

MINUTES

**Montevallo City Council Work Session
February 26, 2018
5:30 p.m. at City Hall**

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

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

Chief Reid said it was “business as usual” at the Fire Department. They responded to several structural fires last week, one at Patriot Point, one in Calera, one in Brierfield. In addition, they provided mutual aid to Alabaster.

Council Member Goldsmith asked if they know what started the motel fire in Calera. Chief Reid said they do not. It appeared to start near the restaurant, but the restaurant is closed. All occupants were evacuated safely.

Council Member Goldsmith noted that Chief Littleton is out of town but that Officer Holloway provided the following Code Enforcement Report:



**Montevallo Police Department
Code Enforcement Activity Report**

Date: 02/26/2018	Inspection Period 02/12/2018	Inspection Period 02/26/2018
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Inoperable Vehicle Inspections:

Inspected: 0	Pending: 0	Closed: 0
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Animal Complaint Inspections:

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

Inspected: 0	Pending: 2.2	Closed: 0
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Property Inspections:

Inspected: 1	Pending: 5	Closed: 0
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Miscellaneous Complaints:

Inspected: 1	Pending: 0	Closed: 0
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Inspected: 3	Total Inspections this Period: 3	Total Inspections Year to Date: 3
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**Montevallo Police Department
Code Enforcement Activity Report**

Inspections this Period:

Trash on vacant lot next to Fire Station 2.

Stray dog on Hwy 19

Parking issue in Heritage Trace Subdivision.

Inspections Pending Continued from Last Period:

Trash on Hwy 216

Two homes in Aldrich with debris in yard. Letters sent.

Boat in yard on Shoshone. Letter Sent.

Commerce Street Grass. Letter being sent to attempt prevent overgrowth again.

Cases Closed this Period:

Dog placed in care of Animal Control.

Other Comments:

The Computer Hard Drive storing most Code Enforcement data crashed this period..

Abatement Board met but only two members were present. Structures were discussed and another meeting will be set for next month.

Mayor Cost informed everyone that March 17th will be our Electronics Recycling Day at the Recycling Center. Council Member Nix noted they will be accepting most everything except TVs of anything with a TV tube. Hard drives on computers can be destroyed for \$10.

Mayor Cost reminded all department heads that we need to go ahead and get rid of our old equipment that day too.

Council Member Nix noted that April 7th is the county's free landfill day.

Kirk Hamby, Director of Public Works, said they were busy last week. We now have 63 new banners on Main Street. The garden club is hard at work improving the landscaping on the Hwy 25 welcome sign. They are in the process of adding irrigation, as well. Our crews

will start cutting right-of-ways this week. He also mentioned that we have a load of recyclable material going out from the Recycling Center this week. We fill a trailer full about every 6 weeks.

Herschel Hale said last weekend's Arbor Day celebration went well. We had a huge crowd and had plenty of trees, mulch and potting soil to go around. He also requested that the council add his request to reappoint several of their board members to the agenda.

Mayor Cost thanked Mr. Hale, the members of the Arbor & Beautification Board and all the other volunteers for their efforts putting on yet another fabulous Arbor Day event.

Mr. Hales said he is fortunate that the same group of people come back year-after-year to help with the event. He said it helps to make his life easy because they all know exactly what needs to be done.

Council Member Nix thanked Lauren Bartell, our Library Director, for opening up the library for the event.

Council Member Nix asked Mr. Hamby how things were coming with the storage units for the Christmas decorations. Mr. Hamby informed the council that Bill Glosson gave him the name of another source for those units. He said we may be able to get one delivered from them for around \$2,150.

Council Member Nix said we need to stay on top of Alabama Power regarding repairing street lights around town. Mr. Hamby said they were. The light on King Street is not installed yet but Alabama Power came out and repaired several lights last week.

Council Member Nix thanked the Mayor for getting county crews to come out and pick up trash along their right-of-ways. He also asked who we need to contact about dead animals on our right-of-ways. Mr. Hamby said our Animal Control crew takes care of those. Council Member Nix said there is a dead raccoon on 119 near Oak Street that needs to be removed.

