

MINUTES

Montevallo City Council Work Session

June 11, 2018

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

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

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

Fire Chief Bill Reid said they responded to more than 120 calls in May. They have hired a new Fire Marshal. He is fully qualified, and is certified to perform fire investigations and have arrest powers. His name is Matt Griffin.

Mayor Cost said she would like the Fire Marshal to meet with our Development Services officials at Shelby County, Montevallo Main Street and the Chamber as soon as possible. She also informed the Council that the Fire Marshal now reports directly to the Fire Chief.

Chief Littleton presented the Police Department report:



Montevallo Police Department City Council Report

Date:
06/11/2018

Patrol Report:

Total Calls:
532

Burglaries:
4

Zone Checks:
595

Total Cases:
117

Auto Burglaries:
0

School Patrols:
50

Traffic Accidents:
18

Domestics:
15

Traffic Stops:
431

Assaults:
2

Traffic Citations:
197

Fraud/Forgery:
4

Total Arrests:
37

Thefts/Attempts:
5

Investigations (New Cases):

Felony Cases Pending:

Misdemeanor Cases Pending:

Felony Cases Closed:
9

Misdemeanor Cases Closed:
2

School Resource Report:

Offense Reports:
1

Traffic Accident Reports:
0

Cases Pending:
0

Incident Reports:
1

Arrest Reports:
1

Cases Closed:
2

Additional Comments:



Montevallo Police Department Code Enforcement Activity Report

Date:
06/10/2018

Inspection Period
05/14/2018

Inspection Period
06/10/2018

Inoperable Vehicle Inspections:

Inspected:
1

Pending:
4

Closed:
1

Animal Complaint Inspections:

Inspected:
1

Pending:
0

Closed:
1

Abandoned Building Inspections:

Inspected:
0

Pending:
22

Closed:
0

Property Inspections:

Inspected:
1

Pending:
5

Closed:
1

Miscellaneous Complaints:

Inspected:
0

Pending:
0

Closed:
0

Inspected:
3

Total Inspections this Period:
3

Total Inspections Year to Date:
33



Montevallo Police Department Code Enforcement Activity Report

Inspections this Period:

Vehicle abandoned on side of road at Hwy 24.

Complaint on tall grass on Hidden Valley.

Inspections Pending Continued from Last Period:

Vehicles in Aldrich yards not running. Owners notified.

Trash on vacant lot next to Fire Station 2. Some has been removed and other has been piled towards the back of the property. Council gave 90 days to remove all trash. (June 25)

Complaint about yard condition of house on Samford Street. Owner notified.

Hidden Valley Pool. Owner notified.

Tall grass behind Shell Gas station. Letter sent.

Cases Closed this Period:

Vehicle abandoned on side of road at Hwy 24. Removed by owner.

Trash at home on Hwy 216 cleaned up.

Complaint about tall grass on Samford Street. Grass was cut.

Complaint on Meadow Green about trash, grass, and dogs barking in a yard. Grass is cut, dogs feed and watered, not washed. Animal control checked property also.

Bloch Street grass complaint cut.

Other Comments:

The Abatement Board met and selected structures to move forward on.

The structures are:

125 Dauphin Way

135 Dauphin Way

230 Commerce Street

161 Commerce Street

250 Graham Street

Research on owners is being performed and owners notified.

Montevallio 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 Reports	110	101	128	96	117								592
Criminal Cases	78	36	70	63	72								319
Non-Criminal	8	15	30	16	9								49
Traffic Accidents	14	11	15	20	18								39
Traffic Citations	120	134	117	86	197								654
DUI Arrests	3	3	3	5	6								20
Public Intox Arr	2	2	2	3	1								10
Alias Arrests	24	16	18	7	15								80
Juvenile Arrests	1	0	1	2	1								5
Misd Arrests	12	12	9	11	4								48
Felony Arrests	3	1	7	1	1								13
Drug Related	4	3	9	4	7								27
Total Arrest	50	37	49	33	37								206
Auto Thefts	1	2	0	1	0								4
Burglaries	4	0	2	2	4								12
Auto Recoveries	0	0	0	0	0								0
Auto Burglaries	1	2	1	0	0								4
Criminal Mischief	5	3	0	3	2								13
DV. Related	15	13	11	11	15								65
Assaults	0	2	1	0	2								5
Fraud/Forgery	9	2	2	1	4								18
Harass / Reck	5	9	5	0	7								26
Misc. Offenses	18	18	25	18	16								95
Robberies	0	0	2	0	0								2
Thefts / Attempts	14	16	10	6	5								51
Suicide Attempts	1	0	1	0	0								2
Suicides	0	0	0	0	0								0
Deaths	1	1	2	0	1								5

