

Montevallo City Council Work Session
June 8, 2015
5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Hollie Cost, Council members Willie Goldsmith, Jason Peterson, Rusty Nix, Council Member Gilbert and Dee Woodham were in attendance.

Mayor Hollie Cost called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Cost introduced our new intern, Tanya Hoang. Among other things, she will be helping with the Minutes.

Chief Littleton presented the report for the Police Department:

Code Enforcement Activity Report
May 11, 2015 - May 26, 2015

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| <u>Junk Cars Inspections</u> | -0 |
| Pending | -0 |
| Closed | -0 |
| <u>Animal Complaints Inspections</u> | -1 |
| Pending | -0 |
| Closed | -1 |
| <u>Abandoned Buildings/Houses</u> | -0 |
| Pending | -31 |
| Closed | -0 |
| <u>Un-Kept Property Inspections</u> | -2 |
| Pending | -3 |
| Closed | -1 |
| <u>Misc. Complaints</u> | -1 |
| Pending | -0 |
| Closed | -1 |
| <u>Total New Inspections This Period</u> | -4 |
| <u>Total Inspection Year To Date</u> | -28 |

Fire Chief Bill Reid presented May's monthly report. They worked an apartment fire and will be at American Village for 4th of July. No updates on grants. ISO is complete. Today starts annual service on trucks.

Kirk Hamby informed the council that that the flags on Main Street will remain up until the 4th of July. Clean up around the high school and university has started for general areas not accessible during school year. Our Landscape Specialist has started and his crews have pressure washed exteriors of brick and side walk of Parnell have one month until completion.

Council Member Peterson reminded everyone that the Tour de Cure is on Saturday.

Shane Baugh reported that they are still booking travel ball tournaments. He also noted that the trail committee has been working on the temporary trails at the park.

Council Member Woodham reminded everyone about the Shoal Creek Park Master Plan meeting on June 16th at 6pm.

Mayor Cost asked Mr. Baugh to begin presenting the council with a monthly financial report for Parks & Rec. She noted that the tournaments and other park rentals have generated \$29,000 year-to-date.

Ed Davis noted his gratitude for the public's support of our Golf Course. He noted that there are 65 children participating in the PGA kids' golf program this year. The program runs for four more weeks. Tomorrow the PGA golf academy for children 7-17 years old who play on a higher level begins. He also reported that there were 12,750 rounds played at the course last year. 3% of those were UM students; 24% were members; 73% were from the general public; 33% lived in Montevallo; and 67% lived outside of Montevallo. Mr. Davis the introduced the following:

MONTEVALLO GOLF CLUB: Worth a \$25K/ year City Contribution?

Membership:

- 61 Family Memberships that service about **138 Members**.

UM Students:

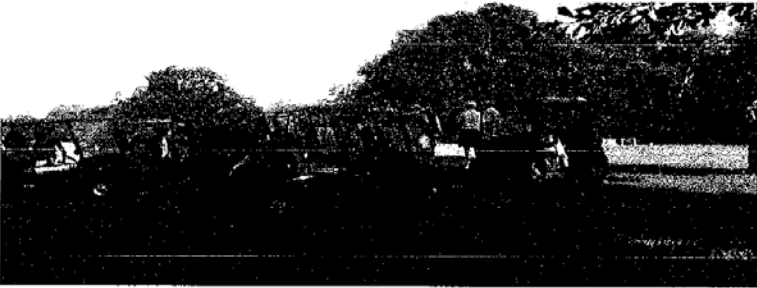
- 2 Classes per semester take UM Beginning Golf classes, taught at MGC.
- This amounts to **75-100 Students**.
- They are extended full use of the facilities during the Entire semester.

Youth Golf Programs:

- MGC is home course to 7 school golf teams.
- This amounts to **40-50 school-age children**
- MGC implements the PGA Academy for the Montevallo Boys and Girls Club of America.
- Usually **25-50 children** participate. The **current session has 95**.

