**CITY OF COLBERT**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MARCH 6, 2023 – 7 P.M.**

**Call to Order and Prayer**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of February 6 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve: Chris Peck, seconded by Jonathan Pou; all approved

**Adoption of March 6 City Council Agenda**

Motion to approve: Jonathan Pou, seconded by Chris Peck; all approved.

**Present:** Mayor Tim Wyatt, Councilmembers Chris Peck, Roger Fortson, Ray Thomas, and Jonathan Pou; Attorney Dale Perry, Tony Mattox, Kerri-Lynn Phillips, Elisa Grimes (attached list)

NO PUBLIC INPUT AT THIS TIME

Mayor Tim Wyatt discussed witnessing an event almost involving an accident due to the Stop sign at the Baptist church being placed in the wrong location. In order to correct this issue, a hole will need to be bored in the asphalt and contact with the church is required. Also, due to the construction of the new fire hall, the Stop sign at the end of Brookshire will be removed.

The council received a bid from Smith’s Grading for the 2nd Avenue project. Chris Peck motioned to accept the bid and was seconded by Ray Thomas. All approved.

Tony Lastinger from Colbert Baptist addressed the council concerning a community event that the church and other local churches together will host a community Easter Egg Hunt from 12-3 on April 1st. Roger Fortson made a motion to block the section of street and was seconded by Chris Peck; all approved.

The council was presented with a quote from Tim Banks for the ceiling repair in the auditorium. The quote contained to prices-one for the repairs with added insulation and the other without insulation due to the fact that the windows are not properly sealed. Chris Peck made a motion to accept the bid without insulation. Roger Fortson seconded the bid. All approved.

The council heard from the city clerks regarding the quickly expanding library donations and the need of shelving and library renovation. A few residents spoke briefly making suggestions of where shelving may be obtained through government surplus. Another resident volunteered funding for the project. The long term goal for the library is to have at least two walls lined with literature, at least one computer with local internet access for use of library patrons, with possible space for conference meetings, tutoring sessions, or training sessions. Dale Perry spoke regarding the Georgia Public Library Standards and statues and will speak again in next month’s meeting.

Tony Mattox spoke in regard to the need of exterior lighting for city hall. He has located some LED solar powered fixtures that he believes will provide sufficient lighting. Mayor Tim Wyatt suggested that if the project does not exceed one thousand dollars to proceed. Chris Peck motioned to proceed and Roger Fortson seconded. All approved.

Chris Peck made a motion to get bids to pressure wash and repaint the caboose, by July 4th hopefully. Jonathan Pou second his motion and all approved.

The second reading of the engine brake ordinance was held. Councilmember Jonathan Pou spoke in opposition of the ordinance stating that banning engine brake usage in the city could be a safety issue and there would not be anyone to enforce the ordinance. Discussion was held between the council members and mayor. The mayor, having had thirty years of tractor trailer driving, spoke in favor of the ordinance stating that engine brakes were originally designed for usage in mountainous regions. Further discussion was made and Mayor Wyatt called the meeting to order. Ray Thomas motioned to accept the ordinance and Chris Peck seconded the motion. Roger Fortson approved. Jonathan Pou was opposed.

The second reading of the meeting ordinance was held. Chris Peck made a motion to have the ordinance passed reading, “In the event that the first Monday of the month falls on any of the following holiday, New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, or Labor Day, then said meeting shall be moved to the following night. In the event of an emergency due to weather, severe illness in the community, or a death in the family of the mayor or a council member or similar event the meeting may be continued to the next Monday upon agreement of the mayor and two council members or of three council members. In the event of the movement of a regularly scheduled meeting, the notice provision of Paragraph (b) of the section shall be complied with.

All other provisions of said section shall remain in full force and effect.”

Ray Thomas seconded the motion and all approved.

A leaking fire hydrant on Crystal Creek Drive was brought to the attention by Jonathan Pou. Tim stated that meeting with Piedmont would be necessary and possibly the city engineer, and will be put on next month’s agenda. Chris Peck motioned for the engineer to prepare the drawings and Ray Thomas seconded the motion. All approved.

City Attorney Dale Perry was presented with the county’s credit card policy for use in drawing up a credit card policy for the city and obtention of city credit card. The policy will be reviewed in next month’s meeting.

Crosswalks will be getting painted at the Baptist church.

The problem with the tornado siren has been diagnosed and should only cost about fifty dollars to repair. The new fire hall may possibly have a newer and improved siren installed.

Tony Mattox is to be checking with the DOT about placement of flashing speed limit signs to be installed on highway 72. Jonathan Pou made a motion to accept the bid of $5,852 for twelve-inch signs and any mounting hardware needed. Chris Peck seconded. All approved.

The quotes for replacement street signs were also reviewed with Jonathan Pou making a motion to accept the bid of $1,868.98 from GCI and Chris Peck seconded his motion. All approved.

A motion to accept a bid from Christian Roofing to remove and replace wood shakes on log cabin for $9,250 was made by Ray Thomas and seconded by Roger Fortson. All approved.

There is still a need of an on-call maintenance person.

PUBLIC INPUT

A few residents spoke about speeders in the city and the need of policing.

Chris Peck had nothing to report.

Tim Wyatt stated that the building materials for the new fire hall have been delivered.

Jonathan Pou stated he had seen the grass cutters out and about and the treatment of recent fire ant mounds.

Ray Thomas had nothing to report.

Roger Fortson stated he had no street lights out to report.

Michele Cole stated there is an upcoming day for park cleanup and a designer would be visiting the site this week for the development of a better working plan for the layout of the land.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Peck and seconded by Roger Fortson. All approved.