

# MINUTES

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

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

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

Chief Littleton presented the report from the Police Department:

|                             | January-18 | February-18 | March-18 | April-18 | May-18 | June-18 | July-18 | August-18 | September-18 | October-18 | November-18 | December-18 | Total |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| Total Records               | 70         | 70          | 70       | 69       | 77     | 77      | 77      | 77        | 77           | 77         | 77          | 77          | 1183  |
| Criminal Cases              | 76         | 36          | 70       | 63       | 72     | 60      | 52      | 66        | 44           | 48         | 40          | 40          | 629   |
| Non-Criminal                | 8          | 15          | 30       | 16       | 9      | 20      | 7       | 13        | 3            | 4          | 0           | 0           | 49    |
| Traffic Accidents           | 14         | 11          | 15       | 20       | 18     | 15      | 12      | 14        | 15           | 26         | 11          | 11          | 39    |
| Traffic Citations           | 120        | 134         | 117      | 86       | 197    | 153     | 154     | 282       | 192          | 176        | 95          | 95          | 1706  |
| DUI Arrests                 | 3          | 3           | 3        | 5        | 6      | 1       | 2       | 4         | 2            | 2          | 3           | 3           | 34    |
| Public Intox. Air           | 2          | 2           | 2        | 3        | 3      | 1       | 6       | 1         | 3            | 0          | 0           | 0           | 26    |
| Auto Arrests                | 24         | 8           | 18       | 18       | 11     | 16      | 10      | 21        | 0            | 0          | 1           | 1           | 129   |
| Auto Arrests - Suspended    | 1          | 0           | 1        | 1        | 1      | 1       | 1       | 1         | 1            | 1          | 1           | 1           | 11    |
| Auto Arrests - License      | 12         | 12          | 9        | 11       | 4      | 3       | 4       | 8         | 4            | 12         | 9           | 10          | 89    |
| Motor Arrests               | 3          | 7           | 4        | 1        | 1      | 2       | 1       | 13        | 10           | 9          | 2           | 2           | 50    |
| Dug Released                | 4          | 3           | 9        | 4        | 7      | 9       | 9       | 19        | 18           | 19         | 9           | 9           | 108   |
| Total Arrests               | 50         | 37          | 49       | 33       | 37     | 38      | 27      | 62        | 44           | 59         | 31          | 31          | 467   |
| Auto Theft                  | 1          | 2           | 0        | 1        | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0         | 0            | 0          | 0           | 0           | 4     |
| Burglaries                  | 4          | 0           | 2        | 2        | 4      | 3       | 3       | 1         | 2            | 2          | 0           | 0           | 26    |
| Auto Recoveries             | 1          | 0           | 1        | 0        | 0      | 0       | 0       | 1         | 0            | 1          | 0           | 0           | 11    |
| Auto Recoveries - Suspended | 1          | 1           | 1        | 0        | 0      | 0       | 0       | 1         | 2            | 1          | 0           | 0           | 11    |
| Criminal Mischief           | 5          | 3           | 0        | 3        | 2      | 2       | 4       | 7         | 5            | 6          | 2           | 2           | 39    |
| DV - Released               | 15         | 13          | 11       | 11       | 15     | 10      | 10      | 11        | 11           | 12         | 11          | 11          | 130   |
| Assaults                    | 0          | 2           | 1        | 1        | 4      | 1       | 0       | 1         | 1            | 0          | 2           | 2           | 23    |
| Fraud/Forgery               | 9          | 2           | 2        | 1        | 4      | 1       | 1       | 0         | 1            | 0          | 0           | 0           | 23    |
| Harass / Reck               | 5          | 9           | 5        | 5        | 7      | 21      | 6       | 2         | 5            | 8          | 2           | 2           | 92    |
| Misc Offenses               | 18         | 18          | 25       | 18       | 16     | 21      | 21      | 15        | 22           | 24         | 18          | 18          | 233   |
| Robberies                   | 18         | 18          | 25       | 18       | 16     | 21      | 21      | 15        | 22           | 24         | 18          | 18          | 233   |
| Robberies - Suspended       | 14         | 16          | 10       | 6        | 5      | 4       | 7       | 8         | 13           | 11         | 6           | 6           | 100   |
| Suicide Attempts            | 1          | 0           | 0        | 0        | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0         | 0            | 0          | 0           | 0           | 3     |
| Suicides                    | 0          | 0           | 0        | 0        | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0         | 0            | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0     |
| Deaths                      | 1          | 1           | 2        | 0        | 1      | 3       | 3       | 2         | 2            | 1          | 0           | 0           | 14    |

Montevallo Police Department Stats

Chief Reid presented the report from the Fire Department. He informed the Council that we received three bids for the Snorkel truck. The high bid was for \$3,500 from Anthony Marcus, a member of the Southern Vintage Fire Apparatus Association. He asked the Council to consider allocating the

proceeds from the sale of the snorkel truck for additional improvements at Station 1. He said the \$3,500 could be used to complete the kitchen and second restroom.

