

MINUTES

**Montevallo City Council Work Session
January 13, 2020
5:30 p.m. at City Hall**

Mayor Hollie Cost, Council Member Rusty Nix, Council Member Willie Goldsmith, and Council Member Jason Peterson, Council Member Arthur Herbert 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:



**Montevallo Police Department
City Council Report**

Date:
01/13/2020

Patrol Report:

Total Calls: 6587	Burglaries: 24	Zone Checks: 6002
Total Cases: 1304	Auto Burglaries: 12	School Patrols: 505
Traffic Accidents: 182	Domestics: 100	
Traffic Stops: 4591	Assaults: 38	
Traffic Citations: 2148	Fraud/Forgery: 34	
Total Arrests: 454	Thefts/Attempts: 2	

Investigations (New Cases):

Felony Cases Pending: 1	Misdemeanor Cases Pending: 0	Felony Warrants: 3
Felony Cases Closed: 5	Misdemeanor Cases Closed: 6	Misdemeanor Warrants: 4

School Resource Report:

Offense Reports: 2	Traffic Accident Reports: 0	Cases Pending: 0
Incident Reports: 0	Arrest Reports: 1	Cases Closed: 0

Additional Comments:

Montevallio Police Department Stats

	January-19	February-19	March-19	April-19	May-19	June-19	July-19	August-19	September-19	October-19	November-19	December-19	Total
Total Reports	81	104	120	120	134	106	115	115	105	96	85	88	1289
Criminal Cases	3	27	17	30	55	50	42	33	15	30	22	30	354
Non-Criminal	3	5	7	5	0	3	4	4	8	8	6	10	63
Traffic Accidents	13	12	16	26	18	12	9	8	15	14	17	10	170
Traffic Citations	181	199	190	200	158	214	237	196	122	107	110	174	2088
DUI Arrests	7	4	3	6	7	8	8	3	2	4	4	4	60
Public Intox Arr	1	1	5	3	4	1	5	0	2	2	1	2	26
Alias Arrests	9	26	24	11	19	14	21	18	13	14	4	4	177
Juvenile Arrests	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
Misc Arrests	4	6	3	4	8	3	11	5	6	6	4	5	65
Felony Arrests	1	2	2	6	3	2	5	2	3	2	0	1	29
Drug Related	15	8	5	8	9	7	11	6	2	4	4	6	85
Total Arrest	35	47	42	39	49	34	61	34	28	32	22	23	446
Auto Theft	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4
Burglaries	1	1	3	3	1	2	4	3	2	3	0	1	24
Auto Recoveries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Auto Burglaries	1	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	10
Criminal Mischief	0	4	4	0	2	4	4	3	1	1	4	2	29
DV, Related	4	7	7	11	13	11	9	18	5	8	6	11	110
Assaults	2	5	1	5	2	3	1	2	7	4	3	6	41
Fraud/Forgery	0	2	2	0	4	2	5	3	2	5	4	3	34
Harass / Heck	2	2	7	11	11	4	5	3	2	1	4	2	54
Misc. Offenses	16	19	19	15	26	22	24	29	30	20	18	18	256
Robberies	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Thefts / Attempts	11	1	9	9	4	6	9	9	5	12	9	10	94
Suicide Attempts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Suicides	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deaths	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2

Karen Kiker
3:46 PM
1/2/2020

Fire Chief Brad Davis presented the following:



MONTEVALLO FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

545 Main Street · Montevallo, Alabama 35115
Business Line (205) 665-9204 · Fax Number (205) 665-9213



2019 Fire Department Report
Total Incidents for 2019: 1254 (-41 From 2018)

Incident Types:	
Fires:	42
EMS:	805
Hazardous:	14
Service:	148
Good Intent:	204
False Alarms:	40
Other:	1

Locations out of City: 306	
Alabaster:	15
Brierfield:	10
Calera:	13
County:	4
County 17:	1
Almont:	123
Dry Valley:	6
Helena:	0
North Chilton:	0
Other:	4
Pea Ridge:	4
UM:	21
Wilton:	99
West Shelby:	6

Average time of 1st Arriving Unit: 08:42	
M-F 8AM-4PM:	06:37 (Staff On Duty)
M-F 4PM-8AM:	10:24 (Volunteer)
Weekends:	10:13
1 st Engine:	11:50
1 st Rescue:	08:31

Inspection and Prevention:	
Total Inspections:	154
Public Education Adults:	40
Public Education Children:	1100
Conducted Fire Drills at UM:	

Montevallo Fire Department
MFD-Incident Type Report
Alarm Date Between {1/1/2019} And {12/31/2019}