Charity Tournament Fundraiser Beneficiaries:

- Camp Cosby Scholarship
- Montevallo Middle School At-Risk Program
- Montevallo High School At-Risk Program
- Shelby Emergency Assistance
- Montevallo Middle School Library
- Montevallo High School Library
- Literacy Council of Central Alabama
- Red Bird Mission
- Servants in Faith and Technology
- Montevallo Boys and Girls Club
- Haiti Mission: Children's Hope
- University of Montevallo Upward Bound Program
- Reading is Fundamental
- United Methodist Pre-school Scholarship
- Kelsey's Place
- Knights of Columbus
- University of Montevallo Olympics Day Scholarship Fund
- Montevallo Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund
- Folds of Honor
- Alabaster United Methodist Church
- Wounded Warriors
- Shelby County Humane Society



**Montevallo Golf Club is dedicated to
Serving Students, Youth, Members
and the Community of Montevallo
and the surrounding area!**



2015
PGA Academy
Montevallo Boys
and Girls Club

Montevallo Golf
Course
Home Course to 7
school golf teams!

MGC is a
Fundraising Venue
for local
organizations!

University of
Montevallo
Olympic Day!

UM Golf Classes

**MONTEVALLO GOLF
CLUB**
1481 Hwy 204
Montevallo, Alabama
35115
665-8057
Open 7 Days a Week!
Ed Davis PGA Golf
Professional / Manager



Montevallo Golf Club
Ed Davis, PGA – General Manager

September 30, 2014

Memo to Realtors: Complimentary 1 month MGC Membership

As a way to promote both our community and the golf course, Montevallo Golf Club is Hosting a Membership Drive.

The MGC Board of Directors has approved a promotion to offer a 1 month Complimentary Montevallo Golf Club Membership to **anyone closing on the purchase of a home between October 1 and December 31, 2014!**

We have attached the Membership certificates to be completed with the Homeowner's name, your signature and the date of closing/residency. This is an exciting opportunity to invite new neighbors to enjoy a fun community asset: Montevallo Golf Club.

Should you have any questions, please notify me at the club at 665-8057, on my cell 248-8057 or via e-mail: ed8802@msn.com.

Thank you,
Ed Davis, PGA

Certificates (standard size in envelopes) were delivered to Realtors- including but not limited to Keller Williams Realty (Tami Pickett), Bradford Real Estate (Josh and Julie Smitherman) and Nathan Stamps.

Homeowner Name _____
Congratulations on the purchase of your new home!
As our way of saying "Welcome to the neighborhood"
Please enjoy a Complimentary 1 Month Membership
Montevallo Golf Club
1481 Highway 204
Montevallo, Alabama 35115
Phone No. 205-665-8057

During your Complimentary Membership, you will enjoy our Challenging 18-Hole course for a Cure Fee only (per person) or rent for free!
Montevallo Golf Club is nestled on the edge of the City Of Montevallo and the University Of Montevallo campus. As a family friendly golf course, MGC is home to 7 Middle School and High School Boys and Girls Golf teams. The scenic course provides a fun, relaxing, recreational opportunity for the entire family!
The Montevallo Golf Club Board of Directors, along with Manager and PGA Golf Professional Ed Davis and the entire MGC Staff, look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Like us on Facebook!
Realtor _____ Date _____

1481 Hwy 204 Montevallo, Alabama 35115 (205) 665-8057

The Past 10 years of Montevallo Golf Club:

| Profit- Loss for last 10 years | debt owed City | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| 2004-05 | +13346 | 38,284 |
| 2005-06 | +13346 | 51,154 |
| 2006-07 | +11441 | 36,784 |
| 2007-08 | -6804 | 37,170 |
| 2008-09 | -16170 | 41,204 |
| 2009-10 | -44651 | 80,779 |
| 2010-11 | -14717 | 109,189 |
| 2011-12 | -29394 | 128,772 |
| 2012-13 | -42302 | 169,955 |
| 2013-14 | -54522 | 216,150 |

The first column is the year, the second is Profit Loss from revenues collected against Expenses, and the third column is the running total debt owed the City as of the last day of the year.