Shane Baugh, Director of Parks & Recreation, noted that travel ball started last week. They will be back Saturday and Sunday of this week. In addition, we have high school girls' softball tournament this weekend, as well. Also, Saturday is Love Montevallo Day. This should be a very busy weekend. Also, he pointed out that Stephens Park is booked solid with travel ball tournaments until late June.

He also mentioned that the 6th Grade boys' team was undefeated and won the championship game for the 3rd year in a row. The girls' team was also undefeated in their regular season but lost the championship game. He said this is the team that our employee, Irvin Stone, serves as a volunteer coach.

Mayor Cost said we appreciate that Mr. Stone volunteers his time to help coach this team. She said we need to recognize both teams at upcoming council meetings. Mr. Baugh said he would arrange that.

Council Member Nix mentioned that the Soup & Bingo event at the Senior Center was held a couple weeks ago and that it was a huge success. The Park Board approved using budgeted Activity Funds to support the Senior Wellness and Yoga Program. The Seniors seem excited about this new program.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is set for March 31st . We are gathering information for a possible dog park.

Council Member Bunt presented the Education Committee report and asked Lauren Bartell, Director of the Parnell Memorial Library, to present her report. She said they have a new copier, thanks to the Foundation. She said they are planning some special activities for Love Montevallo Day. She also reminded everyone that the Main Street Players will present "Sleeping Beauty and the Beast" March 8-11.

Abigail Heuton updated the council on activities of the Montevallo Junior City Council. They are planning a city fun day for April 28. They are investigating the costs at this time.

Mayor Cost mentioned that UM is sponsoring Family Fun & Fitness Day on April 21st and suggested that the MJCC consider partnering with them on that even instead of taking on a separate event of their own.

Council Member Bunt noted that the MJCC had hoped this event would be a fundraiser for their group. Family Fun & Fitness Day is dedicated to raising funds for ARC of Shelby County. However, she said she thought the MJCC may still be able to do something within that program to help raise funds for itself.

Council Member Walker reminded everyone that the Finance Committee meeting will be Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Debby Raymond mentioned that our second notices for business licenses will go out soon.

Mayor Cost noted that the MDCD is talking about supporting Work Force Development initiatives in Montevallo. She noted that the new Performing Arts Center at UM will include a strong work force development initiative as part of it features.

Steve Gilbert, Director of the Montevallo Chamber of Commerce, reminded everyone again about Electronics Recycling Day on the 17th from 10-2. The Chamber Luncheon will be the 21st at Noon. Dean Peters from UM will be the guest speaker. The Chamber Golf Tournament is set for May 10th .

Janice Seaman said the Historic Commission has been talking to Ted Metz about the creating bronze sculptures of John Lott and Earl Cunningham seated on a bench talking to one another. She said Ted has agreed to move forward as soon as the council gives its approval.

Mr. Hamby suggested check out the feature about Montevallo on [onlyinyourstate.com](http://www.onlyinyourstate.com). (<http://www.onlyinyourstate.com/alabama/fairy-tale-park-al/>)

Mayor Cost said several other outlets feature Orr Park because of the tree carving by Tim Tingle.

The Mayor informed the council that we are still accepting applications for the Main Street Director position.

The Mayor then went through the remaining items on the Agenda. She noted that we present a Child Abuse Proclamation every year. She noted the requests to purchase more decorations for downtown.

Council Member Nix asked if these additional decorations will fit in our current storage unit. Mr. Hamby said they will as long as they are still boxed. Once they are opened, we will need more space. However, we should have our new storage containers at that point.

**Montevallo City Council Meeting
February 26, 2018
6:00 p.m. at City Hall**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Call to Order - Mayor Cost called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval and/or corrections of the minutes - 02/12/2018 Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the Minutes from February 12, 2018. Council Member Bunt seconded. Council Member Walker Abstained. ALL OTHERS VOTED AYE . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Recognitions / Awards: NONE

Citizen Participation:

Approval and/or corrections of the minutes - 2/12/18

Recognitions / Awards

Opportunities for citizens to speak to the Council

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

Consent Agenda: NONE

New Business:

Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation: Mayor Cost introduced the following:



Proclamation

Whereas, every child is a blessing and deserves to live in a safe, permanent, caring family, receiving love, protection, and nurturing; and prevention remains the best defense against child abuse; and

Whereas, children who are victims of child abuse represent every racial, religious, and socio-economic group, and the suffering they endure poses a threat to our families and our society. Abused and neglected children often carry the effects of their experiences into and throughout adult life; and

Whereas, children are our link to the future and our hope for a better tomorrow; and

Whereas, keeping children safe is a community responsibility. By working together, we can put hope in our children's hearts and ensure healthy and safe lives for them. During the month of April, our community and its people reaffirm our commitment to make a difference in ending child abuse and neglect, and we acknowledge that prevention remains the best defense against child abuse.

Now, therefore, we, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Montevallo, Alabama, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Montevallo, Shelby County, Alabama and call upon and encourage all citizens of Montevallo to join together to support strong families, protect our children from abuse, neglect, and maltreatment and make our county a model for others, taking action to make our own community a healthy place where children can grow and thrive.

Adopted and approved this the 26th day of February, 2018.

Hollie C. Cost, Mayor

Request to use \$22,000 in funds as budgeted in the Regions Reserve to purchase garland, bows and holiday banners for Main Street; and

Request to use \$3,500 in unallocated funds in the Regions Reserve to purchase garland and bows for Middle Street. (This purchase was planned for the next fiscal year, but we would like to take advantage of the seasonal discount and pricing before the upcoming price increase.)

Council Member Walker made a motion to use \$22,000 in funds as budgeted in the Regions Reserve to purchase garland, bows and holiday banners for Main Street, and \$3,500 in unallocated funds in the Regions Reserve to purchase garland and bows for Middle Street. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Historical Commission Presentation (Janice Seaman):

From: The Montevallo Historic Commission

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

The Montevallo Historic Preservation Commission meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Parnell Memorial Library at 6:30 PM. At the February 2018 meeting a motion was made and seconded and passed by unanimous vote to have a letter from the MHPC read into the minutes of the city council regard our concern over the dire condition of the historic property known as the Perry - Mahler homeplace located at Shoal Creek Farm.

On the second day of December 2013 Shoal Creek Farms was deeded to the City of Montevallo as the very generous gift of Elizabeth Mahler. A covenant in the deed stipulated that the city preserve the old Mahler homeplace for the purpose of enjoyment and usage by the city and its citizens.

In June of 2015 the MHPC was awarded a grant from the Alabama Historical Commission to do a historic structures report and architectural evaluation of the Mahler homeplace. David Sneider of Sneider Historic Preservation, LLC who has over 35 years of experience in documenting historic structures was engaged and in turn, Mr. Sneider engaged a structural engineer, Lowell Christy of Christy Cobb Consulting who specializes in evaluating the structural integrity of historic properties.

At that time Mr. Sneider concluded that the property would be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and the MHPC has asked on three occasions that the property be placed on the National Register for it's protection. To date, this has not been done.

In July of 2015 The Shoal Creek Park Foundation was established and it was the understanding of the MHPC that the Foundation was taking over all of the responsibility for the park including the Mahler homeplace. A "house committee" was established and they commissioned two more studies. The Structural Design Group conducted a study in 2016 in which imaging equipment was used to determine the topography of the floors and Lowell Christy was again employed by them in 2017 to provide estimates from three contractors to make the home into a wedding venue with plans drawn by Turner Batson. The estimates to create a structure for this purpose were estimated to be over one million dollars.

Now we are in the fifth year of the city's ownership of this property with only studies to show for any efforts for preservation of the Mahler homeplace. All of the reports have noted termite damage and rot which now are clearly evident upon a visual inspection of the exterior of the property. Trees were growing in the gutters which have now been removed solving that problem but now rain water is allowed to go directly into the foundation. Leaves are continuing to pile up against the house on the front porch roof increasing the moisture levels and promoting the collapse of the

front porch ceiling. There is visible rot on the front cornice and there is also peeling paint.

