

## MINUTES

### **Montevallo City Council Work Session**

**January 23, 2017**

**5:30 p.m. at City Hall**

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

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

Mayor Cost informed the council that the owner of the old Triple T convenience store has granted us permission to paint a mural on the side of his building. Gabby Wolodarski presented her plans for the mural to the council:

January 20th, 2017  
Montevallo, AL

Gaby Wolodarski, Artist & Adjunct Professor of Art, University of Montevallo

To: Montevallo City Council

#### MURAL PROPOSAL

**Location:** blank cinderblock side wall of former Triple T's building  
across from the Fire Department  
at the north entrance/exit to town on Hwy 119

**Title(s):** Visitor Song *or* Invasive Species Ballad

**Description:** This mural would enliven a wall of an empty building that currently looks a bit sad and derelict — an unfortunate last-impression as you're leaving town. The mural would be a parting greeting, a splash of color waving "See you again!", and gently impressing visitors and residents alike with a subtle sense of liveliness. Additionally, the mural is conceived as a complex enough composition to engender curiosity about its many enigmatic details, with the idea of encouraging repeated visits, i.e. foot traffic.

Thematically, the mural is intended to convey the passage of time in a poetic way. Scenes from the local geography (the surrounding fields and hills, parking-lot topiary, roads, kudzu...) are combined with distortions of space and scale (the planet seen from afar, irrigated fields seen from above, bodies of water...), historical and archeological allusions (the discovery of America, a spearhead, a digital cursor...) and formal puns (circles, arcs, symmetries, plays of light and dark). The operative idea is that we're all "visitors" — that we're here for a short time — that everything changes.

Attached is a color sketch of the basic composition, with the phrases "Welcome" and "Come Again!" punctuating the left and right edges. The overall color scheme is muted blues and greens, modulated by warmer blushes and sprinkled with brighter, smaller, sharper notes of color.

**Time Frame:** My hope is that this mural could be completed by April of this year.

**Budget:** See attached. I look forward to working on securing funding for this project, and am open to ideas for sources and methods. I'm hoping that the City's blessing will enable me to move forward in this regard.

**About Me:** I'm a Swedish-American painter, muralist and installation artist who currently teaches Art at UM. I studied at Berkeley and Cornell, and worked in the San Francisco Bay Area for a decade as a scenic painter and muralist. I have experience painting murals professionally, notably in the famous Balmy Alley of San Francisco's Mission District, as well as for the mural company Evans and Brown, where I worked on murals for the Atlantis Hotel in Dubai, the Wynn Casino in Las Vegas, and other such high-end clients. But I'm more interested in murals' ability to enliven public space, and so I've been looking forward to proposing this composition for Montevallo, which is now my home.



### **Mural Budget**

**Materials:**

<u>Primer</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>Paint and sealer</u>	<u>500</u>
<u>Scaffolding</u>	<u>200</u>
<u>Misc. supplies</u>	<u>100</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>

**Labor:**

(this is optional, but it would be nice to have help with surface prep, and/or give an art student the opportunity to gain some mural experience.)

<u>Prep and priming, 2 @ 200/day</u>	<u>400</u>
and/or	
<u>Stipend for student assistant</u>	<u>400</u>

**Artist fee:**

none / TBD (?)

Estimated total \$ 1300-1700

Ms. Wolodarski explained that if she is granted permission to move forward with the mural project by the council, she will raise the funds needed to complete the project.

Council member Bunt asked if there are any buyers looking at the building. Mayor Cost said that, as far as she was aware, there were none at this point. However, this property is a prime location in our city and she hopes that the mural project will help attract interest in redeveloping that site.

In response to a question from Council Member Walker, Mayor Cost explained that the property owner wants to sell the whole property, which includes the old Pizza Hut location, too.

