

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

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

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks
Council Member Alfred Brown
Council Member Jeremy Hatcher
Council Member Loys Johnson
Council Member Winfred Parker
Council Member Ansel Parrish
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
Pelham Journal, Carl Stokes
MCTV, Cindy White
Paige Gilchrist, Mitchell County Development Authority
Kent Holtzclaw, Pelham Chamber Director
Steven Burnette, Main Street Director
Angie Sanders
Jimmy Sanders
Helen Cody
Alan Creech
Marjorie Harris
Geraldine Bell
Bruce Williams

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. Mayor Eubanks provided the opening prayer.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

MITCHELL COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Paige Gilchrist reported to the council of the following upcoming events: Small Business Week in February, Georgia Quail Hunt which is an annual event, and the Farmers Appreciation Luncheon to honor local farmers.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Kent Holtzclaw gave updates on the following upcoming events: 4th Annual Farmers Appreciation Lunch, Tuesday, January 26th Comprehensive Planning Work Session will be held at the Chamber Depot, February 1st New Board Members will began there term, also currently

working with three Business Prospects, and Thursday, January 28th the 54th Annual Chamber Banquet will be held.

MAIN STREET

Steven Burnette gave updates on the following: has taken some webinar classes as well as enrolled in some classes to reach his 30 hours of training required by DCA, currently working on a city website, and also researching grant opportunities such as the CHIP Grant and Rural Development Grants.

JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Nicole Hilliard submitted a report for council's review.

CITY MANAGER

Jim Hedges reported the following upcoming events: Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet Thursday, January 28th, 6:30 p.m. Hand Building, Annual Mayor's Day Conference Friday-Saturday, January 29th and 30th, Atlanta. This year's attendees will be Council Member Jeremy Hatcher, Council Member Loys Johnson, and Council Member Tad Williamson. Other topics included were as follows: A letter from Segal Consulting certifying that the City of Pelham complies with the minimum funding standards of Georgia Code Section 47-20-10 for the period ending June 30, 2016 for the Georgia Municipal Association Retirement Fund. Since the City is now in compliance the state auditor has released the final drawdown funds on the CDBG grant in which they were withholding, and has now notified the City that they are eligible to apply for CDBG grants. Discussed and viewed the city financials.

REGULAR SESSION

MAYOR EUBANKS PRESIDING

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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

MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Council Member Parker made a motion to approve minutes from the December 21, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as written, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

CREDIT CARD AND PURCHASING CARD POLICY

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt the credit card and purchasing card policy as required by state law under O.C.G.A. 36-80-24 (c), seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.

BANK SIGNATORIES

Council Member Parrish made a motion to grant signatory authority for Council Member Ansel Parrish, Council Member Loys Johnson, and Council Member Jeremy Hatcher, seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.

JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

Council Member Johnson made a motion to reappoint Nicole Hilliard to the Joint Development Authority of Mitchell County and Pelham for a four year term being 2016-2019, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

MAIN STREET MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR 2016

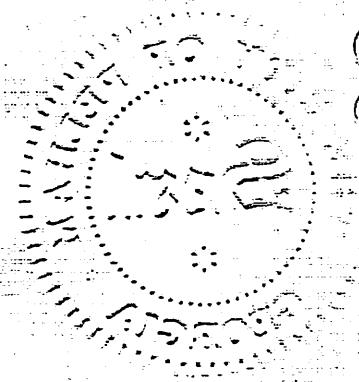
Council Member Parker made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Georgia Classic Main Street Program Memorandum of Understanding for the 2016 Program Year, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

PELHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY UTILITY BASE RATES

Council Member Parrish made a motion to instruct the City Manager to bill all city customers equally for water, sewer, and gas base rates, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote in favor of the motion were Council Member Parrish, Council Member Williamson, Council Member Johnson, and Council Member Hatcher. The opposed votes were Council Member Brown, Council Member Parker, and Council Member Robinson. With the majority of votes in favor of the motion the motion will carry.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO COUNCIL AMENDMENT

Council Member Parrish made a motion to amend the Public Addresses to Council Ordinance Section 1, Item B to include "unless they have previously appeared before Council at the City Council Work Session", seconded by Council Member Brown. 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.

APPROVE 2014/2015 AUDIT REPORT

Council Member Brown made a motion to accept and approve the audited financial reports submitted by Perry L. Henry LLC for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Parrish made a motion to close regular session and go into executive session at 7:14 p.m., seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks stated the purpose of the executive session is to discuss legal and personnel matters.

RECONVENE

Council Member Johnson made a motion to reconvene regular session at 8:22 p.m., seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks stated no votes were taken in executive session.

ACTION BASED ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Parrish made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Forbearance Agreement with Mooring Capital, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

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 Parker. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 8:23 p.m.



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 18th Day of February 2016.



City Clerk, Lisa Austin