The MHPC strongly supports the motion made by Councilman Nix on Jan. 22, 2018 to move forward to take bids to replace the rotting seals and any other support members in need of replacement or repair to stabilize the structure. Also, repair all of the rotting wood on the exterior as well as remedying the problem which is causing the roof of the porch to collapse. The HVAC in the home needs to be repaired or replaced to preserve the inside finishes in the house and the mold and mildew allowed to form in its absence should be removed. The house needs to be thoroughly cleaned.

It was the understanding of the MHPC that upon the formation of the Shoal Creek Park Foundation that they were responsible for the administration of the property. The city manager, Herman Lehman explained that they are only to be advisors to the city council as well as an entity to raise funds for the park. It is also clearly spelled out in the ordinance that established the Montevallo Historic Preservation Commission that in the statement of the Commission's power it is to be authorized to restore and preserve any historic properties acquired by the City of Montevallo or acquired by the Commission. It is with sincere apology to the City Council that we have not understood our duty in this matter and will work diligently to do anything necessary to correct this error.

Sincerely,

Janice Seaman, Chairman

Council Member Nix informed the council that he has contacted two contractors which are getting him quotes on some initial repairs to the house.

Waiver of park rental and vendor fees for Art Fest, April 19-21 - Council Member Bunt made a motion to waive the park rental and vendor fees for Art Fest. Council Member Peterson seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Old Business:

Request from the Montevallo Arts Council for a \$10,000 sponsorship of the Tinglewood Festival planned for September 8, 2018:

The City Clerk recommended that the council approve this request, noting that we have sufficient unallocated funds in the General Fund Budget to cover this cost.

Council Member Bunt noted that the council initially talked about providing \$5,000 in support for the event.

Steve Gilbert discussed the plans for the event. He said it will provide an excellent opportunity to advertise and promote Montevallo. It will be free to attend and feature a free concert that evening.

Council Member Nix said he has attended a number of industry trade shows where they featured chainsaw artists and suggested that Mr. Gilbert talk to various chainsaw manufacturers and retailers to see if they would like to sponsor carvers.

Mr. Gilbert said he has contacted many of them already for support but will follow-up.

Mayor Cost said she considers this an investment.

Council Member Walker asked what we do to support other events, in-kind and otherwise.

Council Member Nix made a motion to provide \$10,000 in support for the Tinglewood Festival using unallocated funds from the General Fund. Council Member Peterson seconded. Council Member Bunt suggested that \$5,000 of that total be provided as a match dependent upon funds raised by the committee from non-city related entities. Both Council Members Nix and Peterson agreed to amend their motions to include that stipulation. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

SPIRE / ALAGASCO (update) - NONE

Non-discrimination Ordinance (update): Mayor Cost noted that the last NDO forum was very successful. More than 85 people participated. She said we are working on compiling the feedback from each session at the forum and will provide the results to the council as soon as possible. She thanked everyone for attending and providing their input. The Mayor said she hoped everything would be ready by the next council meeting.

The City Clerk said the information may be ready but any revisions to the proposed ordinance will need to be reviewed and considered by the council or NDO committee prior to preparing a final draft for possible consideration.

Council Member Walker said he did not think this needed to go back to the committee. It should go to the full council for consideration from this point forward. Council Member

Peterson, the NDO committee chairperson, agreed.

Board Appointments

Johnny Holsombeck to Park Board, 2/26/18-2/26/2024: Council Member Nix said that Mr. Holsombeck has been a valuable member of this committee ion years past and was excited that he has agreed to serve yet again. Therefore, he made a motion to appoint Johnny Holsombeck to Park Board, 2/26/18-2/26/2024. Council Member Bunt seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

As discussed earlier, Herschel Hale asked that the following members be reappointed to the Arbor and Beautification Board:

- John McKinnon, Term ending May 1, 2021
- Billy Tyler, Term ending May 1, 2021
- Joan Pickett, Term ending May 1, 2021
- Michele Pawlik, Term ending May 1, 2022
- Bob Doyle, Term ending May 1, 2022

Council Member Walker made a motion to approve these reappointments. Council Member Peterson seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Other Business: NONE

Citizen Participation: NONE

There being no further business before the council, Council member Nix made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Walker seconded. ALL AYES . . . MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:44 p.m.

Submitted by:

Herman Lehman
City Clerk