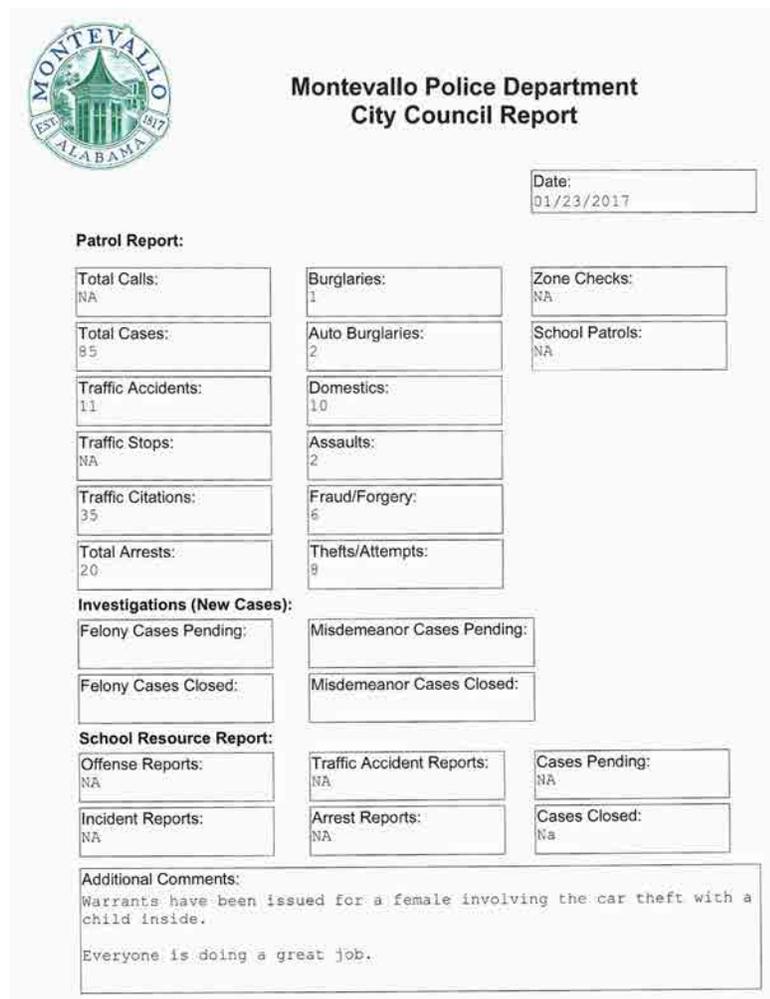
Ms. Wolodarski said that she will not be upset if someone comes along, purchases the property and decides to paint over her mural.

Mayor Cost said she likes this proposed project because it will add to public art trail we are working on in conjunction with our Arts Council.

Council Member Bunt asked if Ms. Wolodarski had asked the Arts Council for its support on the project. Ms. Wolodarski said she had not approached them yet. However, she has talked to folks at UM about it. Council Member Bunt said she thought this would be a project our Arts Council would like.

Chief Bill Reid presented the Fire Department report. He said January has been a busy month with 88 calls to date. He said we managed to dodge any major problems from the recent storms.

Captain Tim Alexander presented the Police Department report:



**Montevallo Police Department**  
**City Council Report**

Date: 01/23/2017

**Patrol Report:**

Total Calls: NA	Burglaries: 1	Zone Checks: NA
Total Cases: 85	Auto Burglaries: 2	School Patrols: NA
Traffic Accidents: 11	Domestics: 10	
Traffic Stops: NA	Assaults: 2	
Traffic Citations: 35	Fraud/Forgery: 6	
Total Arrests: 20	Thefts/Attempts: 8	

**Investigations (New Cases):**

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

**School Resource Report:**

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

**Additional Comments:**  
Warrants have been issued for a female involving the car theft with a child inside.  
Everyone is doing a great job.