Karen Klier
8:08 PM
6/6/2018

Mayor Cost noted that our city has been recognized nationally as #18 out of the Top 20 Safest Cities in Alabama. She thanked Chief Littleton and his officers for their efforts in helping us reach that ranking and protect our citizens.

Council Member Goldsmith asked that the Code Enforcement Officer address the large lot on Commerce Street along the creek. It is badly overgrown and needs to be cut.

Chief Littleton informed the Council that Officer Holloway will replace Tim Alexander at Compact 20/20 on June 18th. He is still handling Code Enforcement until then.

Mayor Cost said we should have a new Code Enforcement Officer hired soon.

Kirk Hamby, Director of Public Works, informed the Council that the sidewalk and ramp project is underway and that paving should follow shortly. Hopefully, all of the sidewalks will be finished by the end of next week. Paving may begin as soon as July 2nd.

Mr. Hamby said another HVAC quote should be in this week. He said the new street signs are being installed on Main Street. There are still some glitches in the crosswalk signals which are being fixed. The solar powered caution sign for Industrial Park should be here in the next 10 days. In response to a question from Council Member Nix, Mr. Hamby said he has informed Beelman Trucking of that fact. Mr. Hamby also reminded everyone that this is the second week of our Farmers Market. He said that our flags will be up on Hwy 119 and Hwy 25 for the 4th. We won't have any downtown, however. He said we need to order flag banners that fit the new brackets we have.

Council Member Nix asked if the flags will be up in time for Flag Day. Mr. Hamby said they will do their best to get them up before then.

Council Member Peterson invited everyone to join the ValloCycle Glow Ride scheduled for Wednesday night. They will meet in front of UMOM at 6:30 p.m.

Council Member Nix said the idea of a new do park has already reached Facebook and is being discussed by the public. He said the committee is still working on a formal proposal. They are not sure yet where the best place to locate the park would be. He let everyone know there will be a Planning Commission meeting this month on the 21st and invited everyone to attend. He said there are 3 items on their agenda.

Lauren Bartell presented the Library report:

CIRCULATION: 2522 items charged
(Decreased by 34%)

ELECTRONIC CIRCULATION: 1546 items charged

COMPUTER USE: 651 users
(Increased by 39%)

STORYTIME/5: 165
(Increased by 78%)

OTHER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS/6: 94

ADULT PROGRAMS/3: 22

DEPOSITS:

5/2/18	\$267.24
5/7/18	\$133.25
5/8/18	\$586.00
5/10/18	\$142.54
5/16/18	\$176.06
5/21/18	\$362.00
5/23/18	\$116.30
5/30/18	\$59.60
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	\$1842.99

Notes:

- Summer reading registration is open. Our kick off event will be June 16th with the Alabama Blues Project
- Children's Musical Theater Workshop started June 4th. Performances will be June 14th and 15th.
- We still need some prizes for our summer reading final drawing. Please contact the library about making a donation.

Council Member Bunt noted that UM is hosting several Summer Camps and that there are still slots available. American Village has programming underway Tuesday-Saturday of each week. In addition, she encouraged everyone to attend their annual Fourth of July event.

Janice Seaman, Chair of the Historical Commission, mentioned that Montevallo will be hosting a meeting of the Alabama Communities of Excellence (ACE) in July. She also noted that they are putting a temporary hold on nominating Roy Cunningham to their board until he is able to clear up some health issues.

