

MINUTES

City of Montevallo Council Work Session August 8, 2016 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Hollie 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.

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: 08/08/2016		
Patrol Report:					
Total Calls: 741	Burglaries: 1	Zone Checks: 500			
Total Cases: 132	Auto Burglaries: 1	School Patrols: NA			
Traffic Accidents: 19	Domestics: 7				
Traffic Stops: 204	Assaults: 2				
Traffic Citations: 112	Fraud/Forgery: 1				
Total Arrests: 64	Thefts/Attempts: 9				
Investigations (New Cases):					
Felony Cases Pending: 1	Misdemeanor Cases Pending: 2				
Felony Cases Closed: 1	Misdemeanor Cases Closed: 1				
School Resource Report:					
Offense Reports: NA	Traffic Accident Reports: NA	Cases Pending: NA			
Incident Reports: NA	Arrest Reports: NA	Cases Closed: NA			
Additional Comments: 					

Montevallo Police Department Stats

	January-16	February-16	March-16	April-16	May-16	June-16	July-16	August-16	September-16	October-16	November-16	December-16	Total
Total Cases	85	90	97	123	115	101	132						749
Criminal Cases	30	26	35	32	40	42	45						250
Non-Criminal	10	8	20	18	18	15	21						110
Traffic Accidents	18	12	13	18	17	9	19						106
Traffic Citations	167	168	168	167	153	120	112						1055
DUI Arrests	3	2	0	2	3	1	6						17
Public Intox Arr	0	0	1	1	4	2	0						8
Alias Arrests	6	9	8	10	14	18	22						87
Juvenile Arrests	0	1	0	4	0	0	0						5
Misd Arrests	3	12	13	12	5	11	13						69
Felony Arrests	2	2	3	7	2	3	9						28
Drug Related	7	5	8	9	2	5	11						47
Total Arrest	17	31	33	48	30	37	64						260
Auto Thefts	0	0	0	0	0	1	0						1
Burglaries	2	2	0	2	3	1	1						11
Auto Recoveries	0	0	0	0	0	1	0						1
Auto Burglaries	2	3	3	2	1	2	1						14
Criminal Mischief	3	3	8	4	6	3	4						31
DV. Related	5	9	11	16	12	12	7						72
Assaults	0	2	0	0	3	5	2						12
Fraud/Forgery	5	2	3	1	2	2	1						16
Harass / Reck	6	7	6	5	8	8	9						49
Misc. Offenses	9	5	5	0	11	8	23						61
Robberies	0	0	1	0	2	1	0						4
Thefts / Attempts	2	9	4	7	9	11	9						51
Suicide Attempts	1	1	0	2	0	0	0						4
Suicides	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Deaths	1	2	1	0	1	2	0						7



Montevallo Police Department Code Enforcement Activity Report

Date:
08/06/2016

Inspection Period
07/25/2016

Inspection Period
08/07/2016

Inoperable Vehicle Inspections:

Inspected:
1

Pending:
3

Closed:
1

Animal Complaint Inspections:

Inspected:
1

Pending:

Closed:
1

Abandoned Building Inspections:

Inspected:
7

Pending:
40

Closed:
2

Property Inspections:

Inspected:
0

Pending:
6

Closed:
2

Miscellaneous Complaints:

Inspected:
0

Pending:
0

Closed:
0

Inspected:
9

Total Inspections this Period:
9

Total Inspections Year to Date:
124

Council Member Nix asked if we are investigating forty abandoned buildings. The Chief said he thought that was correct but would double-check with Officer Holloway to make certain.

Chief Bill Reid reported that all of their fire trucks are back in service. He said they responded to 113 calls in July.

Council Member Goldsmith asked if the Chief heard anything new about the grants. Chief Reid said we made it through the peer review for the SCBA grant. So far, we haven't heard anything

about the truck grant. The truck grants will only be released if there are program funds remaining.

Kirk Hamby, Director of Public Works, reported that the mixed metal dumpster at the Recycling Center has been removed because it was being misused. People are still dumping illegally at the center. However, we were having to pay to have the dumpster taken to the dump because of the abuse.

Mayor Cost noted we are still collecting scrap metal as a city.

Mr. Hamby informed the council that the HVAC unit is on the roof of the Recycling Center and should be installed this week. He also mentioned that Precision Concrete company has returned and that their work looks good.

Mayor Cost reminded the council that there will still be larger sections of sidewalk which will need to be completely replaced.

Mr. Hamby said the amount of rain is affecting their right-of-way mowing schedule. He said the grass is getting ahead of them.

He also reported that his crews are busy cleaning in and around the Recycling Center in preparation for the surplus sale in September.