	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	85												85
Criminal Cases	25												25
Non-Criminal	10												10
Traffic Accidents	11												11
Traffic Citations	35												35
DUI Arrests	1												1
Public Intox Air	1												1
Alias Arrests	6												6
Juvenile Arrests	0												0
Misd Arrests	9												9
Felony Arrests	1												1
Drug Related	2												2
Total Arrest	20												20
Auto Theft	0												0
Burglaries	1												1
Auto Recoveries	0												0
Auto Burglaries	2												2
Criminal Mischief	2												2
DV, Related	10												10
Assaults	2												2
Fraud/Forgery	6												6
Harass / Rack	6												6
Misc. Offenses	5												5
Kidnaperes	1												1
Thefts / Attempts	8												8
Suicide Attempts	1												1
Suicides	0												0
Deaths	2												2

Karen Kiker  
 1:00 PM  
 1/22/2017

Kirk Hamby, Director of Public Works, informed the council that we were fortunate that we only lost around five trees during the recent storms. Yesterday, we still had some blocked

streets but most were cleared by 10:00 PM last night. He informed the council that it has been too wet to cut the lot on Commerce Street. He also mentioned that our Humane Society expenses are up because they have increased the fee per animal by \$7 and, in addition to the animals we take to the shelter, we are also charged for any animals dropped off there by our residents. He said this adds up quickly. He said he would talk to the Humane Society to make sure we are not being charged for animals dropped off by non-residents.

Mayor Cost asked if we have a way to scan the animals we pick up to see if they have a chip and identify their owner before we take the animal to the shelter. Mr. Hamby said we can do that but it isn't always accurate.

Council Member Bunt said she thinks a lot of people may have a Montevallo address, but not actually live inside the city limits.

Council Member Peterson reported that the Arbor & Beautification Board meeting is Tuesday night. He noted that ValloCycle met last week.

Mayor Cost reminded everyone to have their board minutes sent to Sandy so she can add them to our website.

In the absence of Mr. Baugh, Mr. Hamby updated the council on Park & Recreation activities. He said the first registration for volleyball and basketball was last week. There will be two additional opportunities to register. He also noted that the High School and UM basketball season ends February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Nix asked Mr. Hamby if the city pays the light bill at the UM Girls Softball Field. Mr. Hamby explained that field is metered separately from us and that UM pays that bill.

Council Member Bunt presented the Library Report on behalf of Ms. Williams:

PARNELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
MONTHLY REPORT  
DECEMBER 2016

CIRCULATION: 2312 items charged  
(Increased by 8%)

COMPUTER USE: 444 users  
(Decreased by 22%)

STORYTIME/4: 32

MOVIES/5: 219 people attended

OTHER KIDS' PROGRAMS/2: 73

DEPOSITS:

12/15/16	\$230.40
12/15/16	\$1243.71
12/29/16	\$173.85
12/29/16	\$29.55
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	\$1677.51

General Notes:

1. The library is approaching its 10 year anniversary. The Foundation is currently planning some activities and events to commemorate it and I will be sharing more about these in the coming weeks.
2. We have added more Young Adult books to our collection, thanks to the Kyler Grant. Circulation in this collection increased by **70% last year** thanks to the addition of these new books. This is the highest jump in a collection's circulation due to a grant in the past five years.
3. We are currently working on the latest LSTA grant and will have those new additions out in February.
4. Summer reading planning will be getting underway shortly.
5. ESOL class started back on the 12th and youth reading tutoring will begin on the 26th.

Council Member Bunt informed the council that Montevallo Middle School is offering free after-school tutoring in math and reading. Tickets for College Night go on sale on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Arts Council is working on Arts Fest and is seeking applications from artists. They are also working with UM to develop a whole weekend of activities.

Mayor Cost informed everyone that we have been honored by being one of three communities across the nation invited to participate in a community politics program sponsored by the Kettering Foundation. We have put together a team to participate in the project – some of which will travel to the training in Dayton, Ohio and others which will work with us here at home to put on a series of public forums over the next two years. The issue we are going to tackle is Strengthening our Educational Partnerships. The Foundation provides us with a stipend in exchange for our participation. Those funds will go toward the public forums. All of our travel expenses to Dayton are paid by the Foundation, as well. The first training session in Dayton is February 27<sup>th</sup>, so several of us will miss the meeting that night. Council Member Nix will be in charge of the meeting that night.