Incident Type	Count	Pet of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pet of Losses
I Fire				
111 Building fire	13	1.03%	\$1,972,000	99.69%
112 Fires in structure other than in a building	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	2	0.15%	\$4,000	0.20%
116 Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
121 Fire in mobile home used as fixed residence	1	0.07%	\$2,000	0.10%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	3	0.23%	\$0	0.00%
138 Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	10	0.79%	\$2	0.00%
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	5	0.39%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	4	0.31%	\$4	0.00%
162 Outside equipment fire	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
	42	3.34%	\$1,978,006	100.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	5	0.39%	\$0	0.00%
321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
3211 Assault-GSW	3	0.23%	\$0	0.00%
3212 Assault-Stabbing/Cutting	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
3213 Assault-Other	25	1.99%	\$0	0.00%
321A Abdominal Pain	30	2.39%	\$0	0.00%
321B Allergic Reaction	14	1.11%	\$0	0.00%
321C AMS	57	4.54%	\$0	0.00%
321D Animal Bite	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
321E Back Pain	11	0.87%	\$0	0.00%
321F Bleeding (Non Traumatic)	16	1.27%	\$0	0.00%
321G Burns	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
321H Chest Pain	74	5.90%	\$0	0.00%
321I Cardiac Arrest	18	1.43%	\$0	0.00%
321J Choking	6	0.47%	\$0	0.00%
321K Diabetic	10	0.79%	\$0	0.00%
321L Difficulty Breathing	98	7.81%	\$0	0.00%
321M Extremity Injury	42	3.34%	\$0	0.00%
321N Fall	42	3.34%	\$0	0.00%
321O Fracture/Dislocation	2	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
321P General Illness	87	6.93%	\$0	0.00%
321Q Hypo/Hyperthermia	5	0.39%	\$0	0.00%
321R OB/GYN	8	0.63%	\$0	0.00%
321S Overdose/Poisoning	18	1.43%	\$0	0.00%
321T Transport Only	16	1.27%	\$0	0.00%
321U Seizure	28	2.23%	\$0	0.00%
321V Stroke/CVA	26	2.07%	\$0	0.00%
321W Suicide Attempt	18	1.43%	\$0	0.00%
321X Syncope/Fainting	3	0.23%	\$0	0.00%
321Y Traumatic Injury	9	0.71%	\$0	0.00%
321Z Unresponsive	51	4.06%	\$0	0.00%
322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	56	4.46%	\$0	0.00%
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Montevallo Fire Department
MFD-Incident Type Report
Alarm Date Between {1/1/2019} And {12/31/2019}

Incident Type	Count	Pet of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pet of Losses
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
323 Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	2	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	18	1.43%	\$0	0.00%
341 Search for person on land	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
381 Rescue or EMS standby	2	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
	805	64.19%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	8	0.63%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem. Other	2	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	2	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
	14	1.11%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
511 Lock-out	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
522 Water or steam leak	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	8	0.63%	\$0	0.00%
552 Police matter	6	0.47%	\$0	0.00%
553 Public service	2	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
554 Assist invalid	130	10.36%	\$0	0.00%
	148	11.80%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	128	10.20%	\$0	0.00%
6112 No Response	63	5.02%	\$0	0.00%
622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch address	10	0.79%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
	204	16.26%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700M Medical Alarm	16	1.27%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	24	1.91%	\$0	0.00%
	40	3.18%	\$0	0.00%
8 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster				
8001 Trees down	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count:	1254		Total Est Loss:	\$1,978,006

Montevallo Fire Department
Total Inspections Per Inspector
Date Completed Between {1/1/2019} And {12/31/2019}

150042 Barrow, Heather	
Total for Staff:	81

150093 Griffin, Matthew T	
Total for Staff:	73

Total Inspections For Period:	154
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Chief Davis also mentioned that he would like to discuss with the Public Safety Committee the possibility of building a storm shelter in the city.

Mayor Cost said Chief Davis has done a lot of work on this issue and asked that the committee members work with the City Clerk to schedule a date for the meeting.

Chief Davis said that interest in volunteering with the department has increased lately. As a result, their costs for turnout gear and other equipment has increased accordingly. The new radios are especially costly.

Council Member Herbert informed the Council that the ValloCycle board will meet Thursday at 6:00 p.m. He said one of the new bike racks was installed. Two more are awaiting installation.

The Arbor Board will meet Tuesday, January 28th at 5:30 p.m. at Parnell.

Kirk Hamby, Director of Public Works, informed the Council the Christmas decorations are all down. The new banners will go up soon. With all the rain, his crews will have to start mowing rights-of-way again very soon. They are also working with Ms. Barone to clean-up the Recycling Center.

Olivia Barone, Sustainability Coordinator, said she has enjoyed getting to know our community. At this point, her focus has been on restructuring and improving the Recycling Center. However, she asked to meet with the Sustainability Committee to discuss some other ideas she has for our program.

Shane Baugh, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported that not much has changed since his last report. Basketball is wrapping up and spring registration will be underway soon. This year, we have 65-70 kids signed-up to play soccer. The trails at Shoal Creek Park are

open. Some of the low-lying trails are subject to flooding. We may need to consider boardwalks in those areas. We've also improved the landscaping at Stephens Park.

