

MINUTES

Montevallo City Council Work Session

January 22, 2018

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

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

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

Chief Reid stated that the Fire Department responded to 1,417 calls in 2017, which was 168 more than in 2016.

Council Member Nix asked if the calls are split and Chief Reid stated that Battalion 1 responds to all calls and the six department Battalion numbers would probably be 2,000-2,200. He said renovations are almost complete and invited all to come see the facility.

Chief Littleton gave the attached report and stated there was no School Resource report or Code Enforcement report.

Montevideo Police Department Stats

	January-18	February-18	March-18	April-18	May-18	June-18	July-18	August-18	September-18	October-18	November-18	December-18	Total
Total Cases	68												
Criminal Cases	59												
Non-Criminal	5												
Traffic Accidents	8												
Traffic Citations	74												
DUI Arrests	2												
Public Intox Arr	0												
Alias Arrests	19												
Juvenile Arrests	1												
Misd Arrests	10												
Felony Arrests	5												
Drug Related	5												
Total Arrest	40												
Auto Thefts	1												
Burglaries	3												
Auto Recoveries	0												
Auto Burglaries	1												
Criminal Mischief	5												
DV Related	12												
Assaults	0												
Fraud/Forgery	6												
Harass / Stalk	5												
Misc. Offenses	8												
Robberies	0												
Thefts / Attempts	8												
Suicide Attempts	1												
Suicides	0												
Deaths	0												

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Montevallo Police Department City Council Report

Date: 01/22/2018

Patrol Report:

Total Calls:	NA
Total Cases:	59
Traffic Accidents:	8
Traffic Stops:	NA
Traffic Citations:	74
Total Arrests:	40

Burglaries:	3
Auto Burglaries:	1
Domestics:	12
Assaults:	0
Fraud/Forgery:	6
Thefts/Attempts:	8

Zone Checks:	NA
School Patrols:	NA

Investigations (New Cases):

Felony Cases Pending:	NA
Felony Cases Closed:	NA

Misdemeanor Cases Pending:	NA
Misdemeanor Cases Closed:	NA

School Resource Report:

Offense Reports:	NA
Incident Reports:	NA

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

Additional Comments:



Montevallo Police Department Code Enforcement Activity Report

Date:
01/22/2018

Inspection Period
01/08/2018

Inspection Period
01/22/2018

Inoperable Vehicle Inspections:

Inspected: 0	Pending: 3	Closed: 0
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Animal Complaint Inspections:

Inspected: 3	Pending: 1	Closed: 3
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Abandoned Building Inspections:

Inspected: 0	Pending: 22	Closed: 0
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Property Inspections:

Inspected: 1	Pending: 1	Closed: 1
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Miscellaneous Complaints:

Inspected: 0	Pending: 0	Closed: 0
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Inspected: 4	Total Inspections this Period: 4	Total Inspections Year to Date: 10
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Montevallo Police Department Code Enforcement Activity Report

Inspections this Period:

3 dogs running loose in Shoal Creek Circle.

Complaint received about a trash pile on Hwy 216.

Inspections Pending Continued from Last Period:

Complaint about dog condition and trash at home on 216

Complaint about boat in front of home on Shoshone Dr.

The vacant lot on Commerce Street is overgrown.

Abandoned Vehicles in Scott's Village (3 vehicles). City Council decision will determine course of action.

3 Unkept property inspections in Aldrich. (2 vacant homes, one other has debris from construction)

Cases Closed this Period:

Spoke to owners about dogs. Agreed to put them away.

Complaint of trash pile on Hwy 216. Only a photo. No information on location, date, and exact issue given. Unable to locate complaint.

Other Comments:

Due to winter weather conditions code enforcement inspections and actions were placed in pending except for immediate action issues (animals). Progress will resume with the change in weather.

One complaint of animals left in cold was dealt with by animal control. Unknown exact complaint and disposition.

The Chief stated that the Leaders of Tomorrow are scheduled to attend the March 12th Council Meeting. He also mentioned plans for setting an Abatement Board meeting soon.

