

Montevallo City Council Work Session
June 22, 2015
5:30 p.m. at City Hall

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

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

Mayor Cost introduced John Deloach and Wayne Barber and invited them to present the 2014 Audit to the council.

Mr. Deloach noted that the September 2014 includes the usual “Yellow Book,” as well as a “Single Audit.” The need for a Single Audit is due to the increase in federal grant spending that year. Most importantly, Mr. Deloach stressed the city has a clean opinion which is a good opinion. On a Cost Basis, our Balance Sheet indicates the city has \$824,000 in Cash; \$13,235,000 in Assets; \$2,784,000 in Debt; and a Net Worth of \$10,450,000. In addition, the good news also includes the fact we received more revenue than budgeted and spent less than budgeted. Mr. Deloach pointed out that it takes a lot of hard work on the part of department heads and staff to get those kinds of positive results.

The only “exception” to the report is one that most cities our size have – separation of duties. We will most likely always have that since we doubtfully ever have the resources necessary to hire different people to oversee each function.

Our Single Audit was “unmodified.” meaning it was very good too. Everything in the City is in good shape financially.

Mayor Cost thanked our auditors for their hard work on behalf of the City of Montevallo. Brandon Broadhead informed the council that the Fire Department applied for three grants and has received one so far for \$24,510, with a \$500 consultant fee. The City’s match for that grant is \$1, 670, which they have budgeted in the City Reserve Account. The grant is for thermal engineering cameras. They currently have one that they’ve used for 16 years. Mr. Broadhead expressed his thanks to Mr. Danzer and Mr. Fulmer who helped with the grants. Mayor Cost said the fire department has done a wonderful job.

Council Member Woodham thanked Mr. Broadhead for thinking ahead and budgeting funds from the capital reserve in order to pay for the grant match.

Mayor Cost mentioned that next item on the Agenda was the Historic Downtown District and Guidelines. She asked if Mary Shell with the State Historical Commission was present for the work session to answer questions. The City Clerk explained that Ms. Shell was not able to come due a death in the family. However, she emailed the answers to the questions from last week’s minutes as follows:

Downtown Historic District Public Hearing Questions:

- 1) *What historic districts currently exist in Montevallo? Do any pertain to downtown?*
ANSWER: The campus and downtown are listed on the National Register and I attached that documentation. We provided funds to survey residential area over 10 years ago, but it was never nominated to the register. Residential areas are eligible for listing.
- 2) *What happens when downtown becomes a district?* **ANSWER: Major changes will be reviewed for appropriateness with design guidelines before work can proceed.**
- 3) *Do the guidelines apply to just the outside of the buildings or the inside as well?*
ANSWER: Only exterior changes can be regulated.
- 4) *Who serves as the governing body?* **ANSWER: The Historic Preservation Commission applies the design guidelines to the projects in locally designated districts. They recommend designation, but city council has that authority, How does the design review committee work?** **ANSWER: Not sure about what you are asking. Are you referring to architectural review board? Typically when the property owner requests building permit they are notified they are in a historic district and given application for a COA. The local historic preservation commission would review project against design guidelines in a public hearing to make decision if it does or doesn't meet guidelines. The commission should not meet with property owner as a private committee. All of their decisions should be made in public.**
- 5) *How do the historic guidelines differ from the Urban Core guidelines?* **ANSWER: Urban core guidelines deal with use and site issues but would allow you to remove historic windows and other significant elements from historic buildings. Design review guidelines work to protect the historic materials so the district maintains its National Register status and historic significance. The urban core guidelines and design review guidelines need to be in harmony on new development within the NR district and on the edges to also support the unique historic character of downtown Montevallo.**

Council Member Woodham asked if the work site plans have to go through Montgomery because of the procedure the University goes through for their work site plans.

The City Clerk said “no,” the University operates by different rules.

Mayor Cost asked if there were any follow up questions.

Council Member Woodham remarked that she didn't feel like she understood it 100%.

Council Member Nix said that he did feel comfortable.

Council Member Goldsmith remarked that he did not.

Council Member Woodham noted that she understands protecting the historic nature of downtown but there is also a burden to the businesses in improving with restrictions.

Council Member Woodham said she would feel better if Ms. Shell could be present to clarify things.

Mayor Cost asked the City Clerk to set up a separate work session with Ms. Shell in attendance.

Julie Smitherman, a local business owner, asked if the city council would have the property owners there. Council Member Woodham said that property owners are welcome to be there but would not participate in the work session.

