

MINUTES

Montevallo City Council Work Session

August 23, 2021

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Rusty Nix, Council Member David King, Council Member Lelia Mitchell, Council Member Kenneth Dukes, Council Member Sonya Swords, Member Martha Eisenberg were in attendance. Quorum present.

Work Session called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Rusty Nix.

Discussion of New Business Items on Agenda:

1. Consideration of the Alcohol Sales License Application from The State of Alabama Alcohol Beverage Control Board Number 20210809102506125 for American Fuel Package Store located at 3850 Alabama Highway 25 Suite 1. This License is for Retail Liquor- Class II (Package) – Chief Littleton has done inspection and approved by Chief.
2. TextMyGov presentation on how system works for internal and external communications. Brigham Taylor, Regional Account Executive, TextMyGov and Collin Maki, Relationship Manager. Request tabled.
3. Request from Main Street Montevallo, to paint on the windows of the Victory Building with a message promoting the upcoming Tinglewood Festival. (to be removed after September 11th festival). Council Member Eisenberg raised questions about signs painted on windows, Council Member Dukes commented this request should not have to go before City Council. Julie Smitherman, Co-Chair of Montevallo Mainstreet, to ask for clarification from Planning and Zoning Commission on sign ordinance. She read a response from Kristine Goddard, Shelby County Planning and Development Services to codes currently in place.
4. Request from Tinglewood Festival Committee to waive Vendor and Business License Fees for the Festival on Saturday September 11, 2021 – Council Member Swords Discussion.

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6:00 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Rusty Nix, Council Member David King, Council Member Lelia Mitchell, Council Member Kenneth Dukes, Council Member Sonya Swords, Member Martha Eisenberg were in attendance. Quorum present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Call to Order – Mayor Rusty Nix called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Approval and/or corrections of the Minutes: 08.09.21 – Motion by Council Member Mitchell, second by Council Member King, All Ayes, Motion passed.

Recognitions / Awards: None

Mayor Nix called on Opportunities for citizens to speak to the Council:

C.P. Pearson 1131 South Oak Street addressed council about progress on the Victory Building.

Whitney Hamilton made a request for Chi Omega to have a Costume 5k run and a one-mile Fun Run that will take place in the loop of Orr Park on October 30, 2021. 5k would start at 9 am and fun run at 9:30 am utilizing the loop at Orr Park. The run is being held as the Tau Kappa Chapter's fall Philanthropy project and funds will be donated to Make a Wish Alabama. This will be addressed under Other Business on the agenda.

Mayor Nix requested to move to **Committee Reports:**

Council Member King called on Chief Littleton for the Police Department Report. Chief Littleton reported there were a Total of 48 Cases: 8 Traffic Accidents, 45 Traffic Citations, 13 Total Arrests, and 6 Thefts. Chief Littleton commented on the Peace Rally held at Dailey Park. See Appendix 1.

Council Member King read the report from Chief Davis, Fire Department Monthly Report, there were 75 Calls 1st half of August, 51 EMS Calls, 7 Lift Assists, 2 Structure Fires, 1 Brush Fire, 1 Electrical Fire, 0 Vehicle Fires, 7 Fire Alarms, 4 MVC, 1 Assist Other Agency, 1 Assist Public. Chief Davis reported the Fire Prevention Division had a Total of 14 Fire Inspections and Reinspections. See Appendix 2.

Council Member King reported the Fire Parade is scheduled for Saturday, October 2nd, Planning and Zoning Commission has no update on Housing Abatement. He reported the Planning and Zoning Commission would meet on September 16th at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers and the meeting is open to the public.

Council Member King reported at the previous Planning and Zoning Meeting they reviewed the Vick Rezoning request to change from A-R & M-1 to B-2. The Commission approved the request. Montevallo Commons Lot 16 request for the approval of a site development plan for a spec building (warehouse) was approved; and Colonial Oaks Phase 7 – Preliminary Plat and was approved by the Commission. He reported there were some contingencies and once completed would appear before Council.