In 2004-2006, we were trending in the right direction, making a profit in each of the 3 years. The recession hit during the 2007-2008 year and it has been a battle to break even since. While 2011-2014 have been our worse years, I feel as the economy begins to pickup, we are beginning to trend in the correct direction again beginning with the current 2014-15 year.

In the last 10 years, we have had \$3,068,845 in revenues and 3,307,813 in expenses. This represents a difference of .0722% (7.2%) that expenses have exceeded income in the past 10 years. That is not bad for such a great asset to the City of Montevallo. In these 10 years represented above there have been approximately 140,000 rounds of golf played at Montevallo Golf Club.

This represents an average loss of just under 25K per year. What we have to do is sell the Citizens, Council, etc. that the golf course is worth an investment of \$25K a year to the City.

Council Member Nix reminded everyone there will be a Public Hearing tonight regarding the proposed Downtown Historic District.

Mayor Cost asked Emily Trion with the Montevallo Junior Council to update the council on their activities over the past 6 months Ms. Trion informed the council that the youth center, MARC,

has been open from 3-6pm and after June 15th (or 12) it will be open from 1-6 pm for 6th-12th grade students to utilize for drum circles, make/sell food, and as a place for young children to go versus staying at home during the summer. Each junior board member rotates a 3 hour shift and the Montevallo Jr City Council meetings are open to the public.

Allie Williams reported that the summer reading started last Monday. The recent meeting included 55 participants, as well a group of Super Heroes. Last week, the Fire Department came and showed off their truck and equipment to the children. The movie had 90 participants. Nature Week Camp kicked off on Friday.

Council Member Gilbert reported that the Police Explorer Camp is on University of Montevallo campus.

Cindy Holsombeck reported that the Sister City travel meeting is June 9 at 5:30 pm. The cost of their trip is \$21,000 and has been paid. They leave on June 30th and return July 15th.

Mayor cost noted the Mural Camp is busy painting several murals in town.

Council Member Woodham reported that the preliminary meeting with city auditors went well. Everything looks good. This is the first time the city had a single audit because of the federal grants we've received.

Steve Gilbert reported that the Chamber of Commerce has 2 new members. He reminded everyone the Farmers Market is every Monday 3-6 pm.

Council Member Woodham: No update on IDB. The bills include \$1,300 in legal bills and \$2,900 for Turner Batson.

Mayor Cost informed the council she will be appointing an ad-hoc committee to promote tourism and economic development in Montevallo. If anyone is interested in serving, volunteers will be appreciated. She also mentioned the request for the council to create a non-profit Shoal Creek Park organization with all executive votes coming back to the council on monetary decisions. Council Member Woodham explained the goal is to establish a 501c-3 to help raise funds for improvements to the park.

At the Mayor's request, Chief Littleton explained the need for a new patrol car:



CITY OF MONTEVALLO

HOLLIE C. COST, Ph.D. - Mayor

HERMAN LEHMAN - City Clerk

JEREMY LITTLETON - Chief of Police

BILL REID - Fire Chief

June 1, 2015

Mayor Cost and City Council,

I am requesting approval to purchase a new patrol vehicle. I am currently \$32,000.00 under budget on salaries because of an open position we have. This position will have to be filled in October. The cost of a new outfitted patrol car will be \$31,000.00. I am also under budget on several other categories such as retirement and insurance. We have brought in more money than projected on salary reimbursements because of some unexpected security details. I spoke with Herman and we both agree that even with this purchase, I will still have plenty of money in the budget for unexpected circumstances that may come up. We still have several cars in very poor condition that need to come off the road as soon as we can replace them. Your consideration of this request would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Littleton
Chief of Police



T191L Vehicles - Law Enforcement Contract:

Please Read Carefully Before Viewing Contract

The contract ending date can be misleading if you do not understand the terms and conditions. This contract is for Model Year Only and the manufacturer determines the actual ending date. Delivery dates are estimates only. Dealers do not have control over production schedules.

[Click here to view Entire Contract - T191L - VEHICLES - LAW ENFORCEMENT](#)

Vehicle Policy

[Click here for Vendor Contact Information](#)

Below is an outline of all the law enforcement vehicles awarded on contract T191L - Please view the entire contract for terms and conditions, vendor information, complete specifications.