Montevallo City Council Meeting

June 22, 2015

6:00 p.m. at City Hall

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

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 – 6/8/15: Council Member Goldsmith made a motion to approve the Minutes from June 8, 2015 as presented. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Student Recognitions / Awards: Mayor Cost invited Representative April Weaver to make a special presentation.

Representative Weaver read the following proclamation in honor of three of our residents:

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COMMENDING MEREDITH GOGGINS FOR HEROIC AND TIMELY
ACTION IN HELPING TO SAVE THREE SWIMMERS IN PERIL.

WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation and with
deepest gratitude that Meredith Goggins of Montevallo,
Alabama, is recognized for her heroic and timely actions in
helping to rescue three swimmers in peril at Perdido Beach on
May 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Meredith Goggins graduated from Montevallo
High School in May 2015, and was on Perdido Beach with fellow
graduates, Kayla Smith, Lupe Serrano, and Katie Hamrick when
they heard a woman frantically calling for help for her
daughters; the three young girls were 30-40 feet out into the
waters and were clearly in distress; and

WHEREAS, all four girls from Montevallo quickly swam
into the ocean and brought the three young girls to shore;
paramedics arrived and performed CPR on the two older girls
before they were flown to Sacred Heart Hospital; the youngest
daughter did not require hospitalization; the extraordinary

1 quick thinking and heroic rescue actions during a
2 life-threatening situation saved these three young girls from
3 drowning; and

4 WHEREAS, through her meritorious response to a life
5 and death situation, Meredith Goggins and her friends have
6 demonstrated decisiveness and exemplary character, numbering
7 them among Alabama's finest citizens; Meredith Goggins also
8 incurred injuries and was taken to the hospital; and

9 WHEREAS, indeed a courageous young lady, the
10 selfless actions of Meredith Goggins are the source of
11 justifiable pride to her family and friends; we are extremely
12 proud of her heroism and Meredith Goggins is most deserving of
13 special distinction and praise for her efforts; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Meredith Goggins is hereby
16 most highly honored and commended for heroically rescuing
17 three strangers struggling in the waters of Perdido Beach, and
18 it is directed that a copy of this resolution be presented to
19 her in admiration and appreciation, along with best wishes for
20 all future endeavors.

The Mayor reiterated how proud everyone in Montevallo is of these three young women.

Opportunities for citizens to speak to the Council:

Dr. Earl Cunningham said he had two recommendations for the council: 1) Indefinitely table actions regarding the golf course, because the council needs to take care of public safety, education, etc first. 2) At the next work session, discuss amending the time citizens have an

opportunity to speak from 3 minutes to 5 minutes. He said 3 minutes is entirely too short to give the citizens a chance to collect their thoughts.

Leon Davis, a UM retiree, said he came to Montevallo in 1963 and has pride in being from this community that promotes quality of life. He knows a lot of prominent people played at the golf course and some put money into the course when it was being built. He know there are a lot of courses around that are closed or closing. He is an associate director of retirees association and his job is to arrange events at golf courses. His organization has played at many places and will go to Florence to play and eat at Turtle Point. He has thought about this for a while and said he could bring their group here. They spend \$10,000-12,000 dollars on golf and another \$5,000 for banquets. He asked the council to consider continuing to support our golf course.

Julie Smitherman said she will email her questions and concerns regarding the proposed Downtown Historic District. She felt we need to be more concrete than subjective than leaving decisions to a chairperson's discretion.

Nathan Stamps said asked questions and expressed his concerns about codes passed in March (International Codes 2012).

Julie Smitherman asked if we can get the Historic District codes on the city website.

Rick Maddox, a new member of Planning Commission, complained they have not had a meeting in “four years” and that the council had given their duties “to the county.”

Mayor Cost explained that the committee meets when needed.

Rick Maddox suggested there had been a lot of changes made without the committee. He then handed in his book of zoning regulations and tendered his verbal resignation from the Planning Commission to the Mayor and Council.

Ms. Welcome reminded the Mayor and Council regarding her concern about Highway 203. Mayor Cost said that we have not had an update from Shelby County. She asked the City Clerk to give Ms. Welcome the information to contact the appropriate person at Shelby County.

A citizen expressed his concern about the international ordinance. Mayor Cost clarified once again that the International Property Maintenance Code which caused so much concern has not been passed. We updated our other, existing building codes to the most recent version in order to remain in compliance with ISO. There is a person spreading false information throughout the community which is getting everyone upset for no reason. It is false!

Jake Beatty asked where he can find the revisions to the zoning rules. Mayor Cost said we haven't had any revisions lately, but the code is under the municipal code online on the website. Mr. Beatty asked about Minutes. Mayor Cost said they are supposed to be on the website and instructed the City Clerk to make sure they are there.