Mayor Cost informed the Council that Ms. Woodham needs the Council's approval to place photos of the Mahler family on the signs at the bridges at Shoal Creek Park.

Council Member Nix reminded everyone that Soup and Bingo will be held again this year at the Senior Center, sometime around Valentine's Day. This is always a good event.

Dwight Dellinger, Manager of the Golf Course, said play continues to increase at the course despite the rain. He said we were up 245 rounds over the previous year. We also have a few new members. The Chamber tournament is scheduled for April 16th. We also have two high school teams using the course for practice. We are receiving a lot of compliments from players regarding the improved condition of the golf course.

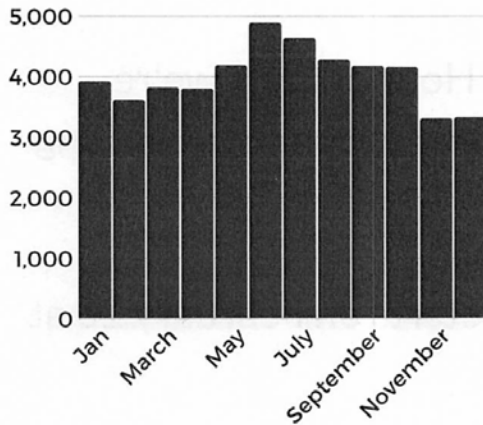
Council Member Nix reminded everyone that the Planning Commission will meet Thursday, January 16th at 6:00 p.m. here at City Hall to consider a request regarding the proposed Montevallo Cottages development along Hwy 25 to change their zoning from R2- SD to R4-SD. In addition, there will be a request from Bluegrass Apartment developers to approve their site plan.

Library Director Savannah Kitchens presented her report:

Parnell Memorial Library

DECEMBER 2019

CIRCULATION



DECEMBER 2019 DEPOSITS

TOTAL: \$621.44

Total Community Events for 2019:

281

3,311

Materials Circulated

433

attended library programs

359

Computer Use

14

Community Events

PROGRAMS: 29 TOTAL

- 3 storytimes with Mr. Mac
- 4 Family Playgroup meetings
- 1 family storytime
- 2 kids' movies
- 1 Magic Tree House Book Club
- 1 adult Christmas ornament craft
- 1 after school kids' craft
- 4 Teen Hour of Code events
- 2 Writing Workshop events for adults
- Grinch Day
- Cookies with Mrs. Claus
- Christmas cookie decorating
- Polar Express Day
- 1 Teen Study Session
- Find the Elf passive activity
- participated in Christmas parade
- closed for Dec. 24 - 25

Director's Notes

December 2019

- We had a great turn out for Hour of Club, we're hoping to continue that with our upcoming year-long Code Club starting February 7
- computer classes have started
- Spanish Conversation Club starts on February 20 at 6:00 pm

Mayor Cost noted the public requested Spanish classes, and that's what are attempting to address.

The MJCC reported they held two events recently – the movie at Parnell, and their Christmas Party. They will be volunteering at the Shelby Humane Society in the coming weeks.

Council Member Bunt reminded everyone of the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday parade and celebration in Montevallo. She also noted the Sister City Commission meets at 5:30 Thursday night.

Mayor Cost let everyone know the Sister City Commission is still looking for families to host exchange students from Echizen this summer.

Steve Gilbert noted he sent the following report to the council:



Montevallo Chamber of Commerce Activity Report 4th Quarter 2019

October 2019 Activities

- Held Chamber Board of Directors Monthly Meeting October 2
- Attended 1st Shelby County Tourism Luncheon in Columbiana. Tinglewood Festival recognized as Tourism Industry Star in Outdoor Recreation and Event Category October 3
- Conducted Ribbon Cutting at Provenance Church on Main Street October 3
- Participated in National Night Out, set up information booth with community literature, conducted prize give away with Chamber Cash to local businesses, and gift items from local merchants. October 8
- Attended Main Street Montevallo Board Meeting October 10
- Attended and gave closing remark at Mayors Annual Hometown Heroes Breakfast October 11
- Attended MDCD Meeting reported on Chamber activities October 14
- Participated in Education Roundtable Discussion at Montevallo High School with students and faculty October 15
- Tinglewood Festival Meeting October 15
- Hosted Monthly Chamber Luncheon. Guest Speaker: Alex Dudchock, Shelby County Manager Hosted at Montevallo First Baptist Church 60 in attendance October 16
- Participated in City Planning Session for Comprehensive Plan Parnell Library October 17
- Attended City Zoning and Planning Committee Meeting regarding Blue Grass Apartments October 17
- Attended Coffee with the Mayor at McDonalds October 18
- Chamber Chatter Delivery, 2,250 copies October 25
- Participated in Art Stalk, Chamber hosted a information booth with literature on city activities October 26
- Meeting with Yvonne Murray and Jackson Pruitt at 58 Inc. Discussion about Business Incubator Program and Montevallo Business Development Center October 31
- Hosted Annual Hometown Trick or Treat Downtown October 31

