

MINUTES

Montevallo City Council Work Session

October 23, 2017

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Hollie Cost, Council Member Rusty Nix, Council Member Willie Goldsmith, Council Member Matt Walker, Council Member Tiffany Bunt and Council Member Jason Peterson were in attendance.

Mayor Cost called the Work Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chief Jeremy Littleton presented the Police Department report:



**Montevallo Police Department
City Council Report**

Date:
10/23/2017

Patrol Report:

Total Calls: NA	Burglaries: 2	Zone Checks: NA
Total Cases: 77	Auto Burglaries: 0	School Patrols: NA
Traffic Accidents: 11	Domestics: 5	
Traffic Stops: NA	Assaults: 1	
Traffic Citations: 99	Fraud/Forgery: 0	
Total Arrests: 33	Thefts/Attempts: 9	

Investigations (New Cases):

Felony Cases Pending: NA	Misdemeanor Cases Pending: NA
Felony Cases Closed: NA	Misdemeanor Cases Closed: NA

School Resource Report:

Offense Reports: NA	Traffic Accident Reports: NA	Cases Pending: NA
Incident Reports: NA	Arrest Reports: NA	Cases Closed: NA

Additional Comments:

Montevideo Police Department Stats

	January-17	February-17	March-17	April-17	May-17	June-17	July-17	August-17	September-17	October-17	November-17	December-17	Total
Total Cases	123	91	116	124	151	138	120	97	131	77			1186
Criminal Cases	50	35	69	40	50	65	50	35	47	44			476
Non-Criminal	11	20	25	20	20	30	20	16	22	14			198
Traffic Accidents	18	11	17	20	20	20	21	9	11	11			158
Traffic Citations	127	135	224	123	208	101	77	97	69	99			1280
DUI Arrests	2	3	1	6	5	3	1	1	10	4			36
Public Intox Ar	2	0	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1			12
Alias Arrests	14	12	12	17	16	7	10	6	5	9			108
Juvenile Arrests	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	0			7
Misd Arrests	12	11	6	11	18	14	8	8	14	14			116
Felony Arrests	3	3	2	3	2	3	4	2	7	6			35
Drug Related	4	5	4	4	4	8	5	8	7	8			67
Total Arrest	37	33	31	42	48	37	32	26	34	33			353
Auto Theft	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0			3
Burglaries	1	4	5	0	4	1	4	0	2	2			25
Auto Recoveries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Auto Burglaries	2	1	2	2	3	0	0	4	3	0			13
Criminal Mischief	3	1	0	4	2	0	5	4	4	2			25
DV / Related	15	9	17	16	7	4	14	17	13	5			117
Assaults	3	1	2	4	17	2	2	3	0	1			35
Fraud/Forgery	7	1	2	4	2	5	3	2	0	0			26
Harass / Reck	7	6	8	5	10	10	5	7	5	2			65
Misc. Offenses	8	17	14	13	19	20	16	16	13	3			145
Robberies	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	3			9
Thefts / Attempts	11	6	6	4	18	13	10	6	20	9			103
Stickers / Attempts	1	3	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0			8
Swindles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Deaths	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	1	2	0			15

Karen Klier
7:18 PM
10/20/2017

Mayor Cost commented on how low the numbers were for the month.

Chief Reid was absent and Mr. Hamby said he didn't have a report.

Council Member Peterson asked about the number of animals being dropped off at the Humane Society.

Mr. Hamby said these are most likely drop-offs from residents of Montevallo.

Shane Baugh, Director of Parks & Recreation, noted that travel ball has been popular lately. He also noted that this is the last weekend for soccer. He informed the council that the heat pump at the Stephens Park concession stand died and needs to be replaced. He obtained three bids for the replacement.

Estimates for Heat Pump at Stephens Park

Mainline - \$5800

Active Air - \$6475

Parker Brothers - \$5700

He asked the Council to approve the lowest bid. However, he noted the expenditure is not in the budget.

The City Clerk suggested the Council authorize the payment from the State Capital Improvement account.

