

MINUTES

Montevallo City Council Work Session

March 27, 2017

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Nix called the Work Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chief Bill Reid updated the council on activities at the Fire Department. Plans for the new fire truck should be ready for review soon. They are swapping the box on Rescue 20 themselves. Bids for the new SCBA units will be opened on Monday. So far this month, they've responded to 97 calls.

Chief Jeremy Littleton presented the Police Department Report:



**Montevallo Police Department
Code Enforcement Activity Report**

Date:
03/25/2017

Inspection Period
03/13/2017

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03/25/2017

Inoperable Vehicle Inspections:

Inspected:
0

Pending:
1

Closed:
0

Animal Complaint Inspections:

Inspected:
0

Pending:
0

Closed:
0

Abandoned Building Inspections:

Inspected:
0

Pending:
33

Closed:
0

Property Inspections:

Inspected:
2

Pending:
2

Closed:
3

Miscellaneous Complaints:

Inspected:
1

Pending:
0

Closed:
1

Inspected:
3

Total Inspections this Period:
3

Total Inspections Year to Date:
3



Montevallo Police Department Code Enforcement Activity Report

Inspections this Period:

Sofa roadside on Salem Rd

Sofa roadside on Wadsworth St

Inspections Pending Continued from Last Period:

Western Dr. Report of Several inoperable vehicles.

Walden Ct. RV in driveway. Will attempt to re-notify owner, then tow vehicle away.

Davilla Dr. apartments have placed trash roadside.

Cases Closed this Period:

CR 216. Complaint of the trash along the side of the road which has been thrown from cars. Agreement with Vallo Pals area will be picked up by volunteers.

Call from Hidden Valley requesting information about Sheds and Cars.

Both sofas removed by residents.

Other Comments:

Montevallo Police Department Stats

	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	123	91	96										310
Criminal Cases	50	35	16										101
Non-Criminal	11	20	10										41
Traffic Accidents	18	11	16										45
Traffic Citations	127	135	118										380
DUI Arrests	2	3	1										6
Public Intox Arr	2	0	1										3
Alias Arrests	14	12	9										35
Juvenile Arrests	0	1	0										1
Misd Arrests	12	11	6										29
Felony Arrests	3	3	2										8
Drug Related	4	5	4										13
Total Arrest	37	33	23										93
Auto Thefts	0	0	1										1
Burglaries	1	4	4										9
Auto Recoveries	0	0	0										0
Auto Burglaries	2	1	0										3
Criminal Mischief	3	1	0										4
DV Related	15	9	4										28
Assaults	3	1	2										6
Fraud/Forgery	7	1	1										9
Harass / Reck	7	6	5										18
Misc. Offenses	8	17	12										37
Robberies	1	1	0										2
Thefts / Attempts	11	6	6										23
Suicide Attempts	1	3	1										5
Suicides	0	0	0										0
Deaths	2	1	1										4

Karen Kiker
2:44 PM
3/27/2017

Kirk Hamby, Director of Public Works, said the Electronics Recycling Day was held at the Recycling Center last Saturday. He said we need to come up with a plan to address the disposal of old TVs. Lately, his crews having been picking up a lot of old mattresses, sofas, etc. from along the streets. He said we need a plan to dispose of all these types of items. Related to that, he noted that the Saturday litter clean-up campaign has been very effective.

With regard to animal control, Mr. Hamby mentioned that we are styli receiving a lot of animal complaints. We are taking more animals to the Humane Society and others from our city are dropping even more off. On top of that, the amount we pay per animal has increased to \$82. As a result, we are going over budget ion that line-item.

Council Member Nix asked about the procedures the County has in place to ensure that the animals that are being dropped off and billed to us are really coming from Montevallo.

Mr. Hamby said it really is a question that is hard to answer. People may tell them they found the animal in Orr Park , then we get billed.

Council Member Nix suggested we talk to the County to see what can be done to get better control over the situation. Council Member Peterson agreed.

Mr. Hamby said other communities negotiate a flat rate with the county and suggested we may be able to do the same.

Council Member Bunt said she thought that would be worth exploring.

The City Clerk said we can request a meeting with the County to discuss these issues.