- Membership Renewals: University of Montevallo, Argos, McDonalds, Living River and Jimmie Hale Mission
- New Members: JP Building Co, Alfa Ins- Shawn Payne

November 2019 Activities

- Meeting with Herman Lehman, discussion about Montevallo Business Development Center and relocation of the Chamber Office November 1
- Monthly Chamber Board Meeting November 6
- Attended City Council Meeting. Gave oral report on Chamber activities November 12
- Conducted Ribbon Cutting at Montevallo Makers market on Middle Street November 14
- Attended Coffee with the Mayor at C's Coffee House November 14
- Attended Main Street Montevallo Board Meeting November 14
- Attended MDCD Meeting gave report on Chamber Activities. November 18
- Spoke to Leaders of Tomorrow , Middle School students, about the what the Chamber does in the community and the importance of supporting local businesses November 20
- Hosted Monthly Chamber Luncheon Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Lunch provided to City work crews and Chamber Volunteers November 20
- Attended City Council Meeting and gave oral report on Chamber events and activities. November 25
- Meeting with Chief Littleton regarding Christmas Parade Nov 26
- Meeting with Tim Tingle to discuss the publication of new Tinglewood Carving Picture Book to promote the carvings in Orr Park and the Tinglewood Festival November 26
- Published and delivered Chamber Chatter Newsletter 2 ,250 Copies November 29
- Membership Renewals: Encouragement Learning Foundation, Montevallo main Street Players, Jon Parker Heating and Air Conditioning
- New members: Safe House of Shelby County

December 2019 Activities

- Hosted Highway 25 Business Owner Meeting to discuss needs and concerns of Highway 25 Businesses as related to Comprehensive Plan December 3
- Monthly Chamber Board Meeting Wednesday December 4
- Hosted Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting on Main Street December 5
- Attended MDCD Meeting gave report on Chamber Activities December 9
- Chamber Budget Planning Meeting December 9

- Attended Montevallo Main Street Board Meeting December 12
- Hosted Annual Christmas Business Open House 5 to 7:30 PM on Main Street December 12
- Hosted Annual Chamber Christmas Business After Hours. Sponsored by Team Lehman Real Estate December 19
- Attended Montevallo Rotary Club Meeting gave updates on Chamber Activities December 19
- Chamber Chatter published and delivery 2,250 copies December 27
- Membership Renewals: Rockco Funeral Home, Fox and Pheasant Inn, Shoal Creek Realty, Brierfield Fire Dept, Homeland Computers, Montevallo Auto Repair, American Village
- Prepared Year- end Financial Reports for accountant and Board of Directors
- Finalized 2020 Budget for presentation to Board of Directors at January Board Meeting



Montevallo Chamber of Commerce Available Properties Report 4th Quarter 2019

Available Rental Properties

1. Three vacancies in the CVS Shopping Center Urmish Patel owner Tel: 205-982-9171
Email: urmishp@gmail.com Former Verizon Store Approx 1,300 sq ft. Former Gym Location Approx 2,000 sq ft can be divided. Adjoining spaces. Former Frios Gourmet Pops location. Approx 1000 sq ft.
2. The House of Serendipity is still vacant at 645 Main Street.
4. The former Main Street Tavern and adjoining building are vacant at 629 and 635 Main Street. The 635 building has an upstairs loft apartment that is rented. Jimmy Maddox Owner Cell: 205-222-2921
5. The former Watts on Main Building is vacant at 616 Main Street

6. The former Triple T's Convenience store at 1199 Ashville Rd. (Dr. Shunnarah) is under construction for tenants: a Market with butcher shop, Cynthia's Cake Art (relocating from Pelham), The Dog House Hot Dog Stand, and an Ice Cream Parlor.

7. The Office Plaza at 968 Main Street is vacant (Dr. Shunnarah) has been retail in the past.

Needs Renovations Approx 4100 Sq Ft..

8. Former Emma Gray Boutique at 846 Main Street Next door to Subway
Scott Reneau 205-229-1476 Approx: 650 Sq Ft.

9. House at 1215 Valley Street former Emma Gray Boutique 2nd location (Dr. Shunnarah)

For Sale Properties:

1. 951 Valley Street Professional Building Office Spaces approx 2,156 sq ft Listing Agent Nathan Stamps 205-665-0095 Lowered List Price 199,900
2. Out parcel Behind Jack's Island Street Listing Agent Bob Nesbitt Engle Realty 205-939-8219 Lot is 160' X 180' Listing Price is 80,000 Email: bnesbitt@engelrealty.com
3. 3 Acres + - Alabama Highway 25 South next to Dialysis Center Listing Agent Raymond Yancy 205-306-9946 Listing Price 750,000
4. 5 Acres + - Alabama Highway 119 North fronts highway near Lexington Park. B1-D2 Zoning. Owners Nathan Stamps, Scott Lovelady 399,000 205-665-0095
5. 2.5 + - Acres outparcel in front of Cobblestone Creek Apartments Highway 119 South B1- D2 Zoning Owner Scott Lovelady Contact Nathan Stamps 205-665-0095
6. Various size lots in Montevallo Commons across from Industrial Park Alabama Highway 25. One parcel is 5 acres + - Owner Scott Lovelady. Owner would be willing to spec. building. Contact Nathan Stamps 205-665-0095
7. 2 Acres + - Island Street Owners Mark and Adele Nelson Listing Agent Nathan Stamps 205-665-0095 799,000
8. 6.2 +- Acres Alabama Highway 25 and County Road 216 Frontage on both roads Owner Mike Garrett 256-565-5155 Has 4br 2 bath home on property 300,000

9. Former Knowlwood Assisted Living Facility 7,500 square ft. 16 Beds ½ baths to each on 1.4 Acres Complete facility 4804 Highway 25 Kristina Knowles - Knowles Realty 205-618-9898

Mr. Gilbert also mentioned the upcoming Golf Tournament. In addition, he informed the Council that the Chamber is leaving GLOCO on January 23 because UM needs that space. At this point, he is not sure where they will relocate, and welcomed any suggestions.

Montevallo Main Street Director Courtney Bennett thanked Mr. Hamby and the folks at Public Works for all of their assistance with the holiday decorations. She pointed out that our 2019 Impact Report was picked up by the Shelby County Reporter and there is a very nice article in the paper about us. In addition, the paper has asked her to write a column every now and then about the goings-on in our community. She also informed the Council our new banners for Main Street will be installed soon.

Mayor Cost reviewed the agenda items.

Approval to use Wex Fleet – State of Alabama Fleet Card Program:

Chief Littleton said there are basically only two gas stations in Montevallo which still accept our old Fuelman cards. In addition, it is difficult to find a station which accepts Fuelman cards when we are travelling to conferences or whatever outside of Montevallo. Therefore, he recommends we start using the WEX cards, which are on the State Bid list and recommended by them.

Council Member Nix asked if the employee must key-in their mileage when they use the card.

Chief Littleton said that was correct. They enter their employee number, as well. This helps to keep track of mileage and ensure the cards are not being used improperly.

Ordinance establishing salary of Mayor (2nd reading):

The City Clerk explained that because this is an ordinance the vote at the last meeting was only the first reading. It needs to be voted on again tonight to be approved.

Set Date for Employee Handbook Update Special Work Session:

The Council discussed this and settled on Wednesday, January 22nd, 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The City Clerk said he would post the notice.

Mayor Cost said we are still working on updating our board appointments.

Under Other Business, Mayor Cost said we need to add approval of the Mahler family photos to be used on the bridge signs. A private citizen is paying for these signs.

Mayor Cost also mentioned a grant for \$50,000 she wants to submit which would allow us to review the fines and fees we charge in Court and elsewhere in an effort to ensure they do not pose an undue hardship or burden on low income individuals. There is no match required.

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

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Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Call to Order –

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

Approval and/or corrections of the minutes – 12/23/19

Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the Minutes from December 23, 2019 as corrected. Council Member Nix seconded. Council Members Bunt and Herbert ABSTAINED. ALL OTHERS VOTED AYE . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Recognitions / Awards: NONE

Opportunities for citizens to speak to the Council:

Thomas Lilley asked if there was any progress on Dailey Park.

Council Member Nix responded that we have a meeting planned with members of the community on the 31st to determine what sorts of improvements they'd like to see in the park. He said he hopes the first phase of improvements will include a restroom.

Mayor Cost said our goal is to make Dailey Park our city's first fully accessible park.

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. Council Member Bunt seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Consent Agenda: NONE

New Business:

Approval to use Wex Fleet – State of Alabama Fleet Card Program



STATE OF ALABAMA
FLEET CARD PROGRAM

FUEL ANYWHERE.
SAVE EVERY DAY.



Herman Lehman
MONTEVALLO POLICE DEPARTMENT
545 Main Street
Montevallo, AL 35115

Re: Contract No. C20010P403

Fuel Card Services Agreement Between
WEX and the State of Alabama

Dear Herman Lehman:

Alabama has contracted with WEX to offer a fuel card program designed to help state organizations like yours control fueling and vehicle costs. **The Alabama Fleet Management Program** simplifies fueling with purchase controls, spending limits, powerful online management tools and **acceptance at 95% of fueling stations.**

In addition to expense reduction, the Alabama Fleet Management Program provides:

- **Better savings.**
Reduce your overall administrative costs with electronic billing.
- **Better security.**
Use custom spending controls and Driver IDs at the pump to help prevent fraud and misuse.
- **Better accounting.**
Track spending online and download detailed reports. Tax exemption and reporting is available for qualified fleets.
- **And a better experience**
Use at any major fuel station in your state — and throughout the U.S. Plus, all cardholders enjoy U.S.-based customer service, 24/7.