Mayor Cost suggested there be another meeting to look at remaining sidewalk improvements.

Shane Baugh, Director of Parks & Recreation, informed the Council that basketball season starts Wednesday. He said the last two games will be at home, so they should draw a lot of visitors to Montevallo.

Council Member Bunt reported on the following:

Montevallo Choral Christmas Concert, American Village, Tuesday, Nov. 27 @ 7:30 p.m.

MHS Holiday Band Concert, Dec 3 @ 6:30 p.m.

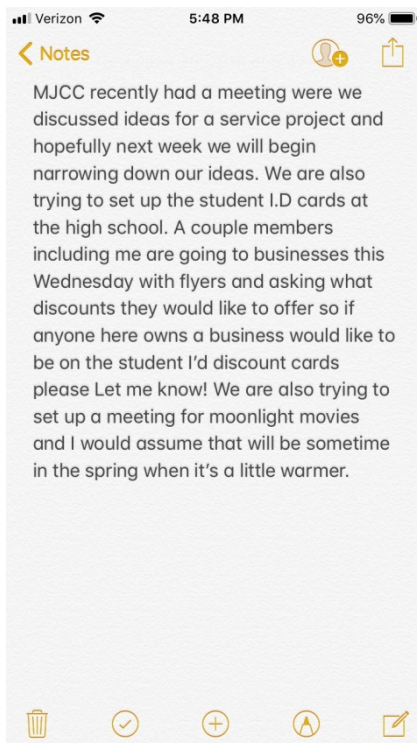
MHS Choir Concert, Dec. 6 @ 6:30 p.m.

UM Commencement, Dec 7 @ 5 p.m.

And Supper with Santa after the Parade at MES

Lauren Bartell, Director of the Parnell Memorial Library, reminded the Council that Christmas with Mrs. Claus will be December 1<sup>st</sup>. She also informed them that the State Trail Commission meeting will be held at the library and that they will be provided a tour of Orr Park while they are here.

Abigail Heuton updated the Council on the activities of the Montevallo Junior City Council (MJCC):



Mayor Cost reminded everyone that the Montevallo Sister City Commission is sending a delegation to Japan next summer. She noted it is time to renew our Sister City Agreement with Echizen. Last time

they sent a delegation here. We will be sending a delegation to Japan next October. We will need to include that cost in our budget for next year. We will be sending 6-8 representatives.

Council Member Walker suggested that we need to reschedule our second council meeting in December because it falls on Christmas Eve. He also mentioned there will be a Historical Commission meeting Tuesday night.

Montevallo Main Street Director, Courtney Bennett, reminded the Council that the Christmas Parade is Thursday night. The annual tree lighting ceremony will be at 5:30. Once again, Montevallo Main Street sponsored a Holiday Window Display Competition among downtown businesses, and the winners will be announced at the tree lighting ceremony. She thanked the city workers and everyone else who helped to decorate downtown so beautifully again this year.

Council Member Bunt reminded everyone that Montevallo Elementary School is hosting Supper with Santa after the parade.

Mayor Cost then reviewed the Agenda items with the Council. She said the Video Agreement involves a project featuring Montevallo at no cost to us. Local businesses will pay to be featured in the video. She said this will be a great way to promote our city.

Council Member Bunt mentioned that the University has had great success using short videos as a marketing tool.

Mayor Cost said we will discuss the Abatement Board recommendations regarding the following during the regular meeting:

- o 230 Commerce Street
- o 161 Commerce Street
- o 135 Dauphin Way
- o 125 Dauphin Way
- o 250 Graham Street

With regard to the proposed purchase of the Victory Building, Mayor Cost said she has a meeting scheduled with the owners at the end of the week.

Mayor Cost noted there are several openings on our boards and that she will be bringing forward recommendations at upcoming meetings.

In Other Business, Mayor Cost said we have received complaints about speeding along Middle Street near the intersection of Oak Street. She said we need to revisit ways to slow down the traffic in that area.

Chief Littleton suggested we contact the County about that issue since that is a County road.

Council Member Nix expressed concern that adding a stop sign at that intersection could be a problem for trucks attempting to start up the hill.

Council Member Walker said he can confirm that trucks speed along that road every day.

After some additional discussion regarding the council meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Cost said we would post a notice that the meeting that night is cancelled.

Council Member Nix informed the Council that he has received a lot of positive comments regarding the new Christmas decorations and lights along Main Street.

Mayor Cost said Pam Phagan and the Main Street Design Committee did an excellent job designing the decorations downtown.