Courtney Bennett, Director of Montevallo Main Street, informed the Council that the organization's membership drive was a huge success. We now have 22 members, with more on the way. She also invited everyone to enjoy Main Street's upcoming Friday Night's at the Cove events. We are inviting everyone to stop off at one of our local eating establishments to pick up a picnic dinner and bring it to Owl's Cove Park those nights and enjoy the music. She said Main Street has a new e-newsletter. She also reminded everyone of the upcoming Chamber BBQ Picnic next Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Parnell.

The Mayor then reviewed the items under New Business.

Waiver of Orr Park pavilion rental for Back-to-School Bash – Janet Bivins, Bethesda Apostolic Worship Center – The Mayor noted we have done this before.

Recommendation of Finance Committee to amend budgets to reflect an additional \$10,000 in funds for the library to cover janitorial services – Increase 10.4151.41020 GENERAL SALES AND USE TAX by \$10,000, Increase 10.4151.95020 TRANSFER FROM GEN TO LIBRARY by \$10,000; Increase 27.4550.49030 TRNSF FROM GENERAL TO LIBRARY by \$10,000. – The City Clerk explained the need for these amendments. Council Member Nix reminded everyone this was recommended by the Finance Committee.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation – Mayor Cost noted we do this every year and that she wanted the Council to be aware that she was issuing this proclamation again this year.



WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY PROCLAMATION

Whereas, every American deserves the chance to live out the full measure of their days in health and security. Yet, every year, millions of older Americans are denied that most basic opportunity due to abuse, neglect, or exploitation. On World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, we call attention to this global public health issue, and we rededicate ourselves to providing our elders the care and protection they deserve; and

Whereas, victims of elder abuse are parents and grandparents, neighbors and friends. Elder abuse cuts across race, gender, culture, and circumstance, and whether physical, emotional, or financial, it takes an unacceptable toll on individuals and families across our Nation. Seniors who experience abuse or neglect face a heightened risk of health complications and premature death, while financial exploitation can rob men and women of the security they have built over a lifetime; and

Whereas, many older Americans suffer in silence, burdened by fear, shame, or impairments that prevent them from speaking out about abuse; and.

Whereas, we owe it to our seniors to expose elder abuse wherever we find it and take action to bring it to an end; and

Whereas, every day, State and local agencies, protective services professionals, law enforcement officers, private and non-profit organizations, and leaders throughout Montevallo and other communities help protect older Americans from abuse and provide care to those who have already been affected.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Hollie C. Cost, Mayor of Montevallo, Alabama do hereby proclaim June 15, 2017, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of June, 2018.

Hollie C. Cost, Mayor

Notice of combined committee meeting to discuss the Mahler House (Perry Hall) – June 19th at 5 PM, City Hall -

Mayor Cost said we have discussed this issue long enough and that it is time for us to make a decision about the Mahler house. She said she has set a date for a meeting of the various interested boards or committee, including the Council, to determine our direction from this point forward.

Under Old Business, the Mayor reviewed the following items:

Adoption of new branding guide (logo) for city and wayfinding –

Once again, Council Member Bunt expressed her concerns with re-branding the city. She pointed out that she has 20 years of experience in the marketing and branding field, and that the proposed branding appears as if we are trying to copy portions of the UM brand. She said the city and University need to stand clearly apart from one another as far as our branding is concerned. In addition, she pointed out that our current logo is relatively new and that it is not a good idea to change brands too often.

Mayor Cost said she disagreed.

Council Member Peterson pointed out that the new brand was an attempt to tie all of the cooperating players in town together under a similar branding scheme.

Council Member Bunt said she still doesn't support the idea.

Mayor Cost pointed out that the proposal also includes the common branding theme or tag line – *The place to make your mark!* If nothing else, she suggested we should be able to utilize that in some way.