Kirk Hamby informed the council he is still getting prices on the storage units. \$3,000 is the best so far, but he is still looking for one in good condition for closer to \$2,000. He also stated that the County will not provide any reflectors in lieu of street lights on Spring Creek Rd. It will be up to each individual household to purchase and install them if they so desire. He stated we got lucky with now major issues during the snow days.

Council Member Peterson called on Herschel Hale to provide information on this year's Arbor Day. Mr. Hale stated that due to the remodeling at the Orr Park Building, it would be too small for Arbor Day festivities this year so it has been moved to the Library. It is slated for the last Saturday in February.

Council Member Nix reported the Seniors are planning their Soup and Bingo event this month. He stated that after sitting in on the Shoal Creek Foundation meeting, he feels the need to go head and get estimates from a contractor for repairs to the roof and soffits. He stated that since this would not change the house, that a Historical Contractor would not be needed. The Mayor stated that it should be left up to the Historical Committee for recommendations but agreed to let Council Member Nix acquire bids to present to Council.

Shane Baugh noted that Mr. Hamby's crew repaired 2 of the 4 batting cages at minimum cost of concrete and rebar. He stated that there several sports going on now and there will be two travel ball groups scheduling our parks this year. Play will be in full swing from mid-February to mid-June.

Abigail Heuton presented the Junior City Council report. She stated that she and maybe others would be attending the Alabama Youth Summit.

Mayor Cost reported that the Sister City Commission will be hosting visitors from Echizen, Japan again this year. They are still looking for host families. She stated there will be a paving meeting on Friday, February 26th with Trey Gauntt to discuss the paving list and costs. Since the Council wanted to attend, she asked Katie to get with Herman to make sure it was posted and to make sure the information was put on the City Website. She also mentioned the ongoing progress of the Shelby County 2Gen Hub program. She shared that Montevallo Elementary School received the CLAS School of Distinction award.

Lauren Bartell requested approval to pursue two Grants, the AMLIA Grant which provides a \$1,000 stipend with no matching funds and the Coretta Scott King Grants which provides books, also with no matching funds required.

Parnell Memorial Library

Request to apply for grants

Revisiting the Founding Era Grant:

ALA is partnering with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History (GLI) to encourage public libraries to apply for Revisiting the Founding Era, a project supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The primary goal of the project is to encourage an appreciation of the Founding Era through community conversation based on historical documents and themes of enduring importance. Revisiting the Founding Era will provide primary sources and other materials to help librarians and community leaders become familiar with the people, events, and ideas of the Founding Era as well as provide them with the means to explore modern issues in light of Founding Era history in community conversations.

Benefits for Award Recipients

A \$1000 stipend to support costs associated with implementing programs.

10 copies of a 100-page reader, with selected primary source documents from the Gilder Lehrman Collection in print and digital formats.

Professional development training webinar coordinated by GLI and ALA, to give librarians the tools needed for successful programs.

Access to a public-facing website with the 100-page reader in downloadable PDF format, videos, additional primary sources, and links to materials on the GLI website.

A site support notebook, developed by GLI, with programming ideas, instructions for how to connect with humanities scholars, further reading, etc.

Downloadable and customizable marketing and promotional materials to invite participation in your local programs.

Programming support from the GLI team throughout the grant term.

Parnell Memorial Library's Proposed Program:

Working with the local schools, the University, American Village, and local government, the library will host a series of symposiums to engage the community in a discussion on the topic of "Rights and Responsibilities of Self-Governance".

The first program will be a town hall with a panel of scholars and government officials. Through the lens of historical documents, the panel will discuss the topic of self-governance and then conduct a Q & A session on the topic.

The second program will involve engaging middle school and high school students on self-governance. I will work with local history and government teachers to create an age appropriate program.

Finally, the last program will involve an open discussion exploring the theme of self-governance as it relates to the historical documents being discussed. A scholar will moderate this discussion among participants.

The \$1000 will be used to pay stipends to the scholars and teachers who participate, as well as pay for refreshments during the program.

NO MATCH IS REQUIRED

Coretta Scott King Book Award Donation Grant

Every year, in the process of choosing the Coretta Scott King Book Award winners and honor books, the Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) of the American Library Association receives multiple copies of approximately 60-100 titles by African American authors and illustrators, including a full set of the year's winning and honor titles.