Brandon Broadhead explained that the fire code is revised every 3 years, which applies to commercial structures.

Nathan Stamps asked about the requirements regarding sprinklers. Fire Chief Bill Reid explained that there has been a requirement for buildings in our downtown to be sprinklered since he has been with the department. For example, when the Alabama Coach building was renovated, they were required to add sprinklers. He encouraged anyone with questions about the fire code to talk to him.

Brandon Broadhead noted that when doing minor repairs to a building, you do not have to install sprinklers.

Wade Ryder said he lives in Alabaster and is surprised the city is considering giving the golf course back to UM. He mentioned, as well, his concern regarding the carts. He said he has heart stints and worries he might be out there and the golf cart goes out.

Mayor Cost reassured him that we are still gathering information in order to make the best decision possible regarding the course.

Committee Reports and Consideration of Bills:

Public Health & Safety (Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, Housing Abatement) –

Chief Littleton presented the Police Department report:

Montevillo 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	90	105	95	96	90	56							532
Criminal Cases	25	35	40	40	17	20							177
Non-Criminal	10	15	17	20	10	9							81
Traffic Accidents	17	13	12	21	14	9							86
Traffic Citations	97	90	113	188	147	70							467
DUI Arrests	3	1	5	2	1	0							12
Public Intox Arr	0	0	0	1	0	0							1
Alias Arrests	8	11	11	13	9	2							54
Juvenile Arrests	0	1	0	1	0	0							2
Misd Arrests	4	8	3	4	6	1							26
Felony Arrests	1	1	0	0	1	2							5
Drug Related	4	4	3	3	2	5							21
Total Arrest	15	26	22	27	19	10							119
Auto Thefts	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Burglaries	3	0	2	3	0	1							9
Auto Recoveries	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Auto Burglaries	3	4	6	0	3	3							22
Criminal Mischief	5	5	5	5	5	3							28
DV. Related	11	12	11	11	15	5							54
Assaults	2	3	2	5	0	4							16
Fraud/Forgery	6	7	0	4	2	0							19
Harass / Reck	3	4	1	3	9	5							25
Misc. Offenses	0	0	0	0	1	0							1
Robberies	0	0	0	1	0	0							1
Thefts / Attempts	11	10	10	10	11	7							60
Suicide Attempts	1	0	1	1	1	1							5
Suicides	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Deaths	0	1	1	0	0	0							2

Karen Kiker
9:25 AM
6/17/2015

Code Enforcement Activity Report

June 8, 2015 – June 22, 2015

<u>Junk Cars Inspections</u>	- 0
Pending	- 0
Closed	- 0
<u>Animal Complaints Inspections</u>	- 0
Pending	- 0
Closed	- 0
<u>Abandoned Buildings/Houses</u>	- 1
Pending	- 31
Closed	- 0
<u>Un-Kept Property Inspections</u>	- 4
Pending	- 2
Closed	- 2
<u>Misc. Complaints</u>	- 1
Pending	- 0
Closed	- 1
<u>Total New Inspections This Period</u>	- 6
<u>Total Inspection Year To Date</u>	- 37

The Chief informed the council the new patrol car was ordered and will be about 8 weeks before it arrives.

Council Member Goldsmith asked about the Code Enforcement Officers efforts to deal with the blighted houses. The Chief explained that he sent the property owners letters telling them what needs to be addressed or the property will be condemned. We have to give them notice by law. Several of the issues have already been addressed.

Chief Reid said they had no major calls lately. They are in the midst of their annual vehicle maintenance. As discussed earlier, he noted we received the small grant we applied for and hope we will get good news on the others, as well.

Sustainability (Streets & Sanitation, Recycling, Arbor & Beautification, ValloCycle, Environmental Preservation Initiatives) –

Council Member Nix reported the Mr. Hamby had nothing of importance to report. They are covered up with grass cutting as usual. On Spring Creek Rd, the power company sprayed all of the trees around the power lines. Arbor & Beautification meeting is tonight.

Recreation, Preservation and Community Development (Parks & recreation, Golf Course, Youth Athletics, Trails, Historical Commission, Planning & Zoning, Annexations) –

Council Member Nix reported that the twelve year olds tournament and 9 year olds tournament are upcoming, featuring four tournaments using five fields.

Ed Davis reported on their efforts to provide programming for our youth. They have 125 different children from Shelby-Chilton County Health Services who had a good time at the course. 26 kids are participating in the next session. Boys & Girls Club will be there on Wednesday with total nutrition and total health lessons. They should have 30-35 participants aged between 10-13 years old for basics of golf. On July 10th at 9 am, they will hold their PGA Golf Academy. A lot of people help with that event, including adults and college student volunteers.

