

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

May 21, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. – Via 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

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Eubanks provided the opening prayer.

REGULAR SESSION – LED BY MAYOR EUBANKS

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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

COUNCILMAN WINFRED PARKER PROCLAMATION

Council Member Robinson made a motion to move forward and adopt the Proclamation, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was a roll call vote and it was unanimous.

Council Member Parker served as a member of Pelham's City Council from April 2010 until April 2020. Council Member Parker passed away on May 1, 2020. Mayor Eubanks presented Council Member Parker's family with the Proclamation.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve minutes from the April 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, and Called Meeting of May 5, 2020, as distributed, seconded by Council Member Hodges. The vote was a roll call vote and it was unanimous.

290 WEST RAILROAD STREET

In addition to the previous material presented on this matter, City Manager Bennett stated one change to the agreement includes liability on the building. In the Resolution there is a clause the City, due to mutual interest, will maintain liability insurance on the building until sold.

Council Member Hodges made a motion to proceed with the Intergovernmental Agreement and to adopt the Resolution to transfer 290 West Railroad Street to the Pelham DDA, **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was a roll call vote. In favor of the motion Council Member Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, Council Member Adams, Council Member Williamson, and Council Member Robinson. Opposed of the motion Council Member Parrish. Mayor Eubanks stated the motion will pass due to the majority vote.**

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RELIEF ACT (ASADRA)

Council Member Adams made a motion to authorize the City Manager to submit an application for the Supplemental Appropriation to do the repairs that were presented, **seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was a roll call vote. In favor of the motion Council Member Adams, Council Member Williamson, Council Member Hodges, Council Member Robinson, and Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. Opposed of the motion Council Member Parrish. Mayor Eubanks stated the motion will pass due to the majority vote.**

BUDGET/WORKPLAN PRIORITIES AND TIMELINE

City Manager Bennett presented the Budget Development and Guidance of the FY21. Bennett reviewed Pelham Strategic Priorities, Non-Strategic Priorities, FY21 Budget Priorities, and the Budget Timeline. The budget will be voted on in August 2020.

BUDGET ORDINANCE

An Ordinance authorizing expenditures past the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020; repealing all ordinance in conflict herewith; and for other purposes.

Council Member Hodges made a motion to adopt the Budget Ordinance and dispense with the second reading, **seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was a roll call vote. In favor of the motion Council Member Hodges, Council Member Parrish, Council Member Williamson, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, and Council Member Adams. Opposed of the motion Council Member Robinson. Mayor Eubanks stated the motion will pass due to the majority vote.**

Since the vote was not unanimous the motion to dispense with the second reading is not valid; therefore, the ordinance will be presented for a second reading in June 2020.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Reviewed financial reports from April 2020 as presented.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Coronavirus

Area	Contracted COVID 19		Died		%	
	Today	Previous Report	Today	Previous Report	Today	Previous Report
Global	4,893,186	4,258,666	323,256	294,190	6.61	6.96
U.S.	1,551,095	1,364,061	93,061	82,246	6.00	6.03
Georgia	40,405	35,858	1,754	1,527	4.34	4.26
Mitchell County	400	384	32	32	8.00	8.33

Georgia DPH and the National Guard conducted COVID 19 testing May 21, 2020 at the Depot from 8:00-12. They were 50 people that was tested. DPH is evaluating other factors, so still TBD if they will be another testing date.

Wilson Street project is complete.

Francis Davis Park

The City has been provided a \$5,000 grant from Georgia Power. Working on an allocation plan for the money, will coordinate with the community group. In weekly contact with Fredric Davis.

Autry

The city’s counter proposal making its way through the bureaucracy of GDC, no update on their position to our new proposal. They have seen through the veil of the proposal and understand the previous surcharge is incorporated into the rates, so are deciding if they can agree to no future relief. As you will recall in the first proposal the surcharge phased out over 20 years.

As a reminder, the counter will include a \$3.99/unit for water, and \$4.42/unit for sewer fees. If they accept these fees, the previous business proposal for operating Autry will lead to the same revenue, if not a little more.


ADJOURN

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 a roll call vote and it was unanimous**. **Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:24 p.m.**


Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 18th Day of June 2020.


City Clerk, Lisa Austin