Council Member Nix reminded everyone that Critters by the Creek is Sunday from 2-4. As usual, there will be a blessing of the animals and a lot of fun activities of the whole family. He also mentioned that the Planning Commission met last Thursday and approved three items:

1. Case No. C17-001 Vinzant House – Conditional Use

This is a request from Helen Bunn, property owner, for conditional use approval of a house of respite within the R-2, Single Family Residential District.

The subject property is located at 1150 Highland Street. Parcel Identification Nos. 58-27-5-21-3-301-013.001.

2. Case No. SN17-019 The Lakes at Hidden Forest Phase 3 – Preliminary Plat

This is a request from Joel Mulkin, Hidden Forest, LLC for the approval of a preliminary plat to divide twenty (20) acres into sixty (60) residential lots to be known as The Lakes at Hidden Forest Phase 3.

The property is zoned R-2 SD and located on Hidden Forest. Parcel Nos. 58-23-7-35-0-004-001.000.

3. Case No. SD17-007 Cambridge Park - Special District Amendment

This is a request from Jesse Fulcher, Rausch Coleman, on behalf of the property owner, for the approval of a request to amend the recorded building setbacks in Map Book 39 Page 12.

The property is zoned R-2 SD and located off of Highway 25 and at the end of Day Drive. The request includes Lots 1 – 66 of Cambridge Park Subdivision.

The Commission approved all three items. The Vinzant Conditional use and the Special District Amendment will have to be approved by the council at a subsequent meeting.

Council Member Bunt presented the Education Committee report:

Council Arts & Education

Montevallo Elementary

- Fall Festival: Tuesday, Oct. 24 • 5-7 p.m.

Montevallo High School

- Football Senior Night: Friday, Oct. 27 • 7-9 p.m.

University of Montevallo

- Shelby County Alumni Fish Fry: Thursday, Oct. 26 • 6-8 p.m.
- Ghost Walk: Saturday, Oct. 28 • 6-9 p.m.
- Trunk or Treat Challenge: Saturday, Oct. 28 • 6-8 p.m.
- Preview Day: Saturday, Nov. 4

Montevallo Artwalk

Montevallo will host the next Artwalk on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 1 to 6 p.m. The eclectic art show is being held a little earlier in the day to offer families the opportunity to join for fun and shopping in the afternoon, but still have time for traditional Halloween fun after this event. Artwalk is presented by the University of Montevallo, the City of Montevallo and the Montevallo Arts Council. Approximately **75 artists and vendors** are registered to participate.

In addition to being a lively street party, Montevallo Artwalk is an initiative to support downtown businesses and draw the university into the community while highlighting both the local and university art communities. Main Street Tavern will be opening early with a limited menu and artwalk specials.

Due to road construction this year, artists' booths will be set up on the University Promenade (North Boundary Street) and Valley Street to display and sell their work. **Artwork and fine crafts will be priced to sell to start your Christmas shopping by supporting local.**

"Montevallo Artwalk showcases amazing talent through creative collaboration by the University, City and Montevallo Arts Council. The October Artwalk, or Art Stalk as it is also known, is a fun Halloween experience with free activities for this kids. It's a great time to start your Christmas shopping by purchasing unique, handmade items. Despite the road construction, we are sure this year's event will not disappoint," said Montevallo Artwalk Director, Tiffany Bunt.

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Select artists will demonstrate their talent including a **special blacksmithing demonstration** by Harrison's and Ben's Blacksmithing.

A special viewing of short horror films by UM mass communication students will be available throughout the afternoon. Films selected will be from the inaugural **Scare My Shorts Off short film horror festival**.

Live music also adds to the atmosphere, which will be a musical tribute to Dave Conwell. The **Dave Conwell Musical Tribute** will offer friends of Conwell to participate in an open jam to honor his memory. Anyone who owns a Conwell guitar is encouraged to bring it to the jam.

The Art Stalk is the Halloween-themed Artwalk. All those in attendance are encouraged to dress up. A **costume contest**, managed by the **Montevallo Junior City Council**, will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Preference will be given to originality and self-created costumes. Prizes include gift certificates to be spent at an artist's booth at Artwalk. Other activities for children include face painting, sidewalk chalk contest and free pumpkin decorating.

Wrapping up the evening, the Carmichael Library and The Alabamian will host a **free campus Ghost Walk** from 6 to 9 p.m. Learn about the history of the ghosts who haunt Montevallo and view the door with the flaming face.