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Hearing: Housing Abatement Board Unsafe Structures:**

1)230 Commerce Street; 2)161 Commerce Street; 3)135 Dauphin Way; 4)125 Dauphin Way; and 5) 250 Graham Street

Mayor Cost opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. and asked Officer Wilder to explain the recommendations of the Abatement Board. Officer Wilder said that the Board recommends that 1)230 Commerce Street; 2)161 Commerce Street; 3)135 Dauphin Way; and 4)125 Dauphin Way be declared unsafe and be set out to bid for demolition. He said the owner of 250 Graham Street has made some progress on his property and that he be given additional time to complete his improvements.

The Mayor suggested the Graham Street owner have a clearer understanding of what we expect him to do in order to avoid further action. Council Member Nix suggested we also add a 90 day time limit.

Mayor Cost asked if there was anyone in attendance to comment on any of these properties. No one responded. The Mayor closed the hearing at 6:06 p.m.

**Meeting Call to Order**

Mayor Cost called the regular meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

## **Approval and/or corrections of the minutes – 11/13/18**

Council Member Walker made a motion to approve the Minutes from the November 13, 2018 meeting as presented. Council Member Goldsmith seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

**Recognitions / Awards:** None

## **Opportunities for citizens to speak to the Council:**

Abigail Heuton noted that she is representing Montevallo on the Shelby County Youth Leadership program.

H.G. McGaughy complimented the Mayor and Council for their efforts. He said he has lived in Montevallo all his life and that our town has never looked so good. He said even the members of the ROMEO Club think downtown looks beautiful.

Mayor Cost once again complimented Pam Phagan and the entire Main Street Montevallo organization for all of their efforts to improve our downtown. She also thanked Kirk Hamby and his crews for putting up all of the decorations.

## **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, MDCCD, IDB, Chamber, Historical Commission, Main Street) – Discussed earlier.

Council Member Bunt made a motion to pay the bills. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

**Consent Agenda:** NONE

**New Business:**

Acceptance of Low Bid for the 1975 Snorkel Truck of \$3,500 from Anthony Marcus, Southern Vintage Fire Apparatus Association- Council Member Nix made a motion to approve the sale to the high bidder as recommended by Chief Reid. Council Member Goldsmith seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Video Production Agreement – Postposed until a subsequent meeting.

Abatement Board Recommends Declaring the Following Unsafe Structures be Declared Public Nuisances and to Solicit Bids for Demolition:

230 Commerce Street – Council Member Peterson made a motion to declare this property unsafe and to obtain bids for demolition. Council Member Walker seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

**Resolution 11262018-200**

**Declaration of Unsafe Structures in Montevallo**

WHEREAS; In accordance with Alabama Code 11-53A-3; a notice was published, at the expiration of a 60 day period given for repair or removal of certain unsafe structures in the city, to inform the owner(s), and/or all parties with interest in the property at **230 Commerce Street, Montevallo AL**. Owners of Record: Patricia Young, 1066 Main Street, Montevallo, AL 35115. Parcel Number: 36 2 03 2 002 072.000

, that a public hearing would be being held November 26, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the City of Montevallo Council Chambers during the regularly held council meeting; and

WHEREAS; Said Public Hearing was held on that date and time; and

WHEREAS; During the regular course of business, it was determined by the Montevallo City Council that the structure is unsafe and creates a public nuisance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Montevallo City Council as follows:

- 1) **230 Commerce Street, Montevallo AL** is hereby declared a public nuisance and the structure is to be demolished and removed 30 days following said determination; and
- 2) The City Clerk is ordered to solicit bids for the demolition of this structure; and or contract for the performance of the demolition and removal of the building structure;

- 3) The City may sell or otherwise dispose of salvaged materials resulting from the demolition and removal; and
- 4) A lien will be placed against the property for the cost of the demolition.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018.

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Hollie C. Cost  
Mayor

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Herman Lehman  
City Clerk

161 Commerce Street – Council Member Nix made a motion to declare this property unsafe and to obtain bids for demolition. Council Member Goldsmith seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

**Resolution 11262018-201**

**Declaration of Unsafe Structures in Montevallo**

WHEREAS; In accordance with Alabama Code 11-53A-3; a notice was published, at the expiration of a 60 day period given for repair or removal of certain unsafe structures in the city, to inform the owner(s), and/or all parties with interest in the property at **161 Commerce Street, Montevallo, AL** (Owners of Record: Mildred Harris – 3081 Somerset Trace, Birmingham, AL 35242; Leon Charles Harris, 630 Loretta Drive, Birmingham, AL 35214; Carolyn Joan Harris Broner, 20097 Southfield Road, Detroit, MI 48235; Michael Carl Harris, 161 Commerce Street, Montevallo, AL 35115; Charita Lynn Harris McCary, 1211 Chateau Circle, Helena, AL 35080; and Beverly Colette Harris Hood, 1635 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Birmingham, AL 35208. Parcel Number: 36 2 03 2 002 048.000), that a public hearing would be being held November 26, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the City of Montevallo Council Chambers during the regularly held council meeting; and

