

MINUTES

Montevallo City Council Work Session

May 22, 2017

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.

The City Clerk introduced Tyler Whitley. Tyler is a UM student who has volunteered to help out at City Hall this summer to learn more about what goes on in municipal government. Tyler was instrumental in helping to put together the Crosswalk Proposal on tonight's agenda.

Chief Bill Reid updated the council on activity at the Fire Department. Rescue 20 has been striped and lettered. They are taking it to Montgomery top have the light package installed. It should be ready in a couple weeks. The SCBA Air Packs should be in next week. They start their building project in June. Activity was quiet over the past weekend.

Chief Jeremy Littleton presented the Police Department Report:

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	116	124	82								530
Criminal Cases	50	35	60	40	20								205
Non-Criminal	11	20	25	20	11								87
Traffic Accidents	18	11	17	20	8								74
Traffic Citations	127	135	224	123	143								752
DUI Arrests	2	3	1	6	1								13
Public Intox Arr	2	0	1	1	0								4
Alias Arrests	14	12	12	17	7								62
Juvenile Arrests	0	1	0	0	1								2
Misd Arrests	12	11	6	11	11								51
Felony Arrests	3	3	2	3	1								12
Drug Related	4	6	4	4	1								18
Total Arrest	37	33	31	42	22								165
Auto Thefts	0	0	1	1	0								2
Burglaries	1	4	5	2	3								15
Auto Recoveries	0	0	0	0	0								0
Auto Burglaries	2	1	2	2	1								8
Criminal Mischief	3	1	0	4	1								9
DV, Related	15	9	17	16	7								64
Assaults	3	1	2	4	2								12
Fraud/Forgary	7	1	2	4	1								15
Harrass / Ruck	7	6	8	5	7								33
Misc. Offenses	8	17	14	13	12								64
Robberies	1	1	0	2	0								4
Theft / Attempts	11	6	6	4	10								37
Suicide Attempts	1	3	1	0	1								6
Suicides	0	0	0	0	0								0
Deaths	2	1	1	2	1								7

Karen Kiker
11:05 PM
5/21/2017



Montevallo Police Department Code Enforcement Activity Report

Date:
05/22/2017

Inspection Period
05/08/2017

Inspection Period
05/22/2017

Inoperable Vehicle Inspections:

Inspected: 4	Pending: 3	Closed: 3
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Animal Complaint Inspections:

Inspected: 1	Pending: 0	Closed: 1
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Abandoned Building Inspections:

Inspected: 0	Pending: 33	Closed: 0
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Property Inspections:

Inspected: 2	Pending: 0	Closed: 1
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Miscellaneous Complaints:

Inspected: 0	Pending: 0	Closed: 0
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Inspected: 7	Total Inspections this Period: 7	Total Inspections Year to Date: 20
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Montevallo Police Department Code Enforcement Activity Report

Inspections this Period:
Animal Complaint on Golf Course.
Inoperable Vehicle oComanche St. Car on jacks.
Wreck Vehicle on Bloch St.
Letter from Heritage Trace HOA about vehicle parked in yard.
Valley St and Bloch St tall grass.
Inoperable vehicle in Scott's Village.
Complaint on tall grass on empty lot at Buckingham Cir.

Inspections Pending Continued from Last Period:
Western Dr inoperable vehicles.

Cases Closed this Period:
Vehicle on Moody St has been removed.
Camper has been removed (Currently stored at city shop for pickup by owner)
Animal Control responded to Dogs on Golf Course.
Car on Comanche St fixed and removed.
Letter from Heritage Trace HOA about vehicle parked in yard.HOA is handling thorough their resources.

Other Comments:

The Chief informed the council about the firearms training simulator they have set-up in the old PD. He said the simulator is a good was to experience the sorts of situations police officer deal with every day.

Mayor Cost thanked the Chief and his officers for all they do, noting Montevallo consistently ranks among the top 25 safest communities in Alabama.

(There was no Fire Department Report)

Council Member Peterson reminded everyone that ValloCycle meets tomorrow night at 6:00 PM.