Tours will begin at Palmer Hall, with ghostly guides leading guests through the spine-tingling haunted history of Palmer Hall, Reynolds Hall, Main Hall, King House and King Cemetery. Those with a hunger for more ghostly tales and the history behind the stories will have the chance to visit Carmichael Library to pick the brain of UM Archivist Carey Heatherly. For more information, contact Carmichael Library at 205-665-6100.

Another feature of the evening, a **Trunk or Treat Challenge**, will be held by UM Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow in conjunction with the Ghost Walk. Come enjoy free candy while waiting for your Ghost Walk tour. University of Montevallo alumni, local community members and businesses are encouraged to enter your Trunk to win! For more information, contact Jason Perry at jperry5@forum.montevallo.edu.

At the six-year anniversary, the Montevallo Artwalk planning committee hopes this event will continue to attract both community members and out-of-town visitors to the historic downtown area. Poster design for this event by UM alumna, Hannah Adamson.

Sponsors of this year's Art Stalk include: AmStar Cinemas - Alabaster, APH Radio, Blue Phrog Art Gallery, Falcon Art Supply, Lucky's Foodland, Main St. Tavern, Montevallo Chamber of Commerce, Pic 'n Save, The Alabamian and The Original Alabaster Newsletter. Please support these fine businesses and shop local!

Governor Ivey and the American Village invite you to attend:



GOVERNOR'S SALUTE to Alabama Veterans

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 ★ THE AMERICAN VILLAGE



ACTIVITIES FOR OUR VETERANS (*Please RSVP):

10:15-10:45 Service of Recognition and Thanksgiving for WWII veterans in the Colonial Chapel
11:00-11:45 Veterans Day Program and Governor's Salute at National Veterans Shrine

This is a FREE event. All veterans, active members of the United States Armed Forces and their families are invited.
Free lunch provided by the American Village and Full Moon BBQ while quantities last.

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Junior City Council Mayor, Abigail Heuton, updated the Council on her groups activities, noting they will be at the UM event Thursday and are helping out with ArtStalk on

Saturday. She also reported that they are planning a color run and have decided to postpone their Japanese Festival until next year.

Lauren Bartell said she did not have a formal report. However, she said she was working on a grant for the library and should have more information on that during the next Council meeting. There is no cost on our part for this grant – only an in-kind match.

Greg Reese, President of the Parnell Memorial Library Foundation, reminded everyone that there will be a reception in honor of Jane Clayton's longstanding service as a member of our Library Board tomorrow from 4:30-6-30 p.m.

Ms. Bartell also reminded everyone that Wednesday is Jimmie's last day at the Library and invited everyone to stop by and see her.

Council Member Walker said there will be a Finance Committee meeting Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. He also mentioned that Montevallo Main Street has a new Director – Cindy Holsombeck. He said everyone is very pleased with the unique talents and skills she brings to this position. He also thanked Julie Smitherman for all of her hard work during this period without a fulltime director.

Debby Raymond informed the Council that the fiscal year is being closed-out at the end of this month. After that, we will be sending out business license renewals.

Council Member Walker invited everyone to attend the Montevallo Main Street Murder Mystery dinner Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Council Member asked if Taco Bell is still planning to open November 2nd. Mayor Cost said they were. If everything goes as planned, the driveways at Taco Bell will be finished this week. She also mentioned the waterline work being done on Middle and Valley Streets.

There was no update from ALAGASO.

As far as the non-discrimination ordinance was concerned, Mayor Cost pointed out that the council committee has taken the information gathered thus far and is reviewing a number of options.

Council Member Peterson said the committee is working through a four page revision of the proposed ordinance. The next step will be to review this with our city attorney, judge, prosecutor and Police Chief.

Mayor Cost said there is also a group planning a panel discussion at UM to discuss the underlying issues relative to this proposal ordinance. The discussion will be open to the public but won't be a formal question and answer session. There will be additional opportunity for public input when the issue comes back before the council.

As far as Board Appointments are concerned, Christy King has expressed a desire to serve on the Library Board.

The Council also discussed a question the Tavern had about selling beer in their rear lot during ArtStalk. It was noted that the Tavern would need to talk to the ABC Board about that.