WHEREAS; Said Public Hearing was held on that date and time; and

WHEREAS; During the regular course of business, it was determined by the Montevallo City Council that the structure is unsafe and creates a public nuisance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Montevallo City Council as follows:

- 1) **161 Commerce Street, Montevallo, AL** is hereby declared a public nuisance and the structure is to be demolished and removed 30 days following said determination; and
- 2) The City Clerk is ordered to solicit bids for the demolition of this structure; and or contract for the performance of the demolition and removal of the building structure;
- 3) The City may sell or otherwise dispose of salvaged materials resulting from the demolition and removal; and
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ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018.

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Hollie C. Cost

Mayor

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Herman Lehman

City Clerk

135 Dauphin Way – Council Member Goldsmith made a motion to declare this property unsafe and to obtain bids for demolition. Council Member Walker seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

**Resolution 11262018-202**

**Declaration of Unsafe Structures in Montevallo**

WHEREAS; In accordance with Alabama Code 11-53A-3; a notice was published, at the expiration of a 60 day period given for repair or removal of certain unsafe structures in the city, to inform the owner(s), and/or all parties with interest in the property at **135 Dauphin Way, Montevallo AL** (Owners of Record: Hannah Kemp c/o Keith Holmes – 1070 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street #257, Chicago, IL 60608. Parcel Number: 36 2 03 2 002 061), that a public



hearing would be being held November 26, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the City of Montevallo Council Chambers during the regularly held council meeting; and

WHEREAS; Said Public Hearing was held on that date and time; and

WHEREAS; During the regular course of business, it was determined by the Montevallo City Council that the structure is unsafe and creates a public nuisance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Montevallo City Council as follows:

- 1) **135 Dauphin Way, Montevallo AL** is hereby declared a public nuisance and the structure is to be demolished and removed 30 days following said determination; and
- 2) The City Clerk is ordered to solicit bids for the demolition of this structure; and or contract for the performance of the demolition and removal of the building structure;
- 3) The City may sell or otherwise dispose of salvaged materials resulting from the demolition and removal; and
- 4) A lien will be placed against the property for the cost of the demolition.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018.

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Hollie C. Cost

Mayor

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Herman Lehman

City Clerk

125 Dauphin Way - Council Member Walker made a motion to declare this property unsafe and to obtain bids for demolition. Council Member Peterson seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

**Resolution 11262018-203**

**Declaration of Unsafe Structures in Montevallo**

WHEREAS; In accordance with Alabama Code 11-53A-3; a notice was published, at the expiration of a 60 day period given for repair or removal of certain unsafe structures in the city, to inform the owner(s), and/or all parties with interest in the property at **125 Dauphin Way, Montevallo AL** (Owners of Record: Katie Bolding, c/o

Katie Lindsey, 20100 Houghton, Detroit, MI 48219. Parcel Number: 36 2 03 2 002 060), that a public hearing would be being held November 26, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the City of Montevallo Council Chambers during the regularly held council meeting; and

WHEREAS; Said Public Hearing was held on that date and time; and

WHEREAS; During the regular course of business, it was determined by the Montevallo City Council that the structure is unsafe and creates a public nuisance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Montevallo City Council as follows:

- 1) **125 Dauphin Way, Montevallo AL** is hereby declared a public nuisance and the structure is to be demolished and removed 30 days following said determination; and
- 2) The City Clerk is ordered to solicit bids for the demolition of this structure; and or contract for the performance of the demolition and removal of the building structure;
- 3) The City may sell or otherwise dispose of salvaged materials resulting from the demolition and removal; and
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ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018.

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Hollie C. Cost

Mayor

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Herman Lehman

City Clerk

250 Graham Street - Council Member Nix made a motion to delay consideration of this property as being unsafe for 90 days and to provide the owner with of list of improvements expected to be completed within that timeframe. . Council Member Bunt seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

**Old Business:**

Victory Property Update – As discussed earlier, the Mayor is scheduled to meet with the owners at the end of the week.

**Board Appointments:** NONE

**Other Business:**

The Council discussed the possibility of adding a stop sign at the intersection of Oak and Middle or Valley and Middle. Chief Littleton said he would talk to Shelby County about this issue.

Council Member Bunt made a motion to cancel the council meeting on December 24, 2018. Council Member Peterson seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

**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 6:13 p.m.

Submitted by:

Herman Lehman  
City Clerk