Council Member Woodham informed the council that the Trails Committee has been working on the trail at Shoal Creek Park. The Shoal Creek Park Foundation is in the process of incorporating and filing for 501 C3 status. The Shoal Creek Park public meeting went well, and we received a lot of great input. We're hoping to open the first portion of the Shoal Creek Park trail very soon. She thanked Rob and Becky and the rest of the committee for all their efforts.

Council Member Nix reminded the council the Historical Commission will meet July 7th at the library at 6:30 p.m.

Education, Arts & Outreach (Schools, UM, Boys & Girls Club, Library, American Village, Sister City Commission, Artwalk, Middle School Grant) –

Allie Williams presented the Library report:

PARNELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY
MONTHLY REPORT
MAY 2015

CIRCULATION:	3183 Items Charged (Decreased by 11%)
COMPUTER USE:	708 users (Increased by 7%)
STORYTIME/4:	78 Children (Increased by 5%)
MOVIES/4:	81 People Attended (Decreased by 7%)
ADULT PROGRAMS:	40
WEBSITE VISITS SINCE 5/26/15:	1,801

DEPOSITS:	5/7/15	\$599.15
	5/20/15	\$278.95
	5/28/15	\$164.25
	5/29/15	\$41.60
	5/29/15	\$152.10

TOTAL \$1236.05

Finance, Economic Development & Tourism (Finance, MDCD, IDB, Chamber) –

Council Member Woodham discussed the upcoming Finance Committee meeting. She said there nothing critical on the agenda and announced that it was being cancelled this month. She then submitted the MDCD report:

Main Street

- BWSC Finalizing plans
- ALDOT has requested additional information on the depth and condition of the waterline before approval to include the requested relocation work in the project plans.
- Overhead power line relocation work is underway and will be followed by AT&T

Montevallo Community Track

- Sports Turf is working on punch list items associated with electrical items / scheduled to be complete in the next two weeks and the track can then be opened to the public when not in use by UM

UM Softball Stadium at Orr Park

- Complete

Orr Park Pathway Lights

- Installation on hold until replacement light poles arrive to replace defective poles originally shipped

Montevallo Street Sign Replacement Project

- Installation underway

Middle Street Project

- BWSC 30% complete with design

Safe Routes to Schools Project (Along Island St. from N. Boundary to the Housing Authority)

- Final inspection with ALDOT scheduled for this Friday

Paving (Island St. from Hwy 119 to the Library)

- Complete / Remaining Phase II paving will be completed Summer 2016

Council Member Woodham also informed the council that there will be another meeting tomorrow morning regarding the Orr Park Creek Bank Restoration Project. She said she hopes we can obtain some grant funds to help us with this project.

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

Consent Agenda: NONE

New Business

Presentation by Rep. April Weaver – Presented earlier.

Acceptance of Audit – Mayor Cost noted that the audit contained all good news. Council Member Nix asked if Michael Harman had been informed of the obligation due from the Water Board to the City. Council Member Woodham said he is aware of it.

Council Member Goldsmith made a motion to approve the acceptance of the 2014 Audit. Council Member Woodham seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Mayor Cost reminded everyone of the poor financial condition the city was in 11 year ago when started her service on the council. Thanks to Mayor Anderson, Mayor McCrory, the councils and all our department heads, we are doing very well.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant – Thermal Imaging Cameras - \$1,167 match from City Capital Reserve Account

Council Member Nix made a motion to approve the match as described. Council Member Goldsmith seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Old Business

Approval of Downtown Historic District & Guidelines: The Mayor said this will be postponed for consideration until after we hold a work session.

Board Appointments: NONE

Other Business: NONE

Citizen Participation:

Steve Gilbert asked if old signs had to be replaced as part of the guidelines. He also mentioned that Alabama Power sprayed herbicide around the city recently, not the city.

H.G. McGaughy asked when Oak Street will be paved, because “it is the worst.” Mayor Cost agreed. Council Member Woodham said Phase 2 of paving is scheduled for the summer of 2016.

Franklin Bell asked about the trailer next to the Middle School. Mayor Cost said our building services folks have sent the property owner several letters. She said she would follow up on that. It is a zoning issue.

Mr. Bell also asked if the streets around the Middle School will be blocked by the Middle School project. Chief Reid said there will be one way in and out and that both he and Chief Littleton, as well as the Mayor, had informed the School Board of their issues and concerns with that aspect of their site plan.

There being no further business before the council, Council member Goldsmith made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:58 p.m.

Submitted by:

Herman Lehman
City Clerk