

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

January 17, 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, Flinn Coleman
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
Enterprise-Journal, Taylor High
Rakestraw & Associates, Inc., Steven Rakestraw
Dale Wright
Scott Lindsey
Cassandra Daniels
MCTV, Jerry White

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

FREEDOM PARK PROJECT

Steven Rakestraw with Rakestraw & Associates, Inc. provided the final design report for the Pelham Streetscape Phase Three Project. The project components included the following: Concrete Sidewalks, Perimeter Around Park, Splash Pad, Interactive Fountain, Renovate Existing Parking into a Parking Plaza, Bandstand Area, Plaza at Bandstand Area, Greenspace-Commons Area, Additional Parking, Fence for separation & screening of Railroad R/W, Informational Kiosk, Electrical provisions for park events, Renovation of existing irrigation, and Park Benches and Trash Receptacles. Total cost estimate for phase three is \$312,500.00 the Georgia Department of Transportation Grant Monies of \$250,000.00. City of Pelham required local match monies of \$62,500.00.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the Phase Three final design and to move forward with the plan submission to GDOT, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote six yea votes by Council Member Johnson, Council Member Williamson, Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Parker, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, and Council Member Parrish. One opposed vote by Council Member Robinson. Mayor Eubanks stated with the majority voting in favor the motion will pass.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

DALE WRIGHT AGENDA SPEAKER

Dale Wright requested to speak in favor of the Tractor-Trailer Ordinance. Dale Wright whose address is 425 Cotton Avenue SE Pelham, GA. 31779 voiced his concerns about the proposed Tractor-Trailer Ordinance. Mr. Wright stated he had purchased additional land adjacent to 425 Cotton Avenue just to be able to park his Tractor-Trailer on it. Mr. Wright stated he felt as if he was being singled out because they are other ordinances on the books in which are not enforced.

TRACTOR-TRAILER ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

This is this 1st reading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance of the City of Pelham, Georgia to allow for the conditional use of tractor-trailer combinations, tractors, trailers, buses, and other commercial vehicles to be placed or stored in R-1 zoned districts.

Council Member Hatcher made a motion to approve the ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance of the City of Pelham, Georgia, to allow for the conditional use, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was three yea votes by Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Parker, and Council Member Robinson. They were four opposed votes by Council Member Johnson, Council Member Parrish, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, and Council Member Williamson. Mayor Eubanks stated the majority opposed the tractor-trailer zoning ordinance amendment therefore the proposed tractor-trailer zoning ordinance amendment will not pass.

CELL TOWER ZONING ORDINANCE PROPOSAL

This is 1st reading of an ordinance of the City of Pelham establishing rules and regulations governing the construction of cell towers within the City of Pelham; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; and for other purposes.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the 1st reading of the cell tower zoning ordinance proposal, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve minutes from the December 13, 2018 Called Meeting and the minutes of December 20, 2018 Regular Council Meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.

2019 ELECTION ORDINANCE

An ordinance fixing and publishing qualifying fees for offices subject to election in the year 2019; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; and for other purposes. This is the 2nd reading of this ordinance.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt the 2019 Election Ordinance repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

CONTRACT WITH STITCHES (ANIMAL CONTROL)

This is an agreement between Stitches for Mitchell County, Inc., and the City of Pelham for the purpose acquiring, establishing, maintaining and operating a shelter for animals, and providing animal control services. The agreement shall be for six-month term beginning January 1, 2019 and ending on June 30th, 2019. The monthly rate charged to provide the service by Stitches is \$1270.00 due the first day of each month.

Council Member Williamson made a motion to approve the contract between the City of Pelham and Stitches for Mitchell County, Inc., seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was three yea votes in favor by Council Member Williamson, Council Member Johnson, and Council Member Parker. They were four opposed votes by Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Parrish, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, and Council Member Robinson. Mayor Eubanks stated with the majority of the votes opposed the Contract with Stitches (Animal Control) therefore the Contract with Stitches (Animal Control) will not pass.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMPENSATION ORDINANCE

An ordinance setting compensation for the mayor and members of the Pelham City Council; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith; and for other purposes. This is an administration change to the mayor and council compensation ordinance.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the ordinance setting compensation for the mayor and members of the Pelham City Council; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith; seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote unanimous.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

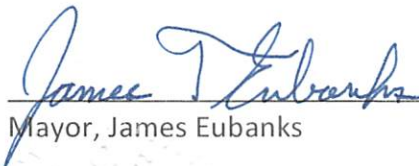
City Council was provided a copy of the financial report.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Craig Bennett stated the County is going with their own contractor Southern Disaster Recovery (collection) and Debris Tech (monitoring). Camilla is partnering with the County. Southern Disaster Recovery and Debris Tech are both willing to work with Pelham to defer payment until after FEMA & GEMA reimbursement is in hand. City Manager Bennett recommended the City of Pelham to partner with the County and Camilla to use Southern Disaster Recovery and Debris Tech. The Historical Preservation Commission members terms have expired past their term limits asked for council’s assistance in recruiting candidates. The Hand Building closing went through on December 21, 2018 and a “Ground Breaking” Ceremony will be held on January 23, 2019. The tax commissioner has sent an unscheduled tax check before the end of the year and the city was able to end the year without drawing on the tax anticipation note.

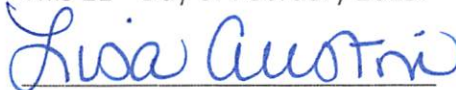
ADJOURN

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 7:37 p.m.**


Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 21ST Day of February 2019.


City Clerk, Lisa Austin