

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

August 20, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

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

City Manager, Craig Bennett
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick

****Council Member Ansel Parrish was absent from the meeting****

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. 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 Council Member Adams. The vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Williamson made a motion to approve minutes from July 16, 2020, Regular Council Meeting, and August 6, 2020, Public Hearing as distributed, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

CARES ACT RESOLUTION

"A resolution" of the City of Pelham to authorize the execution of the Corona Virus Relief Fund (CRF) terms and conditions agreement; to authorize the acceptance of grant payments, including all understandings and assurances contained within such agreement; to direct and authorize the person identified as the official representative of the City, or designee of the City to act in connection with the grant application, and to provide such additional information as may be required.

Council Member Hodges made a motion to approve the Mayor to sign the Cares Act Resolution, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.

MITCHELL COUNTY RECREATION BOARD NOMINEE

The Mitchell County Recreation Board transitioned from a body of elected officials to a citizen board appointed by the elected governments of stakeholders. The recommendation is Council Member Parrish and Mr. Fredrick Davis as an alternate.

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the recommendations to the Mitchell County Recreation Board of Council Member Parrish and Mr. Fredrick Davis as an alternate, second by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

MAIN STREET BOARD NOMINEE

The resignation of Mrs. Janice Beasley and Mrs. Margaret NeSmith's two positions on the board have become open. Board terms are for the 2020-2022 year. Mr. Cullen Edwards and Ms. McKenzie Smith have volunteered to fill the board position.

Council Member Hodges made a motion to approve the recommendations of Mr. Cullen Edwards and Ms. McKenzie Smith for the 2020-2022 board terms, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.

AUTRY WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

The minutes of August 2019 state, "Mayor Eubanks gave a directive to City Manager Craig Bennett to negotiate with the Department of Corrections starting with the water and sewer rate structure provided by Bill Powell of Georgia Rural Water Association." The negotiation was put on hold in May and June because state budget development identified the Autry State prison for closure. The closure has been diverted, demonstrates how quickly the operational status of the facility can change. The quick changes make the risk higher when you consider the assumption of significant debt with the project.

Council Member Adams made a motion instructing the City Manager to postpone and no longer seek an agreement to purchase the facility and something that could be revisited in the future, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

CDBG BIDS

They were five bids for the CDBG Project as follows:

- RPI Underground \$810,493.08
- Gulf Coast Underground \$864,039.21

- Southeast Pipe \$964,849.68
- The Renee Group \$1,204,042.00
- CaJeen Construction & Rehab Services \$1,227,693.00

All bidders met the licensing, bid bond, and insurance in their bids.

Adjustment:

Original Budget:	\$704,014.00	Bid:	\$810,493.08
SPLOST:	\$56,672.00	Grub & Clear:	-\$30,680.00
Total:	\$760,686.54	Total:	\$779,813.08
		Difference	(\$19,126.54)

- Hold the \$118,810.08 pump station upgrade in contingency
- Allows us to maintain a project contingency fund
- As we get closer to executing the GEFA loan can evaluate cost saving with the overall pump station rehabilitation.

Council Member Hodges made a motion to accept the low bidder RPI Underground of \$810,493.08 for the project and proceed with the CDBG Project, **seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.**

COURT MASK RESOLUTION

A "RESOLUTION" REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN CERTAIN PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF PELHAM TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

After a discussion between the Mayor, City Council, and City Attorney, no action was taken on this Resolution. Signage will be displayed at the Donnie Cochran Complex that mask is required being this is the court facility.

MGAG ELECTION RESOLUTION

A "RESOLUTION" BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PELHAM THAT MAYOR JAMES T. EUBANKS IS HEREBY APPOINTED TO SERVE AS THIS CITY'S VOTING DELEGATE ON THE MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA'S ELECTION COMMITTEE, WITH AUTHORITY TO CAST ALL VOTES TO WHICH THIS CITY IS ENTITLED. MR. CRAIG M. BENNETT, CITY MANAGER, IS APPOINTED AS ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE.

Council Member Adams made a motion adopt the MGAG Resolution that appoints James T. Eubanks as the City's Voting Delegate and Craig M. Bennett as the Appointed Alternate Voting Delegate for the 2020 Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia Annual Election, **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

FY21 BUDGET

The City of Pelham budget for the fiscal year 2021, beginning July 2, 2020, and ending June 20, 2021, has been submitted. The City of Pelham General Fund Operating Budget of \$3,630,665.33, the Enterprise Fund Operating Budget \$2,337,138.43, the Special Local Area Sales Tax Fund Budget of \$1,320,034.03, the Confiscation Budget of \$13,932.97, the Hotel/Motel Tax Budget of \$25,000, and the Municipal Court Budget of \$600,000 for the fiscal year 2021.

Council Member Adams made a motion to adopt the FY21 Budget Resolution, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Reviewed financial reports of July were presented.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Subject: City Manager's Report

Week of 17-21 August

Coronavirus

Area	Contracted COVID 19		Died		%	
	Today	Previous Report	Today	Previous Report	Today	Previous Report
Global	22,256,220	20,439,814	782,456	744,385		3.64
U.S.	5,506,929	5,176,018	172,416	165,148		3.19
Georgia	243,982	226,153	4,849	4,456		1.97
Mitchell County	676	658	41	41		6.23

- A new executive order was signed on August 15th; a summary was sent out on Monday, August 17th.

Baggs Street

- Time, erosion, and neglect have led to infrastructure problems on Baggs Street just west of the liquor store. Some pictures were shown.
- Assessment underway

CARES Act


- The City will receive 30% of the potential CARES Act funds. Our portion is \$181,437. We have already received 30% of the guaranteed funds (\$54,431), and it is in the budget.
- The staff is working on getting the funds document and fully executed by September 1st.
- ACCG and GMA are negotiating for local governments to receive the reset of the funds. I estimate the total overall funds will be \$604,790.

Van

- Picked up the Ford Econoline 350 with low mileage from the SOWEGA Council on Aging. Considering turning it over to the inmates to replace a vehicle with over 320K miles.

ADJOURN

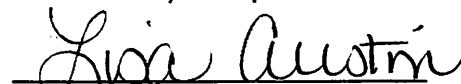
With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **Council Member Robinson** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown**. **The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:24 p.m.**



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 17th Day of September 2020.



City Clerk, Lisa Austin