Council Member Dukes called on Kirk Hamby, Public Works Department. Kirk reported the Tinglewood banners are installed to promote the Tinglewood Festival. The Montevallo Bulldogs banners are up on Island Street leading up to stadium and will be up through football season. He reported the gravel parking lot has been prepared and that lot is closed until Orr Park Bridge has been repaired. He reported work has been completed to remove tree limbs and weeds at the Fire Station and Storm Shelter #2 Site to allow Alabama Power to construct power lines. Pressure washing at the Library will be done after Tinglewood Festival. Council Member

Eisenberg advised the Handicapped signs at Smitherman's and on that side of Main Street were unreadable due to fading. Kirk advised the signs can't be painted, and new signs will need to be ordered. This will take 4 to 6 weeks to be delivered. Council Member Dukes asked about Kirk needing employees. Kirk advised five employees are off work for various reasons. He has requested two additional employees in the 2021-2022 budget.

Council Member Dukes called on Olivia Barone, Sustainability Coordinator. Olivia reported she is asking the Council to vote on the purchase of five equipment items under New Business. This is the equipment mentioned at last City Council meeting. There are three bids for Council's review and vote. See Appendix 3.

Council Member Eisenberg called on Shane Baugh, Director of Parks and Recreation Department. Shane reported tournaments haven't started back up. Most sports pick-up after Labor Day. Youth Football starts September 11. High school football is underway and won their first game 30-13. Mower #2 has died and it's a 2014 model. He's requesting 3 quotes for a replacement mower.

Mayor Nix called on Council Member Mitchell for reports on Education, Arts, and Outreach. Council Member Mitchell reported Education, Arts, and Outreach held a Committee Meeting on August 16. Council Member Mitchell called on Savannah Kitchens, Library Director for the Library Report. Savannah reported Storytime and Mini Music are in session, new meeting room furniture is in use. The Summer Reading Program went very well with over 3,000 books read – an all-time high for the Program. She reported they have received notification that the Library will be granted \$10,000 to revive the juvenile nonfiction, biography, and Spanish language sections from LSTA Collection Development. See Appendix 4.

Council Member Mitchell called on Sarah Hogan, Executive Director, Impact Montevallo. Sarah reported IMPACT was at the first home MHS football game Friday night and they passed out megaphones, keychains, and Coach Niven made announcements from the Press Box regarding IMPACT's mission and intent. IMPACT shared its mission and resources at last night's Community Candlelight Vigil at Dailey Park. She reported they have been diligently spreading the word about the new vaping regulation for minors. She reported there is a Youth Coordinator Position open with IMPACT and it is posted on the website. She is working on the Continuation Application and Semi-Annual Progress Report. She reported IMPACT is advertising in the upcoming First Responders Coloring Book. The coloring book will be for police officers and other first responder to distribute in the community. The next Coalition Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 7 at 9 am. The MJCC has been actively recruiting and has received a lot of membership applications. Sarah reported ongoing interest from the City of Fayette regarding their interest in using our MJCC as an example to start their own junior city council. Sarah introduced Junior Mayor Olivia Gilbert who was elected by her peers, to her 2nd term as Junior Mayor. Sarah asked Junior Mayor Olivia Gilbert to please come forward. See Appendix 5.

Junior Mayor Olivia Gilbert reported the MJCC has resumed meeting in person at 6 pm the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month in Council Chambers and invited the Council and public to attend. She reported the MJCC is excited to continue joining city boards, committees, and commission this year and they are working on bringing back Refresh Cards (discount cards) for students to receive discounts from businesses in the City of Montevallo. Olivia Gilbert spoke as an individual and addressed Council regarding having a seat at the City Council Desk. She reported she feels the MJCC is the best thing in Montevallo for developing leadership. Olivia reported when the MJCC was in Washington, DC to receive the American Civic Collaboration award, when attendees learned she had a seat alongside City Council, they clapped and expressed having a seat with the City Council spoke volumes. She hopes she will be able to return to having a seat alongside City Council at future meetings. See Appendix 6.