Council Members Nix and Peterson said that would be a good idea.

Mr. Hamby updated the council on activities at Park & Rec, as well. He said the League program started last week. We had a travel ball tournament in town over the weekend. We have two volleyball teams this year. He also mentioned there will be a there will be a big track & field even at UM this weekend.

Council Member Nix reported that revenues at the Golf Course ae up over the same period last year. He said the Trail Committee has been working to identify se4ctons of the trail in Orr Park and other spots which can be made ADA compliant. Some sections of the trail are not able to be made fully accessible.

The City Clerk said the trail map at the park could identify those sections which are accessible and those that are not.

Council Member Nix reminded the Council that the Planning Commission will meet April 6th at 6:00 PM to discuss the site plan request from Taco Bell.

Council Member Bunt informed the Council that the Sister Coty Commission met and is working to identify students interested in participating in the Echizen program this summer. In that regard, they have extended the application deadline. She then presented the Library Report on behalf of Ms. Williams:

PARNELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY
MONTHLY REPORT
FEBRUARY 2017

CIRCULATION: 2534 items charged

COMPUTER USE: 421 users

STORYTIME/4: 70

MOVIES/5: 113 people attended

OTHER KIDS' PROGRAMS/3: 41

ADULT PROGRAMS: 72

WEBSITE VISIST SINCE 3/13/17: 1421

DEPOSITS:

2/13/17	\$203.35
2/24/17	\$245.59
2/28/17	\$88.15
2/28/17	\$56.85
2/28/17	\$114.00
	\$707.94

Notes:

- We need donations of candy for our upcoming Egg Hunts. If anyone has plastic eggs, we would take those too!
- We will be showing the Disney classic movie Pinocchio on Tuesday, March 28th.
- Youth tutoring is over for the semester and will start again in September.

Council Member Walker reminded everyone that the Finance Committee meets Wednesday at 4:30 and the meets the following Tuesday.

Council Member Nix said he attended the MDCD meeting and they approved approximately \$27,000 in funding for conduit installation along Main Street. This will allow UM the opportunity to bring Wifi for their students downtown.

Council Member Peterson explained that UM will run fiber in the conduit from UMOM. It will be used to serve the student initially but having the conduit in place would open up possibilities for other improvements in the future.

Chief Littleton discussed the Light Package bids with the council. We received bids from 2 companies, Brasher Electronics and Haynes. The results are as follows:

Police Dept Light Bid Package

March 27, 2017

1:30 PM

	Haynes Emergency Lighting	Brasher Electronics, Inc.
3 SUVs	\$9,263.70	\$11,121
4 CARS	<u>\$24,310.76</u>	<u>\$27,116</u>
TOTAL	\$33,574.46	\$38,237

Low bid is Haynes at \$33,574.46.

The Chief said they have never used that Haynes before but that the Fire Dept has and the company has a good reputation. In addition, the products they quoted are of similar or better quality than the other bid. Therefore, he recommended the council approve the Haynes bid.

The City Clerk informed the Council that our crews at the Golf Course are still working to improve the irrigation system. They are requesting an additional \$3,200 in funding for the project. This is still within their original \$10,000 budget.

As far as the Parental Alienation Proclamation is concerned, the City Clerk said this is the same thing we have done for several years now. With regard to the EPA letter, he explained that our grant writer suggested we notify our Congress members and encourage them to oppose any efforts to reduce grant funding. He also said there were no updates on the ALAGASCO agreement but would make an effort to reach out to them again.

Montevallo City Council Meeting

February 27, 2017

6:00 p.m. at City Hall

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

Pledge of Allegiance: With no guest to lead the Pledge, Mayor Pro Tempore Nix led the Pledge.