Shane Baugh updated the council on youth athletics and other park and recreation activities.

Council Member Nix asked about the progress of the creek bank project at Orr Park. Mr. Baugh commented that the creek looks completely different now. The plantings appear to be holding up well. He said he hopes to have the barrier chains installed shortly.

Council Member Nix noted that Terry Arnold wrote a very nice letter complimenting Michael Nelson for all the work he has done at Shoal Creek Park. He then updated everyone on the Planning Commission's actions with regard to the conditional use request. He said they are working on changes to the zoning ordinance which would make requests such as that acceptable. At this point, however, their proposed use for their property is not permitted.

Council Member Bunt noted that MHS graduation is tonight. Summer term at UM starts next week. She reminded everyone about the Memorial Day Celebration at American Village. The Sister City Commission is still getting prepared for their trip to Japan in July.

Chris Fulmer, President of the Sister City Commission, said their organization is holding a jail and bail fundraiser to raise money for the trip. Mayor Cost has agreed to be locked up for the cause. So has Steve Gilbert, Council Member Nix and several others. He invited everyone to donate money to get these folks out of jail – or donate to keep them in.

Mayor Cost said the event will be held June 5th at the Eclipse.

Mr. Fulmer said they are working on other fundraising activities, as well.

Council Member Bunt said they are also doing a car wash. And, she invited anyone else that would be willing to be locked up to join the fun on the 5th.

Freda Shivers mentioned that after school is out on the 31st, the summer program at the Boys & Girls Club begins.

Allie Williams said she didn't have a formal report. However, she informed the council that their summer reading program starts June 1.

Council Member Bunt noted that the Arts Council sent the council a letter thanking the city for its continued support of Arts Fest.

Steve Gilbert, Director of the Montevallo Chamber of Commerce, reminded everyone about the Chamber picnic at the library Thursday at 11:00 AM. He said the weather should be great. They will hold the annual awards ceremony at 12:30 in the theater. Bill Nathews is cooking the BBQ.

Mayor Cost mentioned that several of us from the city will, unfortunately, be out of town that day.

Mr. Gilbert also informed the council about the Chamber's Coffee Net event from 8:30-9:30 June 20th at the Eclipse.

Sarah Hogan updated the council on Main Street's activities, including the recent conference in Pittsburgh. She said our program was recognized at the event for achieving our Main Street accreditation. She pointed out that since the program started last June, we've added 7 new businesses downtown, 10 new jobs and benefited from over 1,700 hours of volunteer hours from the Main Street board and committee members. She said the Streetscape Project is going well. They are laying the asphalt so they can open up the parallel parking. She also mentioned that representatives from the City of Wetumpka visited us again to see what we're doing with our project. They were quite impressed.

June 28th the results of our market analysis will be revealed. Everyone is invited to join us at Parnell Memorial Library at 5:30 PM for the presentation. She also mentioned that Main Street's membership drive starts in June.

Steve Gilbert noted that we should hear something about the brownfield grant by May 31st.

The City Clerk discussed the crosswalk proposal:

Between the Two

Crosswalks in Alabama are designated by two, painted white lines. What goes on between the two is up to you!

Goal: To encourage safe walkability in and around downtown.

Proposal:

- A) Identify potentially hazardous pedestrian crossings within the downtown and adjoining neighborhoods and creatively highlight those areas with uniquely designed, painted crosswalks. Accomplish this by holding a community-wide competition to design the artwork for these new crosswalks and provide the volunteer artists with necessary paint and supplies to bring these designs to life.

Benefits:

- 1) Publicize and draw community attention to the presence of the crosswalks and the need to be aware of on-coming traffic at those locations;
- 2) It will also help to heighten driver awareness of the crosswalks and remind them to watch for pedestrians; and
- 3) The presence of the uniquely designed and painted crosswalks will help to reinforce Montevallo's image as an art center and help to attract more visitors (and more dollars) to our city.

- B) Identify high traffic areas which need improved pedestrian signage and install lighted signage in those areas.

