

# *The City of Pelham*

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**August 17, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber**

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Laura Beth Tucker  
Council Member Alfred Brown  
Council Member James Eubanks  
Council Member Jeremy Hatcher  
Council Member Robert Hodges  
Council Member Bobby Robinson

City Manager, Jim Hedges  
City Clerk, Lisa Austin  
City Attorney, Randall Chew  
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick  
MCTV, Jerry White  
Pelham Journal, Carl Stokes  
Pelham Schools, Floyd Fort

\*\*Council Member Winfred Parker and Council Member John Taylor was absent from the meeting\*\*\*\*

With a quorum present, Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Council Member Hatcher provided the opening prayer.

### **PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Tucker read a Proclamation as “Pitch-in-for-Pelham Day by calling attention to the need for a community effort for the cleanup of the downtown area and performing the same, hope to create a more presentable appearance of our city to our community citizens, regular visitors, and tourists; and the City supports and sponsorship are crucial to the Pitch-in-for-Pelham success. **Council Member Eubanks made a motion** to adopt the Proclamation declaring September 12, 2015 as Pitch-in-for-Pelham Day, **seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.**

### **PELHAM CITY SCHOOLS**

Pelham Superintendent Floyd Fort came before the City Council and discussed that the Pelham City Schools is working toward developing a Strategic Waiver Application for the State Department of Education. This when approved would give the Pelham School System relief from a plethora of State Laws and rules that govern school districts. Pelham City Schools will hold a Public Hearing and Community Work Session on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the cafeteria of Pelham City Middle School located at 209 Mathewson Avenue in Pelham. The purpose of the Public Hearing and Work Session will be to provide the public with information on the Flexibility Application and to give the public the opportunity to ask question and provide input.

## **MAYOR**

Mayor Tucker congratulated Council Member Jeremy Hatcher on his recent promotion to Pelham Banking Company as Assistant Operations Manager. Also Mayor Tucker wished City Manager a Happy 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to him and his wife.

## **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Hedges updated the Council on the General Election which will be held November 3, 2015. Position that will be up for re-election include the following: Mayor-At-Large (Laura Beth Tucker incumbent), Councilman District 1 (Winfred Parker incumbent), Councilman District 1 (Alfred Brown incumbent), Councilman District 11 (Robert Hodges incumbent), and Councilman District 11 (John Taylor incumbent). The qualifying period will begin August 31, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. and will close on September 4, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. In anticipation regarding the unsatisfactory water situation in the Waco Community the City Manager Hedges reached out and received unofficial bids from Stevenson & Palmer, and Little River Utilities. Stevenson & Palmer estimated the project cost of \$27,462.50 and Littler River estimated project cost was \$30, 514.75. Georgia Municipal Association late fees owed to WCSIF totaling \$11,544.51 and late fees owed to GIRMA totaling \$8,489.97 for a total of \$20,034.48 have been waived. The City of Pelham is working with Dave Mims a Pelham native on "IT in a Box" which will design a new web page for the City of Pelham and new email address for staff and Council will be created that will be uniform. City Manager Hedges also discussed the Cash Balances showing a profit in the month of July.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

### **MAYOR TUCKER PRESIDING**

### **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Council Member Eubanks made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.**

### **MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING**

**Council Member Hodges made a motion to approve minutes from the following meeting: July 20, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as written, seconded by Council Member Hatcher. The vote was unanimous.**

### **BUY LOCAL POLICY**

The Buy Local Policy will promote and support the local business, bolster resident awareness of the businesses located locally, strengthen economic health of the community, build a sense of identity and ownership by residents for the community, and keep the money in our community. The 10-5-3 Rule should also be the preferential treatment for local businesses as follows: \$0 to \$10,000 a 10% preference, \$10,001 to \$25,000 a 5% preference and \$25,001 and up a 3% preference. Council **Member Robinson made a motion** to adopt the Resolution for the City of Pelham Buy Local Policy and support the 10-5-3 rule, **seconded by Council Member Eubanks. The vote was unanimous.**

### **LMIG PROJECT**

The LMIG Program is an annual program with GDOT where GDOT pays 70% and municipality pays 30% of the cost for roads to be resurfaced and the municipality nominates the road. This year road to be paved is Hollingsworth to Curry and on to Vernon. The City portion will be \$35,407.75 and the GDOT will be \$42,305.36. The city portion is higher than the 30% due to this will enable the city to have the entire street resurfaced the city portion will be paid from SPLOST funds. **Council Member Robinson made a motion** to adopt Resolution for the City of Pelham Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant for 2016 to be utilized to resurface Hollingsworth to Curry to Vernon, **seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

### **PURCHASING DODGE CHARGERS**

The current budget includes \$60,000 for repairs and maintenance council has expressed an interest in start replacing vehicles and not spend money on repairs. It shall become the policy of the City of Pelham to purchase only “new” vehicles from this point forward. This will enable the city to take advantage of vehicle warranties, and reduce high repair and maintenance expenditures. The bids were received from Cass Burch Automotive Group in Quitman, GA. in the amount of \$97,595 and Mitchell County Chrysler for \$98,526 for 1 Dodge Charger PPV 5.7L Hemi and 3 Dodge Chargers PPV 3.6L . Due to the “Buy Local Policy” and the 10-5-3 Rule the difference in price is \$931 or 0.0095%. They were some financial comparisons done with different interest rates, terms, and down payment and Family Bank was the lowest bidder. **Council Member Eubanks made a motion** to adopt Resolution to Purchase Four Police Vehicles from Mitchell County Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep and equip these vehicles to police standards also adopt a Resolution for Financing the Purchase of Police Vehicles with loan proceeds from Family Bank, **seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.**

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

The following department reports were included in Council packets to review: Code Enforcement, Mitchell County Animal Control, Fire Department, Police Department, Pelham Carnegie Library, Joint Development Authority, Chamber of Commerce, and Utility Department.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Council Member Eubanks made a motion to close regular session and go into executive session at 7:18 p.m., seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Tucker stated the purpose of the executive session is to discuss personnel matters.**

## **RECONVENE**

**Council Member Hodges made a motion to reconvene regular session at 7:51 p.m., seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Tucker stated no votes were taken in executive session.**

## **ACTION BASED ON EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Council Member Robinson made a motion to adjust the current budget in order to adjust the City Manager pay effective next pay period, seconded by Council Member Eubanks. The vote was unanimous.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **Council Member Eubanks made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Tucker declared the meeting closed at 7:55 p.m.**

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Mayor, James Eubanks

**AUTHENTICATED:**

This 21st Day of September 2015.

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City Clerk, Lisa Austin