Lee Waites informed the council that a section of the sidewalk in front of his home at 440 Shelby St needs to be replaced. Mr. Hamby said he would look at it in the morning.

Mr. Waites updated the council on ValloCycle. He said he needs to get a better understanding of the bike check-out procedures and suggested placing an ad in the Chamber Chatter to spread the word about the program.

Mayor Cost said she would be in touch with him regarding both items.

Mr. Waites reminded everyone about the ValloCycle event at UM on the 21st.

Shane Baugh, Director of Parks & Recreation, reported that football and cheerleading registration is over. He reminded everyone that Bull Dog Day is Saturday at 6:00 p.m. He said that the first part of September travel-ball tournaments start back at our field. We also have six teams using our fields for practice each week. The fees they pay help to cover the cost of lighting and maintaining the fields.

Jeremy Littleton mentioned that the Prayer in the Park event last weekend was moved to the school because of rain.

Mayor informed the council that she hopes to recognize the World Champion Montevallo Dizzy Dean baseball team at the August 22nd council meeting. She said she would also like to do something to recognize them at halftime during an upcoming MHS football game.

Mr. Baugh reported that Saturday was a workday at the fields for all of our local teams.

Dwight Dellinger reported on activity at the Golf Course. He said we had 914 rounds played last month, 7,000 rounds played year-to-date. He said the course is looking good and that they are receiving positive feedback from the players. They have two tournaments scheduled in the fall. The new carts are operating beautifully. The golf cart company actually inspects a random sampling of the carts each month to make sure they are being maintained properly.

Council Member Nix said he hopes the weather will cool down somewhat in the common weeks and that more people will want to get out there and play.

MonteVallo Golf Club
June 2016

	Oct 2015	Nov 2015	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2016	May 2016	Jun \$ 2,016.00	Jul 2016	Aug 2016	Sept 2016	
Green Fees	\$ 5,905.50	\$ 3,077.00	\$ 2,224.50	\$ 2,005.50	\$ 3,052.00	\$ 3,790.00	\$ 7,370.00	\$ 7,452.00	\$ 5,885.00	\$ 6,025.50			\$ 46,787.00
Cart Fees	\$ 10,173.50	\$ 5,327.00	\$ 4,615.00	\$ 4,085.50	\$ 5,225.50	\$ 8,236.50	\$ 14,368.00	\$ 15,290.00	\$ 11,507.00	\$ 11,245.00			\$ 90,073.00
Range Balls	\$ 1,315.00	\$ 345.00	\$ 378.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 615.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 1,190.50	\$ 1,165.00	\$ 225.00			\$ 6,743.50
Vending	\$ 691.69	\$ 418.67	\$ 332.00	\$ 260.97	\$ 380.51	\$ 691.25	\$ 1,282.65	\$ 1,061.82	\$ 963.12	\$ 1,101.96			\$ 7,184.64
Pro Shop	\$ 276.40	\$ 71.74	\$ 105.25	\$ 106.45	\$ 208.70	\$ 396.90	\$ 693.15	\$ 571.35	\$ 1,052.25	\$ 926.90			\$ 4,409.09
Beer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Dues	\$ 11,435.00	\$ 2,915.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 575.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 642.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 165.00			\$ 18,077.00
Initiation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 250.00
Cart House	\$ 2,130.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 2,430.00
Total Receipts	\$ 31,927.09	\$ 12,454.41	\$ 8,054.75	\$ 7,293.42	\$ 9,556.71	\$ 14,454.65	\$ 25,248.80	\$ 26,207.67	\$ 21,067.37	\$ 19,689.36	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175,954.23
Total Receipts	\$ 31,927.09	\$ 12,454.41	\$ 8,054.75	\$ 7,293.42	\$ 9,556.71	\$ 14,454.65	\$ 25,248.80	\$ 26,207.67	\$ 21,067.37	\$ 19,689.36	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175,954.23
Credit Cards	\$ 17,709.49	\$ 4,991.65	\$ 4,209.32	\$ 3,342.70	\$ 4,968.69	\$ 9,172.75	\$ 15,378.12	\$ 13,552.29	\$ 12,989.63	\$ 12,097.43			\$ 98,412.07
	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 2,210.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 410.00	\$ 1,256.00	\$ 525.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,501.00
Cash Deposit	\$ 8,467.60	\$ 5,252.76	\$ 3,845.43	\$ 3,650.72	\$ 4,338.02	\$ 5,081.90	\$ 9,460.68	\$ 7,944.44	\$ 4,514.10	\$ 7,591.93	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,147.58
Rounds	779	429	381	287	448	651	1,060	1,072	900	914	0	0	6,921

Council Member Nix informed the council that members of the Historical Commission will be at the Mahler house on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. to go through more of the items at the house. He also noted that Janice Seaman and Melinda Nix attended the Historical Commission / Certified Local Government Conference in Mobile last week.