Items highlighted in yellow and in red ink are currently on HOLD for further litigation. (posted 12/12/14)

Listing of Law Enforcement Vehicles Awarded on Contract T191L

| Contract Number | Contract Line # | Commodity Number | Model | Price | Vendor | Mfr Close-Out Date |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|
| 4012863 | 00001 | 070-08-081308 | Chevrolet Caprice | 24,633.00 | Donohoo | |
| 4012863 | 00002 | 070-08-081307 | Chevrolet Impala | 19,998.00 | Donohoo | 1/9/15 |
| 4012398 | 00003 | 070-08-086459 | Ford Interceptor Sedan | 21,978.61 | Stivers Ford | |
| 4013103 | 00004 | 070-08-089721 | Dodge Charger (Not Pursuit) | 23,688.00 | Ben Atkinson | 5/27/15 |
| 4012863 | 00005 | 070-08-081308 | Chevrolet Suburban | 33,789.00 | Donohoo | |
| 4012863 | 00006 | 070-08-081310 | Chevrolet Tahoe PPV | 28,330.00 | Donohoo | 3/31/15 |
| 4012863 | 00007 | 070-08-081317 | Chevrolet Tahoe SSV | 30,542.00 | Donohoo | 3/31/15 |
| 4013104 | 00009 | 070-08-081349 | Dodge Durango SSV | 26,157.00 | Opelka Ford | 5/27/15 |
| 4012401 | 00010 | 070-08-081350 | Ford Expedition SSV | 25,740.00 | Chuck Stevens | |
| 4012713 | 00011 | 070-08-081305 | Ford Interceptor Utility | 24,933.00 | Woody Anderson | 1/30/15 |
| 4012863 | 00012 | 070-08-081345 | Chevrolet Silverado | 19,991.00 | Donohoo | |
| 4013103 | 00014 | 070-08-081347 | Dodge Ram SSV | 23,737.00 | Ben Atkinson | 5/27/15 |
| 4013103 | 00015 | 070-08-081351 | Ford F150 Crew Cab 2WD | 21,267.00 | Ben Atkinson | |
| 4013103 | 00016 | 070-08-081352 | Ford F150 Extended Cab 2WD | 19,097.00 | Ben Atkinson | |
| 4013103 | 00017 | 070-08-081353 | Ford F150 Crew Cab 4WD | 24,367.00 | Ben Atkinson | |
| 4013103 | 00018 | 070-08-081354 | Ford F150 Extended Cab 4WD | 22,122.00 | Ben Atkinson | |
| 4013105 | 00019 | 070-08-081348 | Chevrolet Express | 22,057.00 | Donohoo | 1/15/15 |
| 4013103 | 00020 | 070-08-081356 | Ford Transit 350 | 23,113.00 | Ben Atkinson | |
| 4013103 | 00021 | 070-08-081355 | Dodge Charger (Pursuit) | 22,156.00 | Ben Atkinson | 5/27/15 |

Council Member Woodham thanked Chief Littleton for finding a way to pay for this purchase out of his current budget.

Mayor Cost reminded everyone in attendance that the Public Hearing would begin right after the regular meeting opened at 6:00.

The council also discussed the need to provide credit cards for each department instead of using one centralized card. The request was made to make bookkeeping easier.

**Montevallo City Council Meeting
June 8, 2015
6:00 p.m. at City Hall**

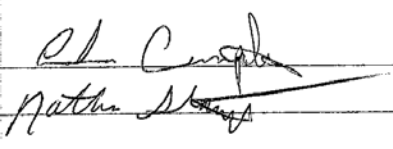
Mayor Hollie Cost, Council members Willie Goldsmith, Jason Peterson, Rusty Nix, and Dee Woodham were in attendance. Council Member Gilbert was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Called to Order – Mayor Cost called the meeting top order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Cost opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