Agencies and institutions serving children can make use of these valuable materials. Therefore, the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee has devised the following process for donating selected copies of the books submitted for consideration for the award to an agency with demonstrated need.

Applicants must demonstrate:

- Why the collection is needed in their community
- Why the collection is needed in their agency or institution
- How acquiring the collection will help them better serve the children and youth of their community
- That the materials will be made freely available to children and youth without censorship

NO MATCH IS REQUIRED

Ms. Bartell also stated that she was about to begin her door-to-door campaign for donations to support the summer programs offered at the Library.

Council Member Walker stated that the MDCD financials went out last week to which the Mayor made mention of the breakdown of City projects on Page 4. We plan to spend approximately \$700,000 in paving on phase 2 & 3 and \$75,000 on Wayfinding. We had no overages on the Main Street Project. She stated the need for a work session in February and Herman will be in touch to set that up. She requested Abigail's presence at the meeting to represent the MJCC.

Council Member Walker also requested that we contact AT&T and have a representative at the January 31st Finance Meeting.

ALAGASCO (update) – Spire will have their attorney's reach out to the City.

Non-discrimination Ordinance (community meetings update) – Mayor Cost noted that there will be another public meeting regarding the proposed NDO on January 25, 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. There will be another community forum scheduled at a later date.

Board Appointments: None

Montevallo City Council Meeting

January 22, 2018

6:00 p.m. at City Hall

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval and/or corrections of the minutes – 01/08/2018 Council Member Nix made a motion to approve the Minutes from January 08, 2018 as corrected. Council Member Walker seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Recognitions / Awards: NONE

Citizen Participation:

George Henry stated that he and his family had the opportunity this past weekend to visit Shoal Creek Park and they love it. The Mahler home is beautiful. He suggested an idea for the property: An annual festival event such as Homestead Hollow. He offered to do whatever he could to promote this. He also offered to share his knowledge with City Leaders in regards to the AT&T contracts.

Greg Baldwin stated that he was here two weeks and requested status on his issue. The Mayor stated that she had followed up on this and there was no indication of racial injustice. Mr. Baldwin then clarified that he just meant injustice. The Mayor stated that a City Council Meeting was not the place for this type of discussion. He stated that he had asked for a private meeting but was told to bring it to Council. He stated that he had given the City the opportunity to take care of this matter in-house and they hadn't, so now he is going public. The Mayor stated that she had sent him an email and he stated he never received it. He was provided a copy of it immediately.

Rev. Scott Fowler spoke with regard to the proposed NDO and stated there was no need for it according to information he had gathered. He shared copies of his information to each Council Member present.

Protecting Conscience & Privacy Against the Heavy Hand of Government



One of the greatest threats to freedom today—especially for small businesses and non-profit organizations—is the existence of proposals to add **sexual orientation and gender identity** as protected classifications in the law.¹ These proposed laws—called **SOGI's** for short—threaten constitutionally protected freedoms of conscience and speech, violate citizens' privacy rights and dignity interests, and expose citizens with sincere, deeply held religious beliefs to significant legal and financial liability if they seek to practice those beliefs in the public square.

SOGIs Are Not Needed: Evidence shows that with very few exceptions, Americans simply do not refuse to hire, serve, or rent to people because they identify as homosexual or transgender. Americans—religious and non-religious—are tolerant and fair-minded, and those who engage in baseless discrimination against their fellow citizens can expect swift social and market-driven consequences. In fact, neither the federal government nor the majority of states have SOGIs, demonstrating that the widespread acceptance of those who identify as LGBT individuals in America has happened without the need for heavy-handed government regulations and penalties. **SOGIs are coercive solutions in search of a problem.**

Victims of the War on Conscience & Privacy: SOGIs use the power of government to ruthlessly punish individuals and organizations who seek only to peacefully live and work consistent with their deeply held convictions about marriage and human sexuality—people who happily serve everyone, including those who identify as gay, lesbian, or transgender, but who cannot promote messages or participate in events that contradict their beliefs or their organization's mission.