Debby Raymond informed the council that she has been busy sending out and processing business license renewals. The last day to pay before penalties attach is next Tuesday. She also mentioned that the city's Wellness Clinic is tomorrow.

Council Member Walker reminded everyone that the MDCD meeting is next Monday. In addition, he reminded everyone about the Coffee with Legislators at the Eclipse at 8:00. The Finance Committee will meet Wednesday at 4:30.

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

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Meeting Call to Order:** Mayor Cost called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Approval and/or corrections of the minutes – 1/9/17** Council Member Nix made a motion to approve the Minutes from January 9, 2017 as presented. Council Member Goldsmith seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

### **Student Recognitions / Awards**

Captain Alexander presented several awards recognizing those who helped make our National Night Out Program a huge success, including Lucky's Manger Clay Goar and Ronnie Burnett, and from Montevallo Drug, Diane Ware and Stephanie Cleckler. He also presented a plaque to Lucky's Foodland and Montevallo Drug.

Ms. Lewis from Montevallo Middle School recognized the following:

**Student**

Kavounte' Britton  
Janie Gray  
Ella Alexander  
Kobe Prentice  
Grant Carroll  
Terion Lilly

**Faculty**

Cheryl Fenn Lusco

Mr. Turner from Montevallo High School recognized the following:

Tiana Kennedy  
Dylan Wright  
Madison Childress  
Taylor Sellers  
Kaitlyn McDowell

Our teacher and support representatives are:

James Rogers  
Patty Dabbs

**Opportunities for citizens to speak to the Council:** No one participated.

**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, Historical Commission) – Discussed earlier.

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

Council Member Bunt made a motion to authorize Gabby Wolodarski to move forward with plans to create a mural at the old Triple T location. Council Member Walker seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

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

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

**Consent Agenda:** NONE

**New Business:**

Sexual Violence Proclamation – Mayor Cost asked that this item be postponed to an upcoming meeting.

Golf Course Range Ball Picker - \$2,743.75 from Jerry Pate – Council Member Nix made a motion to approve the purchase of the range ball picker as recommended for \$2,743.75 from Jerry Pate using funds donated to the city by Ms. Mahler. Council Member Walker seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Transfer \$25,000 Façade Improvement Donation from Central State Reserve to Main Street per Request of the Donor Family – Council Member Bunt made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Council Member Peterson seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

**Old Business:**

Mobilitie Proposal – Mayor Cost informed the council that the alternative site behind the old City Hall building is suitable for the proposed tower. In addition, that site will require the tower to be only 110' tall.

Council Member Bunt expressed her concern that we had not investigated any other companies that may be interested in locating towers in Montevallo.

Mayor Cost noted that Mobilitie's representative said the tower can be relocated in the future should we ever need it to be moved.

Council Member Nix noted that the tower placement will not require any expense on our part. He then made a motion to authorize the Mayor to work with our city attorney to enter into an acceptable contract with Mobilitie. Council Member Walker seconded. Council Member Bunt voted NAY. ALL OTHERS VOTED AYE . . . MOTION APPROVED.

ALAGASCO – The council discussed the ALAGSCO proposal. Kevin Senecal, Manager at Woodgrain and Chair of our IDB, said he thought the city’s request to increase the Gas Franchise fee from 1% to 4% was reasonable given the fact that it has not changed in 30 years. He said their company is one of the larger uses of natural gas in the city and that the increase would not adversely impact their bottom-line.

**Board Appointments:** NONE

**Other Business:**

Mayor Cost:

Since 2005, it has been our firm’s pleasure to serve as City Attorney for Montevallo. As outside counsel, we have striven to provide quality legal services to the City both efficiently and economically. Hopefully, the City values that relationship as much as we do.