Participation is **FREE**, with no enrollment, setup, or card fees.
Just fax the enclosed Participating Addendum to 1-866-527-8873.

Sincerely,

Bernie Kavanagh
Sr. Vice President and General Manager, WEX Large Fleet

State of Alabama
Contract No. C20010P403

It's easy to apply —
the RFP, vetting, and
paperwork are already done.

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Council Member Nix made a motion to approve the use of WEX cards. Council Member Goldsmith seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Old Business:

Ordinance establishing salary of Mayor (2nd reading):

Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the ordinance setting the Mayor's salary, effective November of 2020, at \$2,000 per month, \$24,000 per year . Council Member Goldsmith seconded. Mayor Cost, Council Member Nix, Council Member Goldsmith Council Member Peterson and Council Member Bunt voted AYE. Council Member Herbert voted NAY . . . MOTION APPROVED.

ORDINANCE NO. 01132020-300

**CITY OF MONTEVALLO ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MONTHLY SALARY
OF THE MAYOR**

AN ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEVALLO, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the salary of the mayor of the City of Montevallo, Alabama, shall be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum of \$2,000 per month; \$24,000 per annum.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective on the first Monday in November 2020 and shall continue in force and effect until repealed by action of the council.

Section 3. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable; if any portion of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 13th DAY OF JANUARY 2020.

Hollie C. Cost, Mayor

ATTEST:

Herman Lehman, City Clerk

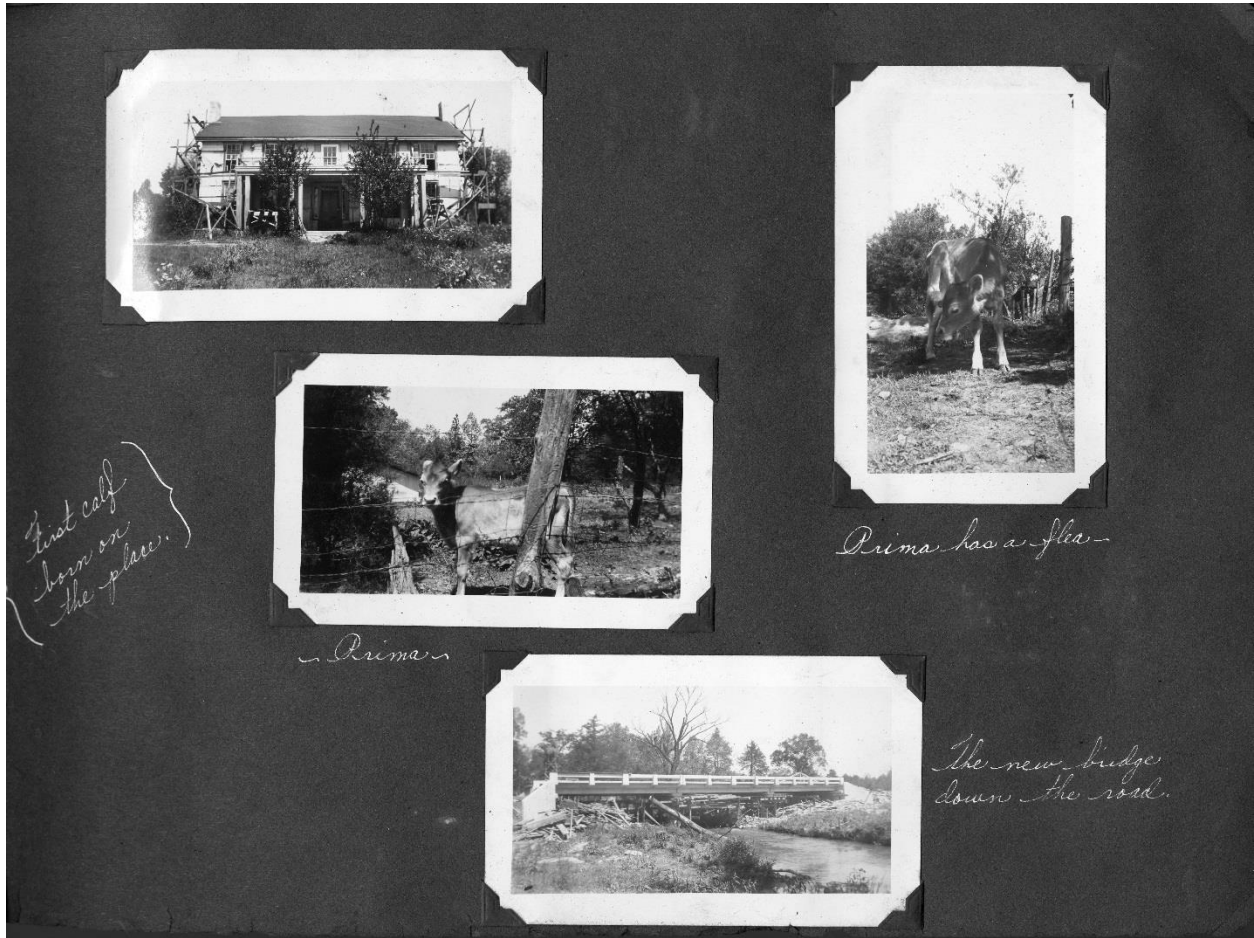
The City Clerk said he would include the ordinance regarding the Council Salary on the next Agenda. Mayor Cost asked the Council to send their recommendations regarding that ordinance to the City Clerk.