1. Small Business Owners Who Have Sincerely-Held Religious Convictions. These individuals seek the freedom to run their businesses according to their values and beliefs—just like every other business. But despite their willingness to serve everyone, they are being dragged into court because their conscience prevents them from participating in or using their creative talents to promote certain events.

- **Barronelle Stutzman** was sued by Washington State and the ACLU both personally and corporately under a SOGI law because she declined to create **custom floral arrangements** for a long-time friend's same-sex wedding. She now faces losing everything she owns, including her business.

- **Donald and Evelyn Knapp, licensed ministers** who operate a for-profit **wedding chapel** in Idaho, were threatened with fines and jail time under the local SOGI if they refused to officiate same-sex wedding ceremonies.
- In an example of political correctness run amok, **Breanna Koski and Joanna Duka**, who own a Phoenix-based **art studio**, are prohibited under the local SOGI from even saying something that causes customers to feel “unwelcome” based upon their sexual orientation or gender identity (such as, “We believe marriage is between one man and one woman”).

2. Religious Organizations, Colleges, and Churches. SOGIs are being used to force religious non-profits and churches to adopt policies that conflict with their religious doctrines and teachings.

- In Massachusetts and Iowa, the state agencies that enforce the SOGIs recently announced that a church could be considered a public accommodation and subject to the laws, meaning that **churches and pastors could be prosecuted** for operating consistent with their church doctrines about marriage and sexuality.
- California and Massachusetts threatened private, religious colleges with **loss of accreditation and funding** unless they abandoned their faith's teachings on marriage and sexuality and adopted SOGI provisions into their policies.
- The City of Houston **demanded copies of pastors' sermons and private communications** with church members in an effort to police pastors' comments against a local SOGI law. After Houston was forced to withdraw the demand, the citizens of Houston responded by repealing the city's unnecessary and anti-freedom SOGI.

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- 3. Privacy in Locker Rooms and Restrooms (Especially for Victims of Sexual Abuse).** Everyone has a right to privacy, but SOGIs strip that right away by allowing men to share intimate facilities, undress, and even shower with females.
- **SOGIs have been used to deprive individuals of privacy in all intimate settings**, including:
 - locker rooms
 - showers
 - restrooms
 - lodging for school field trips
 - summer camps
 - homeless shelters
 - dorm rooms
 - **Public (and some private) schools and colleges, social service organizations, and even churches have been told to allow men into women's locker rooms, overnight lodging, and restrooms on their property.**
 - For a victim of sexual abuse, the sight of a man in what is supposed to be a private, safe space—regardless of his intentions—is a trigger, causing her to re-live the emotional and psychological abuse she suffered.
 - The common sense and **compassionate solution** is to respect the privacy and safety of everyone by offering single-sex facilities for those who struggle with gender identity issues.

Some have suggested it is possible to craft a “compromise” similar to Utah’s SOGI or the proposed “Fairness for All” federal legislation. But these are still full-blown SOGIs that punish the vast majority of religious adherents for simply following their religious beliefs on marriage and sexuality. And the very narrow exemptions for religious organizations in such proposals offer no meaningful conscience protection that is not already guaranteed by the Constitution. In fact, the Utah experience confirms that activists will move swiftly to eliminate those exemptions, exposing churches and religious organizations to liability, as soon as they have the political power to do so.

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 Walker made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES...MOTION APPROVED

Consent Agenda: NONE

New Business:

Council Member Walker made a motion to allow Council Member Nix to obtain bids from local contractors for repairs to the Mahler house. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES ... MOTION APPROVED.

Council requested an AT&T representative be at the January 31, 2018 Finance meeting

Old Business:

ALAGASCO (update) – Discussed earlier.

NDO Meeting will be posted

Board Appointments: NONE

Other Business: NONE

Citizen Participation:

Linda McCray asked if there was anything to report on her previous request for code Enforcement in her neighborhood. Ms. McCray resides on Western Drive. The Mayor advised her that some of the issues were and some were not in the City. Chief Littleton will set up a meeting this week with Ms. McCray.

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 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Debby Raymond
Acting City Clerk

ATTEST:

Herman Lehman
City Clerk