Recently, we have found it necessary to request and receive an hourly rate increase from not only Shelby County, but also the Cities in the County that we represent. Previously, our hourly rates have been set at \$182/hour across the board. Effective January 1, 2017, we are recommending a two tiered system differentiating between partner and associate work by requesting an increase in hourly rates to \$200 for partners and reduction in associate rates to \$165. I think you will find these rates to be in line with those charged in the area.

We request that your City Council consider and approve these new rates and I will be standing by for any questions/instructions you may have beforehand.

Thank you and the City for your consideration of this request.

J. Bentley Owens III

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Council Member Walker made a motion to approve the increase in attorney fees. Council Member Peterson seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Fire Marshall Brandon Broadhead presented the following:

Public Safety Committee Members,

Over the past several years my office has been continually working to improve our community risk reduction outreach. Our goal has been to balance the line between the risk in our community and the cost associated with mitigating those risk. We have attempted to implement low cost or sponsored programs to combat what we feel pose a significant risk to the community members. As many of you may not know, our department has sponsored a smoke detector program for many years. This program was started well before my time here and has provided hundreds of free smoke detectors to the community. During our evaluation of this program we determined that although we were sending out hundreds of smoke detectors only a small portion of those were being installed. Most of the smoke detectors never left the box and remained on the homeowners shelf for years. In 2015 we worked with Shelby emergency assistance to implement a smoke detector instillation program. Mrs. Karen Pendleton has made this program extremely effective in our community using local volunteers to ensure each home has at least one smoke detector. We used the remaining donation funds from our smoke detector program to provide 4 sets of installation tools for the new program. Mrs. Pendleton and her staff have secured the funding to continue this program without our assistance.

With the smoke detector program now in good hands, my office has turned its attention to another risk in our community. Through a careful evaluation of our community we have determined that our citizens would benefit greatly from a city wide AED (automated external defibrillator) program. Sudden cardiac arrest happens often in every community. Ours is no different. Early recognition and treatment is essential to increase survivability rates. It is our goal to purchase and place automated external defibrillators (AEDs) throughout the city to increase access to these lifesaving devices. This program will also provide training for all city employees and quarterly classes for the public. We plan to partner with

The University of Montevallo to ensure continuity throughout the entire city. I have spoken with Mayor Cost about the program in great detail and would like the opportunity to present it to you for consideration. I would like to propose a public safety committee meeting to discuss this much needed program in detail and answer any questions you may have. Herman said the meeting would have to be set at the council meeting tonight. I am available any day this week except Wednesday. I would be available next week any day except Tuesday and Thursday. These are my normal shifts at Homewood.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Brandon Broadhead  
Fire Marshal  
(205)229-8367

Mr. Broadhead also informed the council that they have been working with the owner of the old Tavern location and that they have come up with a plan to keep things moving forward.

Mayor Cost informed the council that she will work with our Fire Marshall and Fire Chief to determine recommendations regarding funding for this and other projects related to the Fire Service.

Mr. Broadhead explained that private businesses in Montevallo will also be able to purchase the AEDs at our discounted rate.

Mayor Cost reminded everyone that Ms. Mahler left us \$100,000 for the Fire Service and that she felt the AED program would be something Ms. Mahler would be especially supportive of. As such, she hopes this will be on top of the department's "wish list."

### **Citizen Participation:**

Thomas Lilly, Jr. said he hopes the city will consider making street improvements from the Bridge up to Hwy 25. He said the road needs to be fixed from all of the water line repairs.

Mayor Cost thanked Mr. Lilly for his input and noted that his activism is largely responsible for the improvements which were recently made in the Dailey Park neighborhood.

There being no further business before the council, Council Member Nix made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Peterson seconded. ALL AYES . . . MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:59 p.m.

Submitted by:

Herman Lehman  
City Clerk