Mayor Cost informed the council that after the Historical Commission looks through the personal property at the Mahler house, we will take all the unwanted items over to the Recycling Center in preparation for our sale.

Mr. Hamby said the items will be stored in the warehouse.

Tiffany Bunt reminded everyone there will be an Art Walk (ArtStalk) on October 29th from 1-6 p.m.

PARNELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY
MONTHLY REPORT
JULY 2016

CIRCULATION:	3405 items charged (Decreased by 5% from last June, but up 38% from May)
COMPUTER USE:	406 users (Decreased by 3%)
STORYTIME/4:	96
MOVIES/6:	100 people attended
OTHER KIDS' PROGRAMS/7:	176
ADULT PROGRAMS/1:	3

DEPOSITS:		
	7/15/16	\$183.04
	7/21/16	\$253.00
	7/29/16	\$205.55
	7/29/16	\$78.50
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		\$720.09

Council Member Woodham reviewed highlights of the financial summary for June:

June 2016 Financial Report Summary

Business License revenue for June was ahead of the same period last year. We also remain ahead YTD. However, we are approximately \$15,000 short of our budgeted goal for the year. That fact is mitigated almost entirely, however, because our business license penalties are

\$3,800 ahead of budget for the year and our business license audit collections are around \$9,000 ahead of budget for the year. As a result, with three months to go in the fiscal year, our overall business license collections are nearly at budget for the fiscal year. You will note that our property tax revenues are approximately \$3,000 behind year-to-date and around \$6,500 behind budget for the year – again, not a significant deficit, especially given the time remaining in the fiscal year. What’s more, our sales tax revenues continue to be our bright spot - \$15,530 ahead month-to-date and \$89,542 ahead year-to-date. Even if we assume a very conservative \$120,000 in sales tax revenue each month through the end of the fiscal year, we would end the year ahead of budget by \$55,000. Once again, this is extremely good news for us and, assuming current trends hold, suggests our actual sales tax revenues will be much higher than that.

With regard to expenditures, as we have been tracking, City Hall appears well ahead of budget for the year due to the repayment of a \$90,002 Seal Coat Performance Bond which we received last fiscal year and \$79,381 in payments toward City Hall Construction. City Hall is also over budget with regard to printing (due to the change in address), engineering services and legal fees. Recycling is of budget year-to-date due to equipment repair costs. Streets & Roads is ahead due to one-time insurance costs and personnel costs. However, personnel costs are offset by lower personnel costs in related departments. Sanitation is ahead of budget mostly because of repairs made to damaged equipment and vehicles, the bulk of the cost of which was recuperated from our insurance company. Fire, Cemetery, and Building Inspector are also ahead of budget, but not because of anything unanticipated.

As expected, expenditures at the Golf Course are up largely due to the purchase of the new golf cart fleet, catching up on deferred maintenance and paying overdue bills from last year when the course was under different management. However, normal operating expenses are within budget overall (some things up, some things down). The problem of greatest long-term concern at the Golf Course at this point is sluggish revenue. While we expected the summer months to make up for the slow-playing winter months, this has not been the case so far. Rain and hot weather has affected our level of play. As such, when you take into account the \$25,000 we received from UM in July, we now expect revenues for the year to fall short of budget. Unless play picks up dramatically, we are on track to end the year with revenues of around \$250,000 at the Golf Course - \$76,000 under budget. As mentioned, hopefully, we can make up some of that shortfall with increased play through the end of the fiscal year. We will see.

In the meantime, as we prepare for next year’s budget, we are working on a recommendation to the council to increase our green fees, cart fees, cart house rental fees and membership fees. If weather or economic trends or whatever are going to reduce the level of play at the course over the long-term, those who choose to play golf in the future will need to pay slightly more than they have been. We feel this is more than justified because we are still one of the cheapest courses around anywhere. On top of that, we have made some significant improvements to the course which have made it far more attractive and rewarding to play. In addition, now that our greens have been repaired and we have ordered a new golf cart fleet, we are working toward developing and implementing a marketing and promotion plan that will reach out to our

surrounding areas in a more intentional manner. This area is admittedly a deficit that we will address.

Importantly, we now have a fairly realistic understanding of what it takes to properly operate the course. We have also paid the overdue bills, eliminated waste where possible and either fixed or replaced equipment essential to the course's proper care and maintenance. As a result, our level of expenditures at the course next year should be normalized and nowhere near as high as they have been this year. Normalized expenditures combined with increased rates should help to bring the budget at the course back into balance.