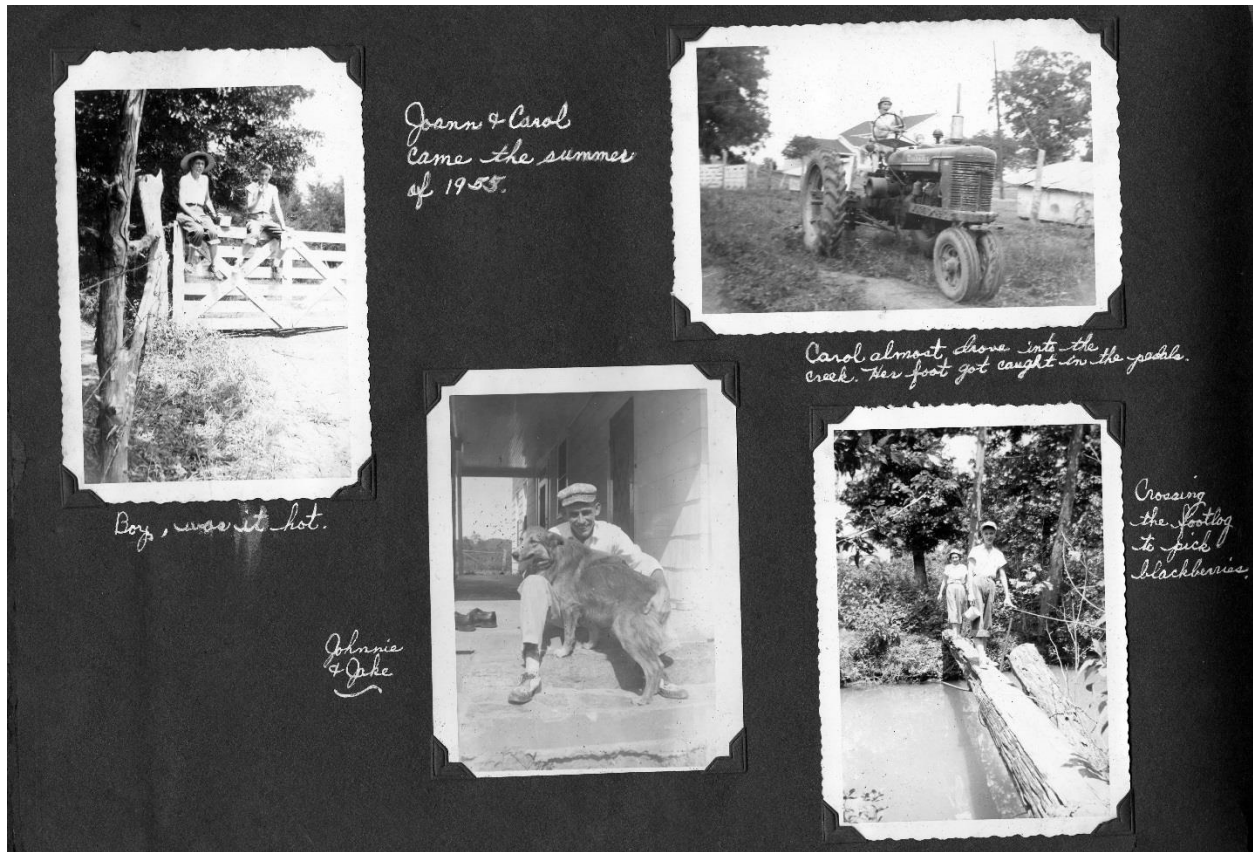
Set Date for Employee Handbook Update Special Work Session: Discussed and set earlier.

Board Appointments: NONE

Other Business:

Photos:





Council Member Nix made a motion to approve the use of these photos. Council Member Herbert seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Grant:

Mayor Cost explained that we have been encouraged to apply for a \$50,000 grant (no match required) designed to help us reform local fines and fees which disproportionately and adversely affect low-income people and people of color. If we are selected to participate in this project, Montevallo could serve as a model community for like is across Alabama, and the Nation.