Benefits:

- 1) Lighted signs will help draw driver attention to pedestrians at those crossings and make heavily trafficked areas much safer for everyone.

Crosswalks: We've identified 17 potential crosswalk locations for the project: 3 at Oak & Boundary, 1 mid-block on Oak between Boundary and Vine, 3 at Oak and Vine, 1 at Oak and Middle, 4 at Valley and Boundary, 4 at Valley and Vine, and 1 at Valley and Middle.

Paint: Painting crosswalks can be achieved using 100% acrylic paint – available in a variety of colors at most paint stores. This is an exterior house paint. It must be 100% acrylic. We should be able to purchase this type of paint for around \$42 per gallon or less. If we assume each crosswalk will take 5 gallons for color variety, that would mean that paint for each crosswalks would cost around \$210. Supplies (brushes, pain, rollers, etc) would cost another \$100 or so per project area.

Crosswalk Project Cost: \$5,270 (est)

Pedestrian & School Crossing Signs: Flashing, LED, Solar Powered (with battery), 30", Fluorescent Yellow Green, One-sided Sign - \$2,280 each (3% discount on 4 or more)

- Locations:**
- 1) Eclipse crossing on 119 (2 signs) – Subject to ALSOT approval.
 - 2) Selma Rd at Dailey Park (2 signs) – Subject to ALDOT approval.

Sign Cost:

- 4 signs at \$2,211.60 each = \$8,846.40 (Includes discount)
- 4 poles at \$100 each = \$400
- SIGN TOTAL = \$9,246.40

Total Project Cost = \$14,516.40

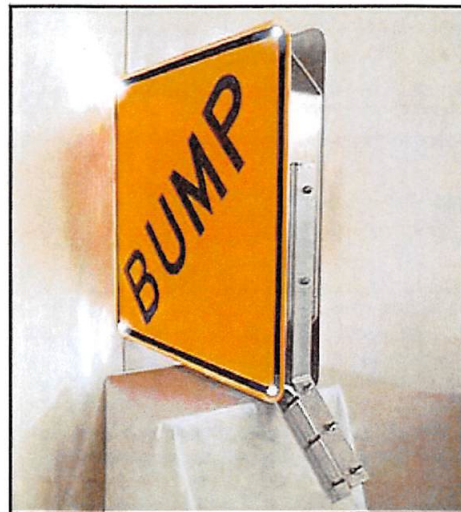
Funding: Use funds available in the 5 cent gas tax fund. We currently have a balance of \$84,400.34 in that account. Funds in that account are restricted to roadway improvements such as this.



Pedestrian Crossing (W11-2)



School Crossing (S1-1)



Double sided configuration

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Information
about reusing

Mayor Cost explained the request for funding of the part time position at the Senior Center. She noted that Ms. Jackie does a great job assisting Ms. Rose and that funding for her position through the county runs out in July. The Mayor said we should be able to keep her at the Senior Center by reallocating the funds we expect to save from turning over the Recreation Center to the Boys & Girls Club and using those savings to pay for Ms. Jackie's part time position.

The Mayor presented the following proclamation:



WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY, 2017

A 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 22nd day of May, 2017.

Hollie C. Cost, Mayor

Next, the City Clerk explained the need for the additional InCode cash register. He said the unit costs \$1,300 and will be used by Ms. Raymond or others in the back office to enter businesses license and other receipts. The funds to pay for the register would come from the Regions Reserve.

As discussed at the previous meeting, the council reviewed recommended changes to the Boys & Girls Club agreement:

Memorandum of Agreement

By and between the City of Montevallo and Montevallo Boys & Girls Club

The City of Montevallo hereby agrees to allow the Montevallo Boys & Girls Club (BGC) to lease the city's Recreation Center for its organizational activities for \$1.00 per year for a period of 10 years; and

The City hereby declares that the Recreation Center is "surplus" and is not needed for public or municipal purposes, except as further defined herein; and

The City finds that the agreement for less than adequate consideration serves a public purpose and promotes the general health, safety, morals, and welfare of the public; and