It is worth noting that our revenues at Park & Recreation have not met our expectations this year either. In fact, we are at about half of what we expected for the year – approximately \$60,000 behind budget. Here too, we are working to address this issue in next year's budget.

In spite of these few problem spots, our overall revenue for the year is 6.69% ahead of budget year-to-date – around \$298,814 ahead of the same time last year. On the expenditure side, we have spent \$247,790 more so far this year than we've brought in. However, when you consider the \$90,000 performance bond we returned this year, the \$79,381 in payments toward City Hall Construction, the \$28,821 we spent on the new truck for Sanitation, and the approximately \$95,000 we spent on the new golf cart fleet, all totaling \$293,202, we are actually around \$45,000 ahead in budgeted revenue over expenditures year-to-date. As you will recall, all of those items were paid from savings, but were still reflected in the current fiscal year's report. Moreover, keep in mind that we will not bring over the bulk of the Municipal Court funds into the General Fund until closer to the end of the fiscal year. Therefore, we are in pretty good shape and should end the fiscal year with a slight operating surplus.

Speaking of budgets, given that this is an election year, we expect to have a proposed budget to the council no later than the first council meeting in September.

Council Member Woodham reminded everyone of the Main Street meeting the following night. This is an opportunity for those who were unable to participate in the original meeting to be a part of the program and have their voices heard. There is a meeting for the general public here at City Hall at 3:30 p.m.

Mayor Cost mentioned there will also be a public meeting at 6:00 that evening at Ward Chapel Church. She said we are hoping to receive more input from our minority community and encouraged everyone to attend.

Council Member Woodham briefly updated the council on activity at the MDCD. She said they put out an RFP for auditor services. Bids for the ALDOT Main Street Streetscape Project are still scheduled to be received in September. After that, it should take around two months for

construction to start. The next MDCD meeting is scheduled for August 29th, 4 p.m. at the Library.

As far as the bills are concerned, Council Member Woodham said there was nothing out of the ordinary.

Debby Raymond reminded everyone that all purchase orders need to be before the end of the month so that purchases for this year don't roll over to the next budget year which begins in October.

The City Clerk explained the Alabama Furniture Mart case. He said our attorney recommends the settlement.

Rick Evans informed the council that the Housing Abatement Board meets tomorrow at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Cost asked if the entire list would be reviewed and if affected property owners have been notified. Mr. Evan explained that they post the notices of their meetings as required by law.

**City of Montevallo
Council Meeting
August 8, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Hollie 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.

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 – 7/25/16 – Council Member Goldsmith made a motion to approve the Minutes from July 25, 2016 as presented. Council Member Gilbert seconded. Council Member Woodham ABSTAINED. ALL OTHERS VOTED AYE . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Student Recognitions / Awards - None.

Mayor Cost introduced Sam Reece with the Junior City Council. She noted that Leah Waites was recently elected at the Junior Council's new president.

Opportunities for citizens to speak to the Council – No one participated.

Sam Reece reminded everyone that the Junior City Council is sponsoring a Youth Mayoral Forum at MHS on the 15th at 6 p.m. He said they are soliciting questions from the students and they hope to get the students involved in the process and educated about the issues. He said they are also working on an afterschool program – “Green Light.” The program would offer discounts to MHS students as a means of attracting them to downtown businesses afterschool.

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.

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

Consent Agenda: NONE

New Business

Alabama Furniture Market Case Settlement - \$2,929.69

Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the \$2,929.69 settlement as recommended by our attorney. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Removal of Abandoned Vehicles – 2011 Gray Nissan Altima and 1999 White Buick Park Avenue. Mayor Cost informed the Council that Officer Holloway is working on this issue. Council Member Woodham made a motion to authorize the removal of these abandoned vehicles as prescribed by law. Council Member Goldsmith seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Old Business

Demolition Bid Award - 613 Shelby St. NO ACTION

Food Truck Ordinance NO ACTION

Board Appointments

Housing Authority Appointments (Mayoral) Mayor Cost said that unless the Council has a problem with these nominees as recommended by Mr. Brown, Judy Gothard & Beverly Cox, she intends to appoint them to the Housing Authority Board.

Mayor Cost said that at the next meeting we will consider the nomination of Bob Doyle to the Arbor & Beautification Board., as well as other appointments.

Other Business: NONE

Citizen Participation:

Janice Seaman updated the council on their trip to the Historical Commission Conference in Mobile. She said it was very informative. She also noted that Mary Helmer, the Main Street Alabama Coordinator, was also at the conference.

There being no further business before the council, Council Member Nix made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Woodham seconded. ALL AYES . . . MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:12 p.m.

Submitted by:

Herman Lehman
City Clerk