Included below a detailed summary of the project and the steps involved. Once again, there is no cost to us, and any recommendations which result from this study will have to be approved by the council before they can be enacted. We really have nothing to lose. Because the timeframe to submit this application is short, the Mayor asked this be added under Other Business on tonight’s agenda. As recommended by Carla Crowder with Appleseed, she said she would serve as the lead elected official and the City Clerk would serve as the senior staff member.

From: Carla Crowder

PolicyLink, together with the Fines & Fees Justice Center and the San Francisco Financial Justice Project, is seeking proposals from jurisdictions interested in reforming local fines and fees that disproportionately and adversely affect low-income people and people of color.

Here is a link to more information about the grant: <https://www.policylink.org/our-work/just-society/fines-fees/cities-counties>

Specifically, they are offering \$50K and technical support for an 18-month project that will create a cohort of jurisdictions they hope will “create innovative models of effective reforms and inspire localities across the country to do the same.”

Applications can come from teams which must include a jurisdiction-wide elected official and a senior government staff member to serve as point people. Other team members can (and should) include advocacy groups, groups representing impacted populations, policy experts, and data specialists.

I believe Montevallo is ideally positioned to apply for this grant.

I envision Mayor Cost being the jurisdiction-wide elected official to endorse/sign off on the application with the senior government appointee TBD. Note, the funder’s expectation is that the senior appointee will be the point person on this project, attending a few convenings, being a consistent presence on conference calls, etc.

Applications are due Feb. 14. Grants will be awarded in March, with the process to begin immediately.

Per the application website, participating jurisdictions commit to:

1. Engage community organizations and people directly impacted by fines and fees to build an understanding of the community’s most pressing fine and fee concerns and to help identify and implement solutions;
2. Conduct an internal assessment to identify fines, fees, tickets, and financial penalties that have an adverse impact on low-income people and people of color;
3. Develop a policy agenda informed by the assessment and continued engagement with community members;
4. Enact or, have an actionable plan to enact, at least three meaningful fine and fee reforms;
5. Demonstrate national leadership by sharing their knowledge and lessons learned with other jurisdictions.

Here is how I envision that looking in Montevallo.

1. **Engage directly impacted people to understand pressing concerns and identify and implement solutions:** Appleseed's [Under Pressure report](#) is an ideal first step in this process, as it includes data and stories describing how fines and fees burden poor people and people of color across Alabama. Appleseed could work with the city to convene local direct service providers to bring impacted individuals even more closely into the process via community forums and listening events.
2. **Conduct an internal assessment:** This portion of the project would require expert technical assistance with data management and analysis. An outside technical expert could work with the city to collect data on fines and fees, with an eye to finding out who owes money (demographic data as well as info about "frequent users" who owe multiple fines – I suspect we'd find many people have been repeatedly fined for offenses like driving with a suspended or revoked license or without insurance), how much they owe, and how long they've owed it. Dr. Richard Fording of the University of Alabama has agreed to fill this role.
3. **Develop a policy agenda:** I believe Appleseed's policy expertise would be extremely helpful in this portion of the report, but I would also seek to consult with Sharon Brett of the Harvard Criminal Justice Policy Project (CJPP). Sharon wrote the [paper](#) on proportionate sanctions that Appleseed at its Oct. 24 event with the Aspen Institute proffered as an answer to the question of how to appropriately sanction poor people. CJPP is unable to commit at this time, but Sharon is committed to consulting on this project as an independent expert.
4. **Enact (or have a plan to enact) reforms:** This would be up to the city to do, but of course Appleseed would be available to support and assist as needed. Depending on the nature of the reforms, they might be done via executive action by the mayor or via local ordinance that would require approval by the city council.
5. **Demonstrate national leadership:** Again, this would be led by the city, with support from Appleseed and other partners as appropriate.

Next steps:

1. Secure agreement from the city and identify a senior appointee to sign on.
2. Talk with the funder about how we can best position ourselves to receive this grant.
3. Apply. The application does not require a detailed budget. It does require letters of commitment from the elected leader and support from any nonprofits or other listed as team members.

Council Member Herbert said he thought this opportunity was "really cool."

Mayor Cost said she just learned about this initiative last week at a meeting in Montgomery. She is very excited about the possibilities, as well.

Council Member Herbert made a motion to approve the grant application, and team members. Council Member Peterson seconded. Council Member Nix ABSTAINED. ALL OTHERS VOTED AYE . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Citizen Participation:

Tom Reynolds expressed his opposition to the proposed Montevallo Cottages development. He said he would be at the Planning Commission meeting Thursday night.

Bill Owens also expressed his opposition to that development. He said the water pressure in the area is already too low.

Council Member Nix. Who serves on the Water Board, said he would look into the water issue.

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 6:11 p.m.

Submitted by:

Herman Lehman
City Clerk