- ① Cindy Holsombeck
- ② Melissa Martin
- ③ Ronnie Tinsley
- ④ Carl G. W. Morris Jr
- ⑤ John HORNE
- ⑥ Jimmy Williams
- ⑦ Gary Cantelmo
- ⑧ Travis Ochs
- ⑨ Don Montross
- ⑩ W. B. Wilby
- ⑪ Willie Rodgers
- ⑫ Shirley Thompson
- ⑬ Treasure Hill Sigel
- ⑭ R. D. Martin
- ⑮ Josh Cantelmo
- ⑯ Chuck Hallowell
- ⑰ Michael Davis Kelley
- ⑱ Ed Schuler
- ⑲ James Burnett
- ⑳ M. W. S. Sells
- ㉑ H. J. McLaughlin
- ㉒ E. H. Hays
- ㉓ Clay Arnold
- ㉔ Sam Cantelmo
- ㉕ Jody Sanders
- ㉖ William Sanders
- ㉗ Steve Gilbert
- 28 Z. Hays

- 28 Thomas J. Lillard
 - 29 Julie Smitherman
 - 30 Kerry Sidis
 - 31 Shawn Romanstine
 - 32 John "
 - 33 Chase "
 - 34 Anthony Muga
 - 35 James Hunt
 - 36 Timothy Hunt
 - 37 William Jason Taylor
 - 38 James Alexander
 - 39 Paul McCloskey
 - 40 J. A. Scott
 - 41 Jack Allen
 - 42 Bill Spren
 - 43 Melvin De Key
 - 44 Brady Horne
 - 45 Roger Wheeler
 - 46 Sandra Holtz
 - 47 John Little
 - 48 J. John Y. Spier
 - 49 Carolyn Kuntz
 - 50 Cindy Maddox
 - 51 Litta Vallman
 - 52 Wade L. Rinder
 - Mitchell A. Spears
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 - Paul Spier
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 Paul Spier

Janice Seaman, Chairperson of the Montevallo Historical Commission, explained that we are trying to establish a Local Downtown Historic District which mirrors our existing National Historic District. We have had several public hearings on this issue already and this is the last one before the council takes up this item for consideration. Tonight we will only taking questions from the public. We will write down the questions, get them answered by officials at the State Historical Commission and bring that information back to the next meeting. The floor was then opened:

Julie Smitherman: I'd like to know what kind of districts already exist in Montevallo. At the last meeting, there was confusion about what happens after ordinance is adopted.

Jimmy Maddox: I own four properties in Montevallo. I went to a previous meeting with properties owners and it was stated then that this only affects the exterior of a building – not the interior.

Council Member Woodham: Who is the governing body?

Julie Smitherman: How the application procedure will work?

Mayor Cost thanked Ms. Seaman and the Commission for all of their hard work putting this proposal together.

Council Member Woodham asked Sharman Brooks about the difference between this district and the Urban Core and its guidelines.

Ms. Brooks explained that these are all guidelines. The Urban Core speaks more to form of buildings. Both guidelines speak to windows, etc. The Historic guidelines are a supplement to the existing Urban Core guidelines. Design Standards are aesthetic but both discuss building materials, etc. As far as the review is concerned, the Certificate of Appropriateness will have to be given by the Design Review Committee before the Building Department will issue a building permit. The key is getting implementation together and the process approved.

Jimmy Maddox: If someone knocks out my window, will I have to go through four committees?

There being no further questions, Mayor Cost closed the hearing at 6:11 p.m.

Approval and/or corrections of the minutes – Council Member Nix made a motion to approve the Minutes from 5/26/15 as presented. Council Member Goldsmith seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Student Recognitions / Awards: NIONE

Opportunities for citizens to speak to the Council:

Mayor Cost thanked everyone for coming out that evening, acknowledging that most of the folks we there with regard to the issue of the Golf Course. She explained that the University owns the Golf Course and pays the Golf Board \$25,000 per year for maintenance. The course is operated by the Parks and Recreation Board #2 – not the city itself. The course is consistently losing money. Over the past 16 years, the course only turned a profit 3 of those years. As a result, because the city is responsible for paying the employees and insurance for the course, they are now over \$250,000 in debt to the city.

