

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

April 21, 2016 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber

PRESENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Brown
Council Member Jeremy Hatcher
Council Member Loys Johnson
Council Member Winfred Parker
Council Member Bobby Robinson
Council Member Tad Williamson

City Manager, Jim Hedges
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
Steven Burnette Jr., Main Street
Jerry White, MCTV
Carl Stokes, Pelham Journal
Nicole Hilliard, Joint Development Authority
Kent Holtzclaw, Pelham Chamber
Ondrea Davis, Pelham Boys & Girls Club

****Mayor James Eubanks and Council Member Ansel Parrish were absent from the meeting****

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Council Member Robinson provided the opening prayer.

PRESENTATION TO THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown presented a check on behalf of the City of Pelham to Ondrea Davis for the Pelham Boys & Girls Club.

CITY MANAGER

Jim Hedges reported on the following: The WACO project had 3,150 feet of 4' inch water pipeline installed. The WACO connection and the tie-in pictures were shown and the WACO community now has good fresh water with about 50 pounds of pressure. During the month of March Lisa Austin and Angie Sanders done a trash sweep of duplicate cans and recovered 150 trash cans. On Branch Street road work was done around some pipe that was under the road due to it being washed out. Ditches were scraped on Glausier Street, Church Street, and Hollingsworth Street due to drainage problems. This year's LMIG resurfacing street is Hollingsworth and the advertising for bids will begin in the first week on May. On Mize Street a fire hydrant next to public housing was leaking it will be rehabilitated and put back into service. Discussed and viewed the city financials.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Kent Holtzclaw reported on the following: The 26th Annual Wildlife Festival events are being planned. This year the all of the chamber members will be offered a free space at the Wildlife Festival which cost them approximately \$55 dollars. Chamber is working with the Joint Development Authority on the Hand Building restaurant area new duct work has been done to improve air flow, new energy efficient lighting has been put in, and also will be getting some solar shades to help reduce the heat coming into the building.

MAIN STREET

Steven Burnett Jr. reported on the following: The board has two new member they are Margaret Nesmith, and Wes Daniel. Steven and five other board members attended Main Street 101 Class in Thomasville in February. Projects that are being worked on included the banners, and the TE Project Phase 3. The car show was held and was very successful with approximately 300 people in attendance. The main street board is requesting a member of the city council be appointed as a liaison. Visit the city website at www.cityofpelhamga.com.

JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Nicole Hilliard reported on the following: The Hand Building prospect is IDP Housing out of Valdosta they submitted an application to the Department of Community Affairs and is awaiting information from that. IDP Housing continually seeks information from the board. The Joint Development Authority Board still seeks long term rentals for the building the current prospect and the Joint Development Authority have a verbal agreement to help fill the vacant spaces. In the restaurant part of the building new flooring has been put in and will be painted. The improvements is to help get the power bill down and the spaces rented.

MITCHELL COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A report was submitted to the council for review.

REGULAR SESSION

MAYOR PRO TEM BROWN PRESIDING

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council Member Parker made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Council Member Parker made a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of March 17, 2016, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

Annually, the city is required to renew the health insurance coverage for city employees. The policy is to go into effect May 1, 2016. The recommended plan will result in a 9% increase, or \$13,800 per year. **Council Member Robinson made a motion to authorize the City Manager to renew the employee health insurance with United Healthcare through Dover Insurance, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.**

CITY OF ETHICS RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE

They are five principles to becoming a city of ethics are they are: (1) Serve others and not themselves; (2) Be independent, impartial and responsible; (3) Use resources with efficiency and economy; (4) Treat all people fairly; (5) Use the power of their position for the well-being of their constituents. **Council Member Robinson made motion to adopt a resolution establishing the five ethics principles for the conduct of Pelham's officials and adopt an ethics ordinance that meets minimum standards approved by the GMA board and dispense with the second reading, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.**

REFINANCING ORDINANCE

Council Member Parker made a motion to adopt the bond ordinance and dispense with the second reading, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

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LIQUOR LICENSE-NAME CHANGE

A request was submitted from Casa Maya the Mexican Restaurant located at 125 Mathewson Avenue for alcohol beverage and liquor license due to change of ownership. **Council Member Robinson made a motion to approve the alcohol beverage and liquor license, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.**

LEASE/PURCHASE FOR BACKHOES

Council Member Johnson made a motion to authorize city manager to enter into a lease/purchase agreement with John Deere for 60 month for two John Deere 310SL backhoes with extendable reach one with 18 inch bucket and one with a 36 inch bucket, seconded by Council Member Parker. 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 and Utility Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

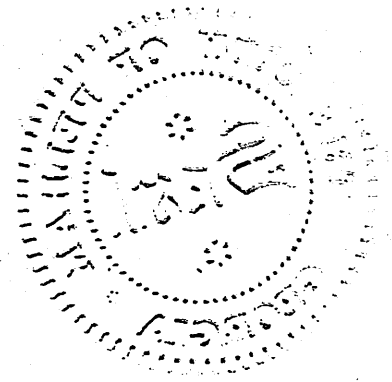
Council Member Parker made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss personnel, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.

RECONVENE

Council Member Williamson made a motion to reconvene regular session at 7:48 p.m., seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.


ACTION BASED ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Williamson made a motion to uphold the decision of the hearing officer on the termination of Ken Hill, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was four votes in favor and one opposed vote. In favor of the motion were Council Member Williamson, Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Parker, and Council Member Johnson. The opposed vote of the motion was Council Member Robinson. With a majority of the vote the motion will carry.



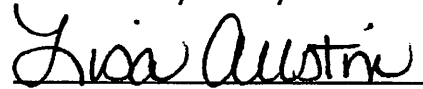
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, Council Member Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown declared the meeting closed at 7:50 p.m.



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:
This 19th Day of May 2016.



City Clerk, Lisa Austin