Meeting called to order – Mayor Pro Tempore Nix called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Approval and/order corrections of the minutes – 03/13/2017 – Council Member Walker made a motion to approve the minutes from March 13, 2017 as presented. Council Member Peterson seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Recognitions / Awards: NONE

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

Consent Agenda: NONE

New Business:

Police Dept Light Package Bid Award – Council Member Goldsmith made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Chief and approve the low bidder, Haynes, for the purchase of the light packages and detailing for the new police vehicles. Council Member Walker seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

\$3,200 for additional Golf Course irrigation supplies from the Mahler Donation Account - Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve irrigation expenditure as requested. Council Member Walker seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Parental Alienation Awareness Day Proclamation - Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the proclamation. Council Member Walker seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Strong family relationships constitute the foundation of our community; and

WHEREAS: Alienating behaviors are frequently seen in high-conflict divorces, separations and asymmetrical custody arrangements but can occur in intact marriages; and

WHEREAS: Parental Alienation is a term used to describe any number of behaviors and attitudes on the part of one parent, both parents or third party designed to interfere, damage or destroy the relationship a child has with their other parent. It's a form of abuse that causes emotional trauma to children; and

WHEREAS: Parental Alienation deprives children of their right to freely love and be loved by both parents, their extended families and robs children of their sense of security; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all Alabamians to visit paawareness.com for information on raising awareness to stop Parental Alienation, and we call on community and state leaders to support shared parenting because of its benefits for children.

WHEREAS: The recently published Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) made several references to the dysfunctional family dynamic of alienation to be a form of psychological child abuse; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 40,000 children in the State of Alabama were subjected to child custody determinations in 2014; and

WHEREAS: Parental Alienation Prevention Week is intended to increase the knowledge and understanding of this problem to help Alabamians, institutions, the legal and mental health community and leaders to better identify and combat this abusive behavior to children; and

WHEREAS: God so loved us, we also ought to love one another; love does no harm to its neighbor; therefore Children should be able to freely express the meaning of F.A.M.I.L.Y. (**F**ather **A**nd **M**other, **I** Love **Y**ou); and

WHEREAS: In honor of Parental Alienation Prevention Week, come and show your support by taking 10 minutes out of your day at noon, on Tuesday, April 25, to blow soap “Bubbles For Love”. Each bubble we blow represents the love our children have and should be allowed to share with both their parents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rusty Nix, Acting Mayor of the City of Montevallo, Alabama on this the 27th day of March, 2017 do hereby proclaim April 23 through April 29, 2017, as

PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION WEEK

And April 25, 2017, as

PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS “Bubbles For Love” DAY

Rusty Nix, Acting Mayor

EPA Brownfield Grant Resolution - Council Member Walker made a motion to approve the resolution. Council Member Bunt seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

RESOLUTION 03272017-400

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED REDUCTIONS IN
FEDERAL FUNDING FOR U.S. EPA BROWNFIELDS GRANTS**

WHEREAS, funding by U.S. EPA of Brownfield Grants are instrumental for economic development in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget for U.S. EPA includes a 44% reduction in Brownfield Grants from EPA (\$25 million (2016) reduced to \$14 million (2018)) and a 31% reduction in Brownfield State Grants from EPA (\$48 million (2016) reduced to \$33 million (2018)),

WHEREAS, the City of Montevallo has potentially critical environmental issues which have hindered the redevelopment of our historic downtown and other areas of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Montevallo has applied for and hopes to receive EPA grant funding to assist our community in identifying and developing a plan to address certain environmental concerns; and

WHEREAS, the significance of the economic contributions provided by brownfield development, and the importance of State and Federal investments to generate these economic benefits cannot be overstated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Montevallo, Alabama that we hereby stress our community's opposition to any reduction in U.S. EPA funding of these grants and that we believe strongly that the levels of grant assistance should be kept at the 2016 level in order to support the future economic development of brownfields projects in the City of Montevallo, the State of Alabama, and other cities and states throughout our nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to each member of the Alabama Congressional delegation.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF MARCH, 2017.

Rusty Nix, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Herman Lehman, City Clerk

Old Business: NONE

ALAGASCO (update) – Discussed earlier.

Board Appointments: NONE

Other Business: NONE

Citizen Participation: Thomas Lilly, Jr. asked if the whole city would be getting Wifi coverage. Council Member Peterson explained the Wifi would only cover businesses and residences in the downtown area. Mr. Lilly said he thought that will still be a good thing for Montevallo.

There being no further business before the council, Council Member Peterson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Walker seconded. ALL AYES . . . MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:06 p.m.

Submitted by:

Herman Lehman
City Clerk