As a result, the city needs to make a decision whether to keep the course or return it to UM when our current lease expires in October of 2016. This issue came to the forefront recently when the Golf Board requested that we extend the lease with UM in order to allow them to lease a new fleet of golf carts.

Understanding the importance of the golf course to our city, this issue was discussed during the Finance Committee meeting which took place immediately prior to this meeting. In an effort to fully understand our options with regard to the course and develop a sustainable business plan for its future, the Finance Committee has recommended we consider hiring an experienced golf and recreation consultant to provide us with an unbiased opinion of our options. The consultant would cost us a maximum of \$30,000. The Finance Committee recommended hiring this consultant if the University will agree to pay half that cost. The Mayor pointed out that this is a strong indicator of our sincere desire to see the course succeed.

We know we've lost an average of \$37,000 each year. We have to know where we can make these cuts, etc.

Shawn Rowenstein: I just want you to know what it means to us. Without it, we would not have been able to have access to a private course. My son will/might have a golf scholarship to a D1 or D2 school. It's really made a difference in my son's life.

Ed Davis: I think you're wasting your money on a consultant. Our total expenses are less than they were in 1990.

Jonny Williams: I've been a 30 year member of the Golf Club. I moved to Fairview because of the course. There are 54 houses in our subdivision and if course closes the value of our houses will go down.. I don't understand why the golf course is not in your budget. It helps to raise a lot of money for local organizations - .our little church netted \$3,000 from a tournament

Michael Kelly: I'm a Vietnam veteran and I play at Montevallo. The Montevallo Golf has allowed me to get better. If you get a consultant, they will tell you to raise rates and I can't afford that. I've played there for 12 years and we ... I have never seen the city spend anything on the course. When I'm there, I get be 10 years old and ignore everything.

Dr. John Stewart, President of UM: Referenced the many rumors out there about UM's intent regarding the property. He said that he just wanted to tell everyone that he has faith in the City Council and that UM is not eyeing the property for anything.

Treasure Ingles: We all know that it's easier to ask for permission than forgiveness. Do you have firm plans? I want you to know that I'm passionate about my quality of life. I care about this.

Georgina Watson: I've been associated with the golf course since its beginning and when the college turned it over to the city, we were so happy. So we would be disappointed to see it returned to UM.

Tim Story asked how much money the city has contributed to the course.

The Mayor explained that we have made up an approximate \$37,000 average shortfall in recent years - totaling over \$250,000.

Mr. Story asked if that was in addition to the \$25,000 given to the course by UM. \

The Mayor said it was.

Mr. Story said the city needs to put more capital improvements into the course.

Mayor Cost reminded Mr. Story that the Golf Board is responsible for operations at the course and that the \$25,000 they receive from UM is supposed to be used to keep the course improved.

Mr. Story said if we made improvements to the course it could be brought back into the condition it needs to be in order to attract more players.

Gene Lightfoot said that the course was never supposed to make a profit. She suggested it be made added to our budget.

Mayor Cost said the budgets the Golf Course has presented us each year suggest they will break even, but they have consistently lost money.

Ms. Lightfoot suggested the city make the Golf Course a department of the city.

Ed Davis said the last budget he presented showed a \$14,000 loss.

Don Montgomery: My son is a Special Olympics golfer and he plays there. He won a gold medal. He pointed out that when he comes to Montevallo to play golf he supports our community by eating lunch and filling his gas tank.

Sue Tedford: I am on the Park board and I feel like we've been discussing the wrong thing. We got the reports and we just need to make it better.

JR Parker, president of Fairview homeowners association, said that when he found out about this issue he was very concerned. He does not play golf but he worries about the effect a closure would have on the value of the homes in their subdivision – as much as a 10-15% decline. Most people move there for the golf course and most old people are worried what UM will do with it. Most people move there because it is so quiet and safe.

Dr. Earl Cunningham defined this as a quality of life issue - these should be the last things to go on our budget. He said this should be our top priority. If we can spend \$1.4 on a new City Hall, surely we can support our golf course. .

