

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

April 18, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks
Mayor Pro-Tem 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, Craig Bennett
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
Dev. Authority, Paige Gilchrist
Main Street Director Alyssa Blakeley
Chamber Director Caitlyn Hatcher

MCTV, Jerry White
Pelham Journal, Taylor High
Cassandra Daniels
Christian Daniels
William Erwin
Rick Shankman
Anderson Noel

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.

REGULAR SESSION – LED BY MAYOR EUBANKS

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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

CITIZEN DELEGATION

QUARTELY REPORTS

Paige Gilchrist Executive Director of Mitchell County Development Authority provided a quarterly report to the council along with the minutes from the last three meetings. Some updates that were provided included: Continued Brownfield work at the old gas station on Glausier Street, Attended the Pelham High School CTAE Website Advisory Meeting, Attended Camera Ready Meeting-camera ready is associated with Georgia's Film Industry, conducted a survey about the rail condition and customer service for the current rail users in Mitchell County, and Promoting retail space in the Hand Building.

Caitlyn Hatcher Pelham Chamber Director provided a quarterly report to the council with the following updates: Back to Breakfast, Waist Away Weight Loss Challenge for Mitchell County, hosted Cup of Joe, Pope's Museum meeting, Attended GA LEADS, hosted Annual Banquet,

Attended Hand Trading Company Brick Breaking, volunteered Mitchell County Teen Maze, held first Lunch-n-Learn, promoted Small Business Week, promoted Black History Parade, Attended GA LEADS, attended 2020 GMA Census, worked on CTAE Program Meeting, honored Student of the Month Celebration, promoted Southwest GA Travel, hosted Small Business Week, held Ambassador Meeting, and assisted Community Clean-up.

Alyssa Blakley Main Street Director/Downtown Development Authority provided a quarterly report to the council with the following updates: Yearly Assessment submitted and presented on 2/19 in Tifton, Completed the second part of Real Estate Development Finance, Attended the Pelham Chamber Banquet and awarded Shirley Daniels with Volunteer of the Year award, Volunteered at the Mitchell County Teen Maze, Developed the 2019 Main Street budget with committee members, Attended the 2020 Census GMA workshop, Promoted and attended the Black History Parade and Program, February 27th at Collingsworth held Arbor Day, Attended Federal Opportunity Zone workshop presented by DCA, AG awareness displayed artwork in City Hall April 15th, Participated in Clean Day, and Volunteered at PHS REALL Teen Simulation. Chairman Suzanne Anderson has stepped down from the board as of her retirement in March, and the "Hotdog Stand" will be opening within the next couple of weeks as "Wildflower Café".

PRESENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT FINANCE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

Mayor Eubanks presented Alyssa Blakley Main Street Director with a Development Finance Professional Certificate.

OPEN HEARING

Council Member Williamson made a motion to close the Regular Meeting and Open the Hearing, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks stated the Open Hearing was now in session at 6:50 p.m.

REZONING 305 COTTON, OLD GEORGIA POWER BUILDING

Georgia Power is the current owner of the abandon building at 305 Cotton Ave SE. They are under contract to sell the property to Peerless Worldwide, a holding company, which plans on moving their trademark company Phantaslube, a lubrication engineering firm, into the building.

The Southwest Regional Commission recommends modification and approval of the applicant's request to rezone the property: the application should be changed to the Industrial Limited use I-1, LU zoning district to enable the proposed manufacturing business described in the application, while ensuring protection of neighboring residential uses and residents from adverse heavy industrial impacts. The Southwest Regional Commission the applicant to make

the following modifications to the application, (1) That the uses allowed on the subject property be limited to the following: manufacturing entirely within enclosed structures(s); shipping and receiving; warehousing; wholesaling; professional offices; repairs, electrical or household appliances; small retail businesses selling convenience goods and serving the adjacent residential neighborhoods such as drug, food, bakery and tailor shops; churches, or other religious institutions, provided that a complete site development sketch is submitted with the application and provision is made for off-street parking. (2) That no business be established, or activity conducted on site that would require issuance of an air permit from the State of Georgia or United States. Mayor Eubanks stated no one from the public was there to speak for or against the rezoning of 305 Cotton Avenue.

Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve the site to Industrial limited use as proposed by the Planning Commission, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

CLOSE HEARING

Council Member Johnson made a motion to close the Open Hearing and Reconvene the Regular Meeting, seconded by Council Member Hatcher. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks stated the Regular Meeting was Reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve minutes from the March 21, 2019 Regular Council Meeting as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE FOR THE BUDGET

The Direction and Guidance Consideration items for FY 2020 included: Autry Sewer System Purchase, Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) raise equal to or greater than SS increase cost of living, Public Works Manning, to include position and pay, Hurricane Recovery-15 uninsured projects require upfront money, Maintain the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), Enable the success of the Hand Trading Company, such as; Sewer Manhole, and Water Valve, Build a 2 month cash reserve, Department Projects, such as; Municipal Code, and 800 Hz, Strategic Planning, Council Retreat, and Fire Truck.

2019 GOALS TO INCLUDE PW PRIORITIES

The Council was provided a list to review of the Public Works Daily Routine Task and Public Works projects.

PERSONNEL INSURANCE SELECTION

The Council was provided a spreadsheet with several different insurance comparisons. **Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve Cigna OAP Q3P2 OAP Base-\$2000 as the insurance for employees, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.**

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT CONSULTANT CONTRACT

In 2013 a contract was negotiated between the City Manager and Rakestraw and Associates for the TE project in Freedom Park. The contract was never presented to the Council and signed. Considering the City is moving forward finally on the TE project in FY20, it is appropriate to address signatures on the contract.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was five yea votes by Council Member Johnson, Council Member Parrish, Council Member Williamson, Council Member Parker, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. An two opposed votes by Council Member Hatcher, and Council Member Robinson. Mayor Eubanks stated with the majority in favor the motion will carry.

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT RESOLUTION

The Transportation Enhancement Resolution is for delegating authorities to the City Manager to carry out the TE Agreement.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to pass the resolution and the approval of the TE Certification, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was five yea votes by Council Member Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, Council Member Parrish, Council Member Brown, and Council Member Williamson. There were two opposed votes by Council Member Hatcher, and Council Member Robinson. Mayor Eubanks stated with the majority in favor the motion will carry.

SPLOST REALLOCATION

The projects for the SPLOST referendum, went into effect on January 1, 2018, was negotiated in June/July 2016. The Hand Trading Company portion of the retirement of general obligation project has completed and there is still \$440,000 planned against that project. They are new expenditures, which fall into the approved project list but require SPLOST funding; (A) Water Tank maintenance, cost for CY 20-23 equate to \$203,864, and (B) Grapple Truck purchase, cost for CY 20-23 equate to \$126,760.

Council Member Williamson made a motion to reallocating the \$203864 to the Water and Sanitation project, \$128,000 to the Public Works project, and the remaining \$109,376 to remain in the Retirement project, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Eubanks read an Alcohol Awareness Month Proclamation and in conjunction with Mitchell County Youth Advisory Council proclaim April 2019 is Alcohol Awareness Month in Pelham.

Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve the Alcohol Awareness Proclamation proclaiming April 2019 as Alcohol Awareness Month in Pelham, seconded by Council Member Hatcher. The vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS


Reviewed financial reports from March 2019 as presented.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Bennett reported on the following: the Street Sweeper fan on the vacuum has failed, Georgia Cities Week is 21-27 of April, South Water Tower paint job has begun and will take approximately a month, received Harmony Lift Station repair estimates, FY19 Capital Improvement Plan calls for the purchase of an inmate van, Both suspects in the Bob Bettison murder and the suspects in the murders at Francis Davis Park went in front of the grand jury, shots were fired at the intersection of Mitchell and Love still under investigation, a burglary at 327 West Railroad Street a shop vac was stolen, fire department is performing hydrant preventative maintenance, and medical calls continue to be slightly higher than normal. A list of upcoming schedule of events was included on the report.

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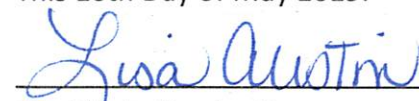
With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **Council Member Parker** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, **seconded by Council Member Johnson**. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:30 p.m.



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 16th Day of May 2019.



City Clerk, Lisa Austin



