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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
January 18, 2022**

CFO/SECRETARY-TREASURER
VACANT

POLICE CHIEF
FREDERICK C. SHELTON

FIRE CHIEF
MARTIN ANDREWS

**HUMAN RESOURCES
DIRECTOR**
PATRICIA MITCHELL

**INTERIM CITY PLANNING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
GEORGE IRBY

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

- A. Approve Minutes for Meeting of January 4, 2022
 - Approve Minutes for Meeting of January 4, 2022.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve request to send one (1) CPD Officer to the "Mississippi Delta Community College Law Enforcement Training Academy" in Moorhead, MS and approve payment of tuition in the amount of \$150.00.
- B. Approve request to renew two (2) notary commissions and approve payment for necessary notary supplies in the estimated amount of \$400.00.
- C. Accept letter of resignation from one (1) CPD Officer, effective January 10, 2022 and approve compensation for any unused sick and vacation leave.
- D. Approve request for four (4) CPD Officers to attend the "Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement Course" in Starkville, MS at no cost to the city.
- E. Approve request to send two Fire & Rescue personnel to Firefighter Intervention Rescue Survival Techniques held in Jackson, MS and payment of course fees and reimbursements.
- F. Approve request to send one Fire & Rescue personnel to Mississippi Trainee Agility Test held in Starkville, MS and payment of course fees and reimbursements.
- G. Approve request to send three Fire & Rescue personnel to NFPA 1021 held in Jackson, MS and payment of course fees and reimbursements.
- H. Approve request to send two Fire & Rescue personnel to NREMT final examination held in Tuscaloosa, AL and payment of course fees and reimbursements.
- I. Approve reimbursement to M. Chandler for the required TB skin test for two Fire & Rescue personnel for acceptance to EMT program at EMCC
- J. Approve reimbursement for early Excellence Conference registration in the amount of \$695 each for M. Chandler and A. Lewis

- K. Accept letter of resignation from (1) Collection Clerk, effective January 20, 2022, and approve HR to begin procedures to fill this position.
- L. Approve Annual Market Street Festival Funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 pursuant to the Inter-local Agreement.
- M. Declare refurbishing of City's downtown Pole Christmas Decorations as a sole-source item and approve payment for service to Dixie Decoration, Montevallo, AL.
- N. Refund \$420.00 deposit to NE Mississippi State Convention due to Covid cancellation. This recommendation is from and with the approval of Rogena Bonner.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- A. Approve Docket of Claims for January 18, 2022

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. General Comments from Mayor and Council
- B. Swearing in of one Columbus Fire & Rescue firefighter - Donald Buckner
- C. **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & APPEALS OF DEVELOPMENT CODES**
1 Vacancy, 1-Year Term, Alan Lewis' Term Expires 01/07/2022.
Appointment will be made January 18, 2022.
- D. Monthly Report from the Building Inspection Dept for December, 2021
- E. Monthly Report from the Code Enforcement Department for December 2021
- F. Monthly Report from the Office of Planning & Community Development for December 2021
- G. Monthly Report for Columbus Fire & Rescue December 2021
- H. Monthly Report from the Municipal Court Department December 2021
- I. Monthly Report from the Public Works Department for December 2021
- J. Monthly Report from the Columbus Police Department for December 2021
- K. Monthly Report from the Columbus Recreation Department December 2021

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- A. Reau Berry, JTB Furniture concerning tax abatement application.

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- A. **K. Wiegel** Discuss/Approve recommendations from the January 10, 2022, Planning Commission meeting.
- B. **S. Jones** Discuss hiring a lobbyist to represent the city.

- C. **S. Jones** Discuss boards that we appoint in the city coming before the council to update us and the public on a regular basis.
- D. **J. Turnage** Discuss/Approve Fixed Base Operations (FBO) Agreement from Straight Up Aviation, LLC for Columbus-Lowndes County Airport
- E. **F. Shelton** Enterprise Fleet Presentation (Police Vehicles)
- F. **K. Stafford** Discuss/Approve Applying for MDWFP Recreational Trail Grant for a Nature Trail in Propst Park
- G. **K. Stafford** Discuss/Approve Bluecutt and Military Road Traffic Study and Conceptual Design Plan Proposal
- H. **K. Stafford** Payment Application #10 to Walters Construction for Road Paving Project. Amount of payment: \$484,116.84
- I. **J Mickens** Consider Mayoral Veto of Creation of City Registrar Position

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Two Items