Mitchell Spears, president of the Golf Board, explained that the Park Board #2 is an entity generated by state legislature. We have a 5 year lease on the golf cart fleet. Cart fleets become unserviceable after 4 years. We can save \$750 a month on a new 4 year lease. We cannot in good faith sign that lease when we have another expiration date of the course lease of October 2016. Since I've been Board President, I can report the board received \$1,300 from the city for sod for various areas. Every golfer knows the economy is affecting the golf course. We also experience a major greens kill due to weather. Courses in other cities lose much more than ours - \$180,000 - \$220,000. A \$30,000 loss represents a 6/10s of 1% of the City's total budget. Our problem is

we cannot wait to study this issue. If things stay as they are, the course will cease to operate. We must have new carts, and cart paths.

Melissa Martin: Lives in Fairview. She said that what she loves about Montevallo is our quality of life. They especially appreciate the Golf Course. For \$55 per month her entire family can go out and play golf together. I see fathers with their children out there.

Judy Winslett serves on the Golf Board. She said she has lived here all life and loves the city and our golf course. She said the course is a tremendous asset to our community and we should keep it. .

John Horne: I'm outside city limits and I meet 3 times a week to play at the golf course, bringing with him his 2 boys with 3 grandchildren. A town that needs to have an attraction, I like coming here and I get my lunch and gas here.

Wade Rider: Said he lives in Alabaster but plays golf in Montevallo.

Terry Sides: Said he is a new course member. He said he thinks we need to put more money in our course in order to improve its quality and attract more people to play here.

Frank Oaks: I live in Fairview, I couldn't find the city budget: How much money will you make on the promenade? ...The city borrowed \$5 million for other projects. We spend money on other things, why not the golf course? You have to spend money to make money. I personally think there is another plan somewhere, but I don't think you can have something else like the golf course.

Dr. John Stewart: Maybe I was not clear earlier, but I just want to reiterate that there is no agenda for the golf course. In addition, they do not know what they would do with the course if it was returned. That would be up to the Trustees, not him.

Bill Weldy: Suggested we partner with other communities to save the course.

Jack Allen said he works at the course in maintenance and that their equipment is incredibly worn and it is hard to keep running. He commented on the excellent work Clay Arnall has done to make improvements at the course and keep it looking as good as it does.

Jason Tyler said he is the: Middle School golf coach. He said they had a match with 40 other golfers out there. It's a great opportunity/ experience for our students. A great way to keep kids out of trouble.

Mayor Cost thanked everyone for their views and their clear passion for the golf course. She reiterated that there is no agenda by UM or the City. She said she thought the idea of a capital improvement plan for the course was a good idea. She said she hoped they would continue to attend council meetings and provide input as the council continues to work on addressing this issue. With regard to hiring the proposed consultant, she expressed her surprise that more people

died not like that idea. She said she thought the suggestion was strong evidence of the council's commitment to solve this problem and improve things at the golf course.

Julie Smitherman said she didn't think the consultant was necessary.

The Mayor said the importance of hiring as consultant is to give us the information we need to make an informed decision.

Carolyn Kirby: She noted that in the past UM students have studied the golf course and made recommendations. She suggested we contact Auburn or Mississippi State to see if they would be willing to assist us.

Mayor Cost said at this point everything is up for consideration. She noted that there were a number of recommendations presented by the UM class but only a few of the recommendations were adopted.

Gene Lightfoot suggested we use the \$30,000 for a consultant to improve the course, instead.

Mitchell Spears said that \$30,000 would buy them two new mowers.

Joe Orteze commented that the City of New Orleans supports their public courses and we should too. He said that without new golf carts it will be hard to operate. The ones we have will not last. He said we should renew the carts now in order to give the course a chance to survive.

Jordan Graves: Thanked the Mayor for her efforts, as well as Mr. Davis for his. He said he believed the Mayor and council were doing everything they could to find the best outcome for the course.

Mitchell Chambers: Said he believes that 90% of what government spends is misallocated. However, he felt that 10% would be properly spent on the golf course.