The BGC has the flexibility to rent out the building on weekends but said lease would be between the BGC and renter; and

The BGC hereby agrees to indemnify and defend the City in the event of an accident or injury; and

It is understood and agreed that the BGC is not the City's "agent, servant or employee" and that the City does not reserve any right to control the use of the facilities when it is being rented to a third party; and

The BGC is responsible for all utilities; and

The BGC is responsible for regular maintenance and housekeeping. Larger issues such as roof replacements or significant plumbing or electrical issues will be considered on a case-by-case basis; and

Any improvements to building that BGC proposes would need council approval; and

The City reserves the rights to utilize space for Arbor Day, as well as Municipal and County Elections; and

Main parking lot is to remain available for public parking; and

Senior center parking lot would is designated for senior center business only M-F 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; and

The BGC agrees to maintain a minimum \$2 million dollar liability insurance policy on the property naming the City of Montevallo as additional insured; and

Either party may terminate this agreement with 120 days written notice; and

If the City exercises its right to early termination, the city agrees to reimburse the BGC for the undepreciated portion of any authorized improvements made by the BGC to the facility; and

Upon termination, the BGC agrees to leave the premises in as good or better condition than it was delivered to them.

Agreed to this 6th day of June, 2017.

By:

City of Montevallo

Montevallo Boys & Girls Club

Request for Two Street Lights on Valley Street Between West & Shelby – Peggy Sumerlin
–There was no new information from Alabama Power on the cost of the requested street lights. Similarly, there is no new information from ALAGASCO.

Council Member Bunt asked for a list of Board Members, openings and expiration dates. Mayor Cost said we will have Sandy provide the list to the council.

Montevallo City Council Meeting
May 22, 2017
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.

Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Cost called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval and/or corrections of the minutes – 5/8/17 Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes from May 8, 2017 as presented. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Recognitions / Awards: Mayor Cost recognized the players and coaches of our local volleyball team. Shane Baugh said the team won their tournament, beating out teams from much larger communities in our area. Ms. Bice, their coach, said she is very proud of them all.

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) – No report.

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:

Crosswalk Proposal - Council Member Goldsmith made a motion to approve moving forward on the proposal with funding to come from the Gas Tax Fund as described. Council Member Bunt seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Part-time Senior Center Position - Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve keeping Ms. Jackie at the Senior Center as recommended, amending the budget to take savings from the recreation center operational costs and transferring them to the Senior Center for salaries. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation: Mayor Cost said this will be presented to the group at a later date.

InCode Revenue "Cash Register" - \$1,300 from Regions Reserve: Council Member Goldsmith made a motion to approve the purchase of a new InCode cash register using funds from the Regions Reserve. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Old Business:

Boys & Girls Club Lease Agreement: Council Member Bunt made a motion to authorize the mayor to enter into the agreement with the Boys & Girls Club. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Request for Two Street Lights on Valley Street Between West & Shelby – Peggy Sumerlin: Discussed earlier.

ALAGASCO (update) – Discussed earlier.

Board Appointments:

Park Board – Cameron Strauss: No action.

Other Business

Freda Shivers requested approval for planned improvements to the Park Building:

- 1- Divide the big room into 3 program areas by building walls.
- 2- Creating backpack storage by taking doors off the existing cabinets
3. Remove the roll up door and replacing it with a wall.
- 4- Creating a double door entrance either in the new wall or where the existing door is.
- 5- Staining the concrete floor
- 6- Installing a carport-type covering over the concrete patio on the end.
- 7- Installing an intercom and camera system
- 8- Make the partial wall next to the stairs to the attic a solid wall and put a door at the bottom of the stairs. We will ask the UM art department to paint a mural on this wall.
9. Put a Sign on the door similar to the Holsombeck Park & Rec building sign.

She also asked for permission to add a basketball goal outside in the parking lot.

Mr. Baugh said he did not see a problem with that.

Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the improvements. Council Member Bunt seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Citizen Participation

Chris Fulmer suggested that the city look at the cost of lighted crosswalk stripes. The Mayor said she would.

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 6:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

Herman Lehman