

# *The City of Pelham*

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**December 21, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber**

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor James Eubanks  
Council Member Jeremy Hatcher  
Council Member Robert Hodges  
Council Member Winfred Parker  
Council Member Ansel Parrish  
Council Member Bobby Robinson  
Council Member John Taylor

City Manager, Jim Hedges  
City Clerk, Lisa Austin  
City Attorney, Randall Chew  
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick  
MCTV, Jerry White  
Pelham Journal, Carl Stokes  
Clarence (Tad) Williamson  
Loys Johnson  
Elijah Stoye

\*\*Absent from the meeting was Council Member Alfred Brown\*\*

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Council Member Hodges provided the opening prayer.

### **AWARDS**

Awards were presented by Mayor Eubanks for the service these individuals bestowed upon the City of Pelham. These individuals will be stepping down from office in January 2016. Mayor Eubanks honored these individuals with an award for their dedication and service.

Council Member Robert (Bob) Hodges 20 years of service  
Council Member John Taylor 4 years of service  
Attorney Randy Chew 35 years of service

### **CITY MANAGER**

**City Manager Hedges** highlighted the administrative staff of their title, position, and how long they have worked for the city. Other topics that were viewed and discussed with the council was the city financials

### **REGULAR SESSION**

**MAYOR EUBANKS PRESIDING**

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Council Member Hodges made a motion** to approve the agenda as written, **seconded by Council Member Hatcher. The vote was unanimous.**

**MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING**

**Council Member Parrish made a motion** to approve Regular Minutes of November 16<sup>th</sup> and the Minutes of the Library Bid Opening of December 10<sup>th</sup> as written, **seconded by Council Member Hodges. The vote was unanimous.**

**APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Randy Chew will not accept reappointment in January 2016. Tommy Coleman has been retained as the “transitional” City Attorney. Mr. Coleman has agreed to accept appointment by the Pelham Council as City Attorney. **Council Member Parrish made a motion** In accordance with Section 3.12 of the City Charter, I (Council Member Parrish) nominates Tommy Coleman as the City Attorney effective January 1, 2016, **seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.**

**TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE**

The City of Pelham has a Tax Anticipation Note with the Pelham Banking Company, for \$271,117.91 which expires on December 22, 2015. **Council Member Hodges made a motion** to renew the tax anticipation note with Pelham Banking Company for an additional year, **seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.**

**SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL BEVERAGE APPLICATION**

**Council Member Hodges made a motion** to select and approve (Option 1) Community Development Coordinator/Main Street Director/Downtown Development Director, **seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

**ALCOHOL ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

The City of Pelham maintains two inert landfills located behind the Farmer’s Market and adjacent to Cotton Avenue. A Consent Order was issued in 2013 by the Department of Natural

**2016 CALENDAR**

MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

The 2016 Calendar was presented to the council for review of Holidays, Work Sessions, and Council Meeting. **Council Member Robinson made a motion** to approve the 2016 Holiday schedule and the 2016 Work Session and Council meeting schedule, **seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.**

### **WACO PROJECT BIDS**

The Water Expansion Project scope of work is to extend Pelham water supply to the WACO Community, and to plug and abandon existing water well. They were five companies invited to bid, with only two responding. Little River Utilities-Omega GA. bid was \$45,531 and HTS-Albany, GA. bid was \$58,204. **Council Member Parrish made a motion** to award the construction phase of expanding the City of Pelham water line to the Waco Community to Little River Utilities, Inc. based on the low bid of \$45,531.00, **seconded by Council Member Taylor. The vote was unanimous.**

### **LIBRARY BIDS**

### **FIREWORKS LICENSE**

License for Temporary Retail Sales of Consumer Fireworks. General Provision HB 110 passed by the General Assembly in 2015 allows for the sale of fireworks in Georgia. Other key points include: Sales allowed statewide, Temporary retail stands effective January 1, 2016, Local municipalities cannot ban or restrict firework sales, Local governments are allowed to regulate where fireworks can be sold, and Fireworks can be sold from permanent and temporary structures.

### **ALCOHOL LICENSES FOR 2016**

A list of business within the City of Pelham which hold an alcohol licenses was presented to the council for their review. **Council Member Parker made a motion** to approve the sale of alcohol licenses for 2016 to the business provided on the list, **seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.**

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

The following department reports were included in Council packets to review: Code Enforcement, Mitchell County Animal Control, Chamber of Commerce, Fire Department, Police Department, Pelham Carnegie Library, and Utility Department.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Council Member Hodges made a motion to close regular session and go into executive session at 7:11 p.m., seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks stated the purpose of the executive session is to discuss personnel matters.**

### **RECONVENE**

**Council Member Parker made a motion to reconvene regular session at 7:28 p.m., seconded by Council Member Robinson. 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 offer the position of Community Development Director/Main Street Director/Downtown Development Authority Director to John Steven Burnette, Jr. as a fulltime position at a salaried rate of \$30,000 a year effective January 1, 2016, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **Council Member Hodges made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Taylor. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:31 p.m.**

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Mayor, James Eubnaks

### **AUTHENTICATED:**

This 21<sup>st</sup> Day of December 2015.

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City Clerk, Lisa Austin