

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

July 16, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. – VIA INTERNET ZOOM

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks
Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Brown
Council Member Bennett Adams
Council Member Robert Hodges
Council Member Ansel Parrish
Council Member Bobby Robinson
Council Member Tad Williamson

City Manager, Craig Bennett
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
Sergeant Reginald Feagin

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Eubanks provided the opening prayer.

REGULAR SESSION – LED BY MAYOR EUBANKS

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council Member Hodges made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was a roll call vote and it was unanimous.

AWARD CEREMONY

Mayor Eubanks presented Sergeant Reginald D. Feagin with a Life Saving Award for his quick actions which saved the life of a victim on July 30, 2019.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Hodges made a motion to approve minutes from the June 18, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, and July 9, 2020 Called Meeting as distributed, seconded by Council Member Adams. The vote was a roll call vote and it was unanimous.

MODIFICATION OF 3 GEFA PROMISSORY NOTES

The State has offered a six-month grace period from July 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020, to not make any payments on the GEFA loans, without incurring additional interest. The GEFA loans

are being paid for by the debt project under SPLOST, therefore, the grace period would allow SPLOST funds to be reallocated toward other projects. The GEFA loans that are currently being paid for are:

- Construction of a water tower, \$462,640 over 20 years at a 0%, expires 2025
- Expansion of the spray fields at the wastewater treatment plant, \$949,240 over 20 years at 4.10%, expires 2030
- Installation of new water meters, \$504,293 over 20 years at 0.89%, expires 2038

Council Member Williamson made a motion to approve the Mayor signing the modifications for the GEFA loans, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was a roll call vote. The vote in favor of the motion were Council Member Williamson, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Adams, Council Member Hodges, and Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. One opposed vote on the motion was Council Member Parrish. Mayor Eubanks stated with the majority in favor of the vote the motion will carry.

FY 21 SPLOST BUDGET

The FY21 SPLOST Budget was reviewed with the council. The approved SPLOST Projects is as follows:

- Park and recreational facilities construction and/or improvements
- Police vehicles and/or equipment
- Public Works and Water/Gas/Sewer vehicles and/or equipment
- Water and sanitation systems construction and/or improvement
- Retirement of general obligation debt for water and sewer improvements and Hand Trading Company Building
- Construction, maintenance, and improvement of city roads, streets, and bridges

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Reviewed financial reports from June 2020 as presented.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reviewed department reports from June 2020 from the Pelham Police Department, Fire Department, Utility Department, and Code Enforcement.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Subject: City Manager's Report

Week of June 29-July 17

Coronavirus

Area	Contracted COVID 19		Died		%	
	Today	Previous Report	Today	Previous Report	Today	Previous Report
Global	13,378,853	9,843,073	580,045	495,760	4.34	5.04
U.S.	3,483,832	2,504,175	136,938	125,484	3.93	5.01
Georgia	131,275	77,210	3,104	2,778	2.36	3.60
Mitchell County	513	444	41	38	7.99	8.56

- Department of Public Health conducted COVID 19 testing at the Depot on Thursday, July 9th. There will be another opportunity at the Depot Thursday, July 23rd from 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
- The Governor issued a new executive order last night. It expires July 31st. It almost completely duplicates previous versions. The significant change is it suspends local governments from issuing mandatory mask ordinances or regulations.
- Two employees are either quarantined or isolated at work, due to contact with family members going through testing with all the symptoms. Should now prognosis this weekend.

Autry

- Will remain open for the upcoming fiscal year! The potential closure of the facility demonstrates the risk of assuming debt for the plant and how quickly it could occur. I recommend forgoing the purchase for at least two year to see the facility remains in place. June 2019 there was a motion for the City manager to proceed forward with the purchase. If the Council generally concurs, I will prepare a decision point to repeal that motion in August's agenda.

Personnel

- July 8th Fireman Tyler Edenfield resigned.

Group of crimes

- As you are aware there have been a slew of illegal car entries, a home invasion, and several convenient store robberies. Many with the use of an illegal firearm.
- The police have a primary suspect for this string of crimes, Scott Foster. There are multiple agencies looking for him and there is a published reward for his whereabouts.

TSPLOST

- The BOC on Tuesday 14 July passed a resolution to put TSPLOST on November's ballot and approved the IGA.

HVAC

- The condenser on the unit for the Chamber office is shot. Justin's Heating and Air is exploring some options, between new and used units.

Gas Line

- A Grade 2 gas leak has been discovered on Mitchell St. The Utility Department will be opening the road next week to fix.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Robinson made a motion to close the Regular Session and enter Executive Session, seconded by Council Member Hodges. The vote was a roll call vote and it was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks stated the purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss Real Estate.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

Council Member Hodges made a motion to come out of Executive Session and enter back into the Regular Meeting, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks stated the Regular Session was back in order at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor Eubanks stated no action was taken in Executive Session.


ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **Council Member Robinson** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown**. The vote was a **roll call vote and it was unanimous**. **Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:34 p.m.**


Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 20th Day of August 2020.


City Clerk, Lisa Austin