Council Member Mitchell reported Montevallo Elementary, Intermediate and High Schools are all back in session. Schools will be closed for the Labor Day Holiday on September 6. The University of Montevallo students are back in session as of today. The University of Montevallo was awarded “ National College of Distinction” for the 10th consecutive year. The University of Montevallo has been named to the prestigious National College Distinction List, one of only three higher education institutions in the State of Alabama to be recognized. Council Member Mitchell reported the American Village is now booking field trips 2021-2022 for grades 4-12 beginning October 1. She reported the American Village is offering walking tours through the months of August and September from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is free. She reported the new Executive Director of The Boys and Girls Club, Josh Weeks, is planning their after-school program.

She reported Emily Gill, Coordinator of Art Walk, announced the 2021 date for the event will be October 23 with extended hours of 11 am – 6 pm. Rain date is December 4. Art Walk would also like to request Council waive fees for vendors and food trucks.

Mayor Nix called on Council Member Swords for reports on Finance, Economic Development & Tourism. Council Member Swords called on Adele Nelson, Executive Director, Montevallo Chamber of Commerce. Adele reported this year’s Farmer’s Market was successful and was held on all dates as planned. The Montevallo Chamber of Commerce was pleased to facilitate and partner with Shelby Woods and Pierce Farms to host "Market @ Shelby Woods". The residents enjoyed the produce and seeing everyone. The Farmer’s Market received lots of positive comments from vendors and shoppers as a great community service. The Chamber collected items from local businesses and packed them in New Faculty Welcome Bags that were handed out at UM Faculty orientation. The Chamber attended the Main Street Alabama State Conference Awards of Excellence and had the honor of accepting the “Excellence in Business Promotion Award” for Blooming Bargains, a partnership between Montevallo Main Street, Montevallo Chamber of Commerce, and the American Village to bring visitors to the Festival of

Tulips to downtown Montevallo. The Chamber is in the process of creating a new Montevallo Area Map which should be ready by the end of August. She reported the Shelby County Chamber is seeking nominations for Tourism and Recreation Awards. Council she has the forms if anyone would like to make a nomination. See Appendix 7.

Council Member Swords reported on behalf of Courtney Bennett, Executive Director, Montevallo Main Street. She reported Main Street would like permission from Council to paint the windows at the Victory Building to advertise the upcoming Tinglewood Festival, all material and labor would be provided by Main Street and the painting would be removed the day after the festival.

Council Member Swords reported Montevallo was well-represented at Main Street Alabama's Annual Awards of Excellence Banquet on August 19. Montevallo was recognized in a number of categories: Main Street Hero, Kirk Lightfoot, Excellence in Public Relations, Living Local Commercials, Excellence in Public/Private Partnerships, Pendleton Hydrant Parade, and Excellence in Business Promotion, Blooming Bargains – a partnership with Montevallo Chamber of Commerce and American Village. She reported for Council and attendees to tune in to CBS 42 after Labor Day weekend to view our "Living Local" commercial, which will run for 3 months inviting folks to experience our downtown, public art, parks, and upcoming art festivals.

Question from Council Member King asking if the temporary directional/ informational signs could be made more permanent. Julie Smitherman addressed the question advising that the signs in The Main Street District can't be made permanent because of ALDOT regulations. Mayor Nix asked if we could contact ALDOT for more information and City Clerk Steve Gilbert advised he would provide Julie the contact information for ALDOT. See Appendix 8.

Council Member Swords reported the Finance Committee will meet this Wednesday at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers and will include Budget Review. MDCD will meet Monday September 13 at 1 pm in Council Chambers. Council Member Swords received a letter regarding a community improvement project from Patrick Johnson the letter was emailed and printed for Council Packets. See Appendix 9.

Public Health & Safety (Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, Housing Abatement, Planning and Zoning) – reported during regular City Council Meeting.

Sustainability (Streets & Sanitation, Recycling, Arbor & Beautification, ValloCycle, Environmental Preservation Initiatives, and Historical Commission) – reported during regular City Council Meeting.