**Montevallo City Council Meeting
October 23, 2017
6:00 p.m. at City Hall**

Mayor Hollie Cost, Council Member Rusty Nix, Council Member Willie Goldsmith, Council Member Matt Walker, Council Member Tiffany Bunt and Council Member Jason Peterson were in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Call to Order - Mayor Cost called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval and/or corrections of the minutes - 10/23/17 Council Member Walker made a motion to approve the Minutes from October 23, 2017 as corrected. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Recognitions / Awards: No school awards. However, Mayor Cost recognized the Montevallo Junior City Council for being a 2017 Cities finalist.

Opportunities for citizens to speak to the Council:

Bruce McClanahan addressed the Council in support of the proposed non-discrimination ordinance. He said the NDO would recognize the rights of all citizens in Montevallo. He also stressed that Church and State are supposed to be kept separate in our country. Even so, he said they simply want everyone to love thy neighbor as thyself. Being LGBTQ is not a sin. It is a God given quality.

Carole Chomitz also spoke in support of the NDO, noting that her son did not choose to be gay. She said she was concerned about comments made a recent meeting by a pastor who said we didn't have an acceptance problem, had a sin problem. She said it is not our place to judge others. She also noted that 96% of the people who attended the recent deliberative forum said all people should be treated equally and that 78% said they wanted to see some sort of ordinance to protect the equal rights of all. She said this is a human rights issue and that an NDO is needed to ensure equal rights for all.

Greg Reese also spoke in favor of the NDO. He stressed that in a just society, the rights of all are necessary – not open for debate. The question is not about which position has the most public opposition.

Elaine Stephens also spoke in favor of the proposed NDO. As a transgender individual, she said she fears for her personal safety, especially because of recent remarks from several local pastors. People have rights that can't be taken away. The goal of the DO is to ensure that the LGBTQ community has those same protections. Justice delayed is still injustice. We are not seeking tolerance. We just want to be treated like human beings with our rights guaranteed too.

Todd Burr addressed the Council. He said he was one of the pastors Ms. Stephens seemed to have a problem with. He said his comments at the last meeting were misconstrued. When he said we have a sin problem, he meant that the problem is our hearts. Even though he does not support the NDO, we should all love one another despite our differences or beliefs. He said he would be the first to stand up to protect anyone that is being threatened.

Jan Wrinkle spoke in favor of the NDO too. She agreed that we need to change people's hearts and minds regarding this issue. She suggested that the idea that the state may try to intervene against us if we enacted an NDO is even more evidence that an NDO is needed. We need to let it be known that Montevallo accepts and treats everyone as equals, no matter what. This is an important way to send a clear message to the LGBTQ community that they are welcome in Montevallo. She said she looks forward to this issue being voted on soon.

Mayor Cost said she appreciates everyone's comments and passion. She said she agrees that Montevallo is a loving and accepting community and that we need to send that message to everyone.

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, Planning & Zoning, Annexations,) – Discussed earlier.

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

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

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

Consent Agenda: NONE

New Business: NONE

Old Business:

ALAGASCO (update): Discussed earlier.

Non-discrimination Ordinance (community meetings update): Discussed earlier.

Board Appointments: NONE

Other Business:

Council Member Nix made a motion to approve the purchase of a new heat pump system for the concession stand as recommended using funds from the State Capital Reserve. Council Member Bunt seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Citizen Participation:

Leah Waites asked about the next NDO committee meeting. She noted that many people in the community didn't know about it.

The City Clerk explained that the meeting was posted and added to the city website. Unfortunately, the website didn't automatically populate the calendar for some reason. Also, there was a story in the on-line version of the Shelby County Reporter announcing the committee meeting. He said he would try to advertise the next meeting more widely next time.

Bill Glosson asked if the proposed NDO panel discussion would be held at City Hall or at UM.

Mayor Cost said she thought it would be at UM.

Todd Burr expressed concern that attendance at the last forum was not truly representative of all the people in Montevallo.

There being no further business before the council, Council Member Nix made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Walker seconded. ALL AYES . . . MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:32 p.m.

Submitted by:

Herman Lehman
City Clerk