Montevallo City Council Meeting

June 11, 2018

6:00 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Hollie Cost, Council Member Rusty Nix, Council Member Willie Goldsmith, Council Member Tiffany Bunt and Council Member Jason Peterson were in attendance. Council Member Matt Walker 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 – 05/29/2018 - Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the Minutes from May 29, 2018. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Recognitions / Awards: NONE

Opportunities for citizens to speak to the Council:

Bobby Pierson asked for clarification about the proposed wayfinding system

Mayor Cost explained that we are looking at developing a new system of signs throughout town and at destination points, such as Orr Park, to help visitors get where they are going.

Mr. Pierson said he hopes that will include new signage at George Dailey Park, as well.

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

Consent Agenda: NONE

New Business:

Waiver of Orr Park pavilion rental for Back-to-School Bash – Janet Bivins, Bethesda Apostolic Worship Center –

Council Member Nix made a motion to approve the waiver of the Orr Park pavilion rental for the Back-to-School Bash sponsored by Bethesda Apostolic Worship Center. Council Member Goldsmith seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

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Council Member Bunt made a motion to approve the transfers and related budget amendments as detailed. Council Member Nix seconded, and pointed out this was a recommendation of the Finance Committee. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation – Discussed earlier.

Notice of combined committee meeting to discuss the Mahler House (Perry Hall) – June 19th at 5 PM, City Hall –

Mayor Cost said, as discussed earlier, that she will post the meeting date as soon as she determines a date and time which works with everyone.

Old Business:

Adoption of new branding guide (logo) for city and wayfinding – NO ACTION.

Offer from Mr. Scott to purchase the portion of the Mahler property across from the house – NO ACTION.

SPIRE / ALAGASCO (update) – NO ACTION.

Active Air HVAC Service Contract – City Hall & Library – NO ACTION.

Council Member Nix asked if our crews are keeping the JHVAC filter changed. Mr. Hamby said we are. Mr. Hamby also suggested that we get the bidders to quote servicing the Senior Center, as well. Council Member Nix said we probably need a quote for the Rec Building too. The Mayor suggested we go ahead and get a quote for maintenance on all of our buildings.

Board Appointments: NONE

Other Business:

Council Member Peterson informed the Council that the Community Band has requested approval to purchase new shirts for the band, which would include our city logo. The City Clerk noted that the Band has \$250 in their budget. The estimate for the shirts is around \$1,000. Therefore, they would need another \$750 allocated for this purpose.

Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the additional \$750 for the shirts, transferring \$50 from our unallocated reserve into their budget. Council Member Bunt seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Council Member Bunt mentioned that this weekend is Calera's Food Truck Frenzy. She said that reminded her of the Food Truck Ordinance we discussed and asked if there was an update on that.

The City Clerk said we permit food trucks now. They must have a leased spot in the city in an area that is properly zoned for that use. They cannot park on the street and they must be mobile – not permanently located on that spot. He said we have talked about allowing Food Truck Parks and that we need to revisit that idea.

Citizen Participation:

H.G. McGaughy asked when we plan to install our U.S. Flags.

Mr. Hamby said we have 95 flags. We purchased 45-50 new ones last year. He said we currently have more flags available than we have brackets on poles.

Mr. McGaughy said that, as a veteran, he was upset that we didn't have flags up on Veterans Day.

Mr. Hamby explained that we still have the Bicentennial banners up at that point and didn't have a place for the flags.

Mr. McGaughy said we should have taken the banners down and put up the flags. He said it was a disgrace and that many people in our city feel the same way.

Mayor Cost noted that our Public Works Department has limited manpower and does the best it can.

Mr. McGaughy offered to help if they need it. He said this is important.

Sherry Valdes also commented on the absence of the flags this year. She said they should be our priority.

Mayor Cost assured her that no one intended to insult veterans in dishonor our flag in any way. She said her grandfather and other family members were veterans and that she

holds all of our veterans in the highest esteem. She apologized for the flags not being installed for Veterans Day.

Mr. McGaughy expressed his disapproval yet again and said there is no excuse for not having the flags up.

There being no further business before the council, Council Member Nix made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Bunt seconded. ALL AYES . . . MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:23 p.m.

Submitted by:

Herman Lehman
City Clerk