

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

November 16, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks
Council Member Alfred Brown
Council Member Jeremy Hatcher
Council Member Robert Hodges
Council Member Winfred Parker
Council Member Bobby Robinson
Council Member John Taylor

City Manager, Jim Hedges
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
City Attorney, Randall Chew
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
MCTV, Jerry White
Loys Johnson
Clarence (Tad) Williamson

Absent from the meeting was Council Member Ansel Parrish

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

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Hedges updated the council Discussed and reviewed the city financials with the council.

REGULAR SESSION

MAYOR EUBANKS PRESIDING

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council Member Hodges 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 Regular Minutes of October 19th as written, **seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.**

CITY CHARTER

The City of Pelham has been notified by the Department of Natural Resources on two separate occasions that the water well owned and operated by the City of Pelham for the WACO community has an influx of nitrates entering the water supply. The City of Pelham under the advice from Stevenson & Palmer engineering firm that the existing water well cannot be repaired and the cost to drill a new well would not guarantee that nitrates would not continue to enter into the water supply. The recommendation is to approve authorizing the engineering firm of Stevenson & Palmer to solicit bids from local contractors to extend the City of Pelham water line to the closest connection point on the Waco water supply. **Council Member Hodges made a motion** to adopt the Resolution for the City of Pelham WACO Community Water System, **seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.**

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE

The current property maintenance ordinance is referred to as the environment ordinance which lacks definitions, provides for municipal court involvement, and lacks authority. The proposed ordinance will be referred to as the Property Maintenance Ordinance and will include detailed ordinance relating to “all” property, defined definitions, includes not only dwellings but also vehicles, weeds, and junk, defines code enforcement authorities. This was written by Perry & Walters and in force in a number of communities. The municipal court judge supports this ordinance and stated he will enforce this ordinance. City Attorney Chew stated this constitutes as the first reading of the Property Maintenance Ordinance.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/MAIN STREET/DDA POSITION

The Intergovernmental Agreement made and executed were among Mitchell County, Georgia, City of Camilla, City of Meigs, City of Pelham, City of Baconton, and the City of Sale City. The City of Sale City has found and determined that in order to constitute the most feasible, adequate, economical and effective use of the funds of the Mitchell County 2010 SPLOST funds should be reallocated. **Council Member Hodges made a motion** to adopt the Sale City Intergovernmental Agreement, **seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.**

TUB GRINDER PURCHASE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The following department reports were included in Council packets to review:

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Code Enforcement, Mitchell County Animal Control, Fire Department, and Police Department

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Hodges made a motion to close regular session and go into executive session at 7:03 p.m., seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks stated the purpose of the executive session is to discuss legal matters.

RECONVENE

Council Member Taylor made a motion to reconvene regular session at 7:17 p.m., seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks stated no votes were taken in executive session.

ACTION BASED ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Taylor made a motion , seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **Council Member Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Taylor. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:18 p.m.**

Mayor, James Eubnaks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 21st Day of December 2015.

City Clerk, Lisa Austin