Recreation, Preservation and Community Development (Parks & Recreation, Youth Athletics, Trails, Annexations) – reported during regular City Council Meeting.

Education, Arts & Outreach (Schools, Library UM, Boys & Girls Club, American Village, Sister City Commission, Artwalk, IMPACT) – Parnell Memorial Library, IMPACT, American Village, UM, and the Boys & Girls Club – reported during regular City Council Meeting.

Finance, Economic Development & Tourism (Finance, MDCD, IDB, Chamber, Main Street) – reported during regular City Council Meeting.

Committee Reports and Consideration of Bills:

Council Member King made a motion to pay the bills, second by Council Member Dukes, All Ayes. Motion passed.

New Business: Consideration of the Alcoholic Sales License Application from The State of Alabama Alcohol Beverage Control Board Number 20210809102506125 for American Fuel Package Store located at 3850 Alabama Highway 25 Suite 1. This License is for Retail Liquor-Class II (Package). Motion made by Council Member King, second by Council Member Dukes, 4 Ayes, 2 Nays, Council Member Mitchell, and Council Member Eisenberg, Motion Passed. See Appendix 10.

Recommendation to approve the purchase of Text My Gov Services for the purpose of utilizing text messages to inform Citizens on City Meetings and Issues and allow Citizens to message City Hall with concerns and matters of public importance. Two Year Agreement \$3,800 Annually. Tabled request to next meeting. See Appendix 11.

Request from Main Street Montevallo, to paint on the windows of the Victory Building with a message promoting the upcoming Tinglewood Festival. (to be removed after September 11th festival). Council Member Dukes made a motion to approve, second by Council Member King, 5 Ayes, 1 Nay Eisenberg, Motion passed.

Request from Tinglewood Festival Committee to waive Vendor and Business License Fees for the Festival on Saturday September 11, 2021. Council Member Mitchell made motion to waive vendor fees, second by Council Member Eisenberg, All Ayes, Motion Passed.

Request for use of funds from ADEM 2020 Recycling Fund Grant. An approval for a budget amendment to the grant has been received. Funds to be used for Purchase of (2) Self Dumping Hoppers, Skid Steer Forks, Skid Steer and Takeuchi Tracks, Bins for school recycling. (Sustainability Program). Motion to approve made by Council Member Dukes, second by Council Member King, All Ayes, Motion Passed. See Appendix 12.

First reading of Ordinance No. 08232021-329 establishing operational hours of City Parks and Pavilions. See Appendix 13.

Whitney Hamilton, Chi Omega Costume Run, a 5k run and a one-mile fun run in the loop of Orr Park on October 30 at 9 AM for 5k and 9:30 AM for the fun run and proceeds would go to Make A Wish. Motion made to approved 5k and Fun Run made by Council Member King, second by Council Member Swords, All Ayes, Motion Passed. See Appendix 14.

Old Business: None

Board Appointments: None

Other Business: None

Citizen Participation: C.P. Pierson 1131 South Oak Street addressed Mayor Nix asked if Council would be clearer when voting. Asked Council to please clarify when voting for attendees.

Joyce Sherer 104 Tecumseh Street bring to Council's attention traffic signals and crosswalks and drivers having disregard for pedestrians in crosswalks. Joyce then asked what type of mowers the city used? She advised Council and Department Head Shane Baugh if they needed another estimate to contact Topline Equipment. Shane had already contacted them.

Sarah Hogan 545 Shelby Street to consider request of MJCC Mayor to sit with Council. Mayor advised he appreciates all that the MJCC does for our youth and from his perspective only public elected and appointed officials should sit at the desk.

Greg Reese 1 Brookwood Drive speaking on behalf of MJCC. MJCC is an appointed person in a sense as a voice. "Appeal" to Mayor to allow Junior Mayor Olivia Gilbert MJCC to have a seat with Council at meetings.

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Rusty Nix called for a Motion to be Adjourned, Motion to adjourn made by Council Member King, second by Council Member Mitchell, All Ayes. Meeting to Adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Submitted by:

Steve Gilbert
City Clerk / Treasurer