts and prayers.

The City Clerk presented the Library Report as provided by Ms. Williams:

Notes for City Council January 26<sup>th</sup>

- Literacy tutoring for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders started last week.
- Tomorrow we will be showing the hit movie "The Box Trolls" at 3:30 p.m. in our theatre
- Chess Club for high school students will meet Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30. Call the library to register.
- Web site visits from January 13<sup>th</sup> through January 26, 2015: 1,689
- We had our weigh-ins for Scale Back Alabama last week. 56 people registered. Competitors will weigh again in April. Check with the library for dates and times.
- We are having a big book sale. Hardcover for 25 cents and fill two reusable totes for \$8.00. Proceeds support the library.

Council Member Woodham reminded everyone that the Finance Committee meeting is Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. She informed the council that the MDCD audit is complete. She noted that work at Stephens Park is nearly complete, as well. Plans on Main Street are being finalized. The track project turf is 80% installed. The whole project should be finished by the end of February. Softball stadium is complete and the first game is Sunday. Lighting in Orr Park is almost finished, as well. The pathway lighting should be complete in March. The street sign replace project is 55% complete. Wayfinding is still on hold. Middle Street design work is underway.

Council Member Woodham also discussed a recommendation from Trey Gauntt that that the final phase of our paving project be delayed until summer of 2016. She said this could help to give us more flexibility in the event of cost overruns on our other on-going projects. Council Member Nix expressed his concerns with taking money away from paving. Mayor Cost said we would look into this suggestion further and put it on an upcoming Agenda for future consideration.

Council Member Woodham informed the council that the next IDB meeting is February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Cost welcomed all of the visitors and students to the meeting.

***Montevallo City Council Meeting***  
**January 26, 2015**  
**6:00 p.m. at City Hall**

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

**Meeting Called to Order** - Mayor opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance** - Directed by the Montevallo Girl Scouts.

**Student Recognitions / Awards:**

Mayor Cost and Principal Campbell recognized the following from Montevallo Elementary School:

Anna Kate Dearman (Student Leader of the Month)  
Taryn Wilson

Amanda Harrison (Educator of the Month)

Rachel Ruis  
Beverly Hendrick  
Kamie Jones  
Taylor Perry  
Loran Murphy  
Linley Roberts

Mayor Cost and Principal Lewis recognized the following from Montevallo Middle School:

**Students:**

Elizabeth Hughston  
Michaela Martin  
Peter Jackson  
Brooklyn Lee  
Ciara Haynes  
Raven Brewer  
Michael Miranda de Jesus

**Teacher:**

Natalie Jackson

Mayor Cost and Principal Hester recognized the following from Montevallo High School:

**Academic Excellence**

Kayci Forrest  
Samantha Howard  
Arlayvreon Bolden  
TaVarius Holman  
Allyssa Gewalt

**Excellence in Service**

Amilyia Farrington  
Jordynn Thomas  
Destyni Peoples  
Tre'Shawn Brown  
Darquiaius Anderson  
Adam Jones  
Jose Alvarado  
Ana Ayala  
Thomas Frost  
Emri Hannah  
Baylee Easterling  
Cory Cutts

### **Staff Award of Excellence**

McKenzie Wayman

Betty Walker

**Approval and/or corrections of the minutes** – Council Member Goldsmith made a motion to approve the Minutes from January 12, 2015 as presented. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

### **Opportunities for citizens to speak to the Council**

Thomas Heard addressed the council and reported that he talked to Mr. Hamby and the tree issue affecting his property appears to be in the process of being resolved. He also mentioned that Ms. Fulgham had some concerns about activity at her property.

Mr. Hamby said he knows that Matthew Burgess, our City Engineer, is looking into the drainage problems Ms. Fulgham is experiencing.

Ms. Fulgham said that someone has been digging holes in her backyard. She said the water problems are continuing to damage her property.

Mayor Cost said she will follow up with Mr. Burgess and let Ms. Fulgham know what he's determined ASAP.

### **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.

Mayor Cost informed everyone that the MLK Day Parade and celebration went well. They are discussing ways to expand and improve the program for next year.

Mayor Cost also informed everyone that our new City App is ready to be downloaded. Our intern, Rachel, is continuing to make improvements to the App.



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

**Consent Agenda: NONE**

**New Business: NONE**

**Old Business: NONE**

**Board Appointments: NONE**

**Other Business:**

Mayor Cost notified the council that Alabama Power has agreed to let us use the Recycling Center to house the Arts Council Offices. However, they needed us to approve an amendment to that effect to our original lease – which has been done.

Council Member Nix asked if we ever followed through on the possibility of relocating our City Shop to that location. The Mayor said we had not. We looked into the possibility. However, it was determined that the facility would not be suitable to meet our needs.

Council Member Woodham discussed the need to create an advisory board for the Shoal Creek Park project.

*Shoal Creek Park (SCP)  
Advisory Board  
1-26-15*

*Request: Councilmember Woodham is requesting authority to create an Advisory Board for SCP.*

*Purpose: To exchange ideas, provide guidance and advise the Mayor and the Montevallo City Council on the establishment, structure and operations of SCP including but not limited to:*

- *Organizational Structure*
- *Land Use*
- *Funding Strategy*
- *Long Range Planning*

*Potential Members include representatives from:*

- *City of Montevallo*
- *Shelby County*
- *Colleges, Universities and High School educators (i.e. University of Montevallo)*

- *American Village*
- *Businesses*
- *Legal advisors with real estate, nonprofit and/or municipal experience*
- *Conservation organizations (i.e. Freshwater Land Trust)*
- *Philanthropists and private foundation members*
- *Design and Landscape architects experience*
- *Representatives from historical, cultural and art associations*

*The Advisory Board will engage community stakeholders and lead efforts to develop a public use plan for SCP that reflects the vision and needs of the citizens of Montevallo.*

Council Member Woodham stressed that all final decisions regarding the park would still be determined by the City Council.

Council Member Nix made a motion to authorize the creation of this board as described above. Council Member Goldsmith 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 Goldsmith seconded. ALL AYES . . . MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Herman Lehman  
City Clerk