Rayjean Flatt: She said she owns the land across from the golf course and thinks the course needs to stay with the city and be properly supported. She suggested making it part of our park budget.

Jimmy Maddox asked if on March 25th the city council passed the International Property Maintenance code. The City Clerk said NO!

(The Council took a brief, 5 minute recess, resuming the meeting at 7:33 p.m.)

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, Historical Commission, Planning & Zoning, Annexations) – Discussed earlier.

Education, Arts & Outreach (Schools, UM, Boys & Girls Club, Library, American Village, Sister City Commission, Artwalk, Middle School Grant) – Discussed earlier.

Finance, Economic Development & Tourism (Finance, MDCD, IDB, Chamber) – Discussed earlier.

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

Consent **Agenda:** NONE

New Business

Authorize creation of the non-profit Shoal Creek Park Foundation – Dee Woodham, Hollie Cost and Herman Lehman incorporators.

Council Member Nix asked if the council would still have to approve how the money was spent on the park. The Mayor said that was correct.

Council Member Goldsmith made a motion to approve the creation of the non-profit, Shoal Creek foundation as requested. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Authorize purchase of new police car off state bid list (Contract # 4012398) and outfitting

- Transfer \$31,000 from Police Salaries to Police Capital

Council Member Goldsmith made a motion to approve the request to purchase a new police car using money from the department's salary line-item as described. Council Member Gilbert seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Approval of Downtown Historic District & Guidelines – Mayor Cost said they would postpone the consideration of this item until the next meeting.

Declare Court Shredder as Surplus and Authorize Disposition – NO VALUE Council Member Woodham made a motion to surplus and dispose of the shredder. Council Member Gilbert seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Authorize Issuance of Credit Cards to Department Heads for Official Use: Council Member Peterson made a motion to authorize separate credit cards for each department. Council Member Woodham seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Old Business

Finance Committee Recommends Authorizing Mayor to Administer the Orderly Transition of the Management of the Golf Course Back to UM on or Before the Lease Termination Date (Oct 2016) – Mayor Cost said this item would be postponed for further investigation and discussion.

However, related to this, she reminded the council of the Finance Committee’s recommendation to hire Pros Consulting for a maximum fee of \$30,000 if UM will pay half the cost. Council Member Nix made a motion to approve the recommendation and hire Pros Consulting. Council Member Gilbert seconded.

Council Member Woodham said she said she really doesn’t know what to do about this issue. Council Member Peterson said he fears we will spend this money and be told they need to spend a whole lot more money, money we do not have, to keep the course operational. Council Member Woodham said this would be very similar to what the UM class created.

After additional discussion, Council Member Nix withdrew his motion and Council Member Gilbert withdrew her second. Mayor Cost noted that everyone is trying to do whatever they can to address this problem. Council Member Nix said Dr. Stewart will need to check with his Board to see if they are willing to commit the other \$15,000.

Council Member Nix said he hoped with all the public concern for the Golf Course they will be able to pick up some new members.

Mayor Cost said she will schedule a meeting with representatives of UM and the Golf Board prior to the next council meeting in order to discuss these issues in further detail.

Council Member Nix asked if we receive sales tax from the green fees or cart fees. Mr. Davis said we do not, only about \$4,000 to \$5,000 per year from the Pro Shop.

Board Appointments: NONE

Other Business: NONE

Citizen Participation

One of the citizens suggested we make the golf course a priority and use \$160,000 of the MDCCD loan contingency funds to make improvements to the course.

Josh Smitherman: Asked what an acceptable loss at the golf course would be. He suggested we may be able to spread the operating losses among several partners, but did not know how we would ever raise enough money for the required capital improvements.

Terry Sides: You can spend \$30-50,000 for the next few years. Improvements do not have to be made all at once.

Thomas Lilly, Jr: I think getting more businesses will help get more people here and support more things.

Nathan Stamps: Not a golfer, but loves the golf course. If we didn't have one, we'd probably be willing to offer a developer \$25,000 a year to build one.

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 7:51 p.m.

Submitted by:

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