

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

January 18, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks
Council Member Alfred Brown
Council Member Jeremy Hatcher
Council Member Ansel Parrish
Council Member Winfred Parker
Council Member Tad Williamson

City Manager Jim Hedges
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
Pelham Main Street, Alyssa Blakley
Pelham Chamber, Caitlyn Hatcher
Sonja Stroyls, The Pelham Journal
David Stokes, Advanced Disposal
Michael McWhirter, Advanced Disposal
John Russ, South GA EMS
Randy Williams, South GA EMS
Jim McPherson, South GA EMS

****Absent from the meeting Loys Johnson, and Bobby Robinson****

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Brown provided the opening prayer.

SOUTH GA EMS

Mayor Eubanks stated due to a recent tragedy that happened in the City of Pelham South GA EMS was asked to come and speak. Randy Williams Director of Operations for South GA EMS stated that they are three ambulances that are always stationed within Mitchell County. He also made Council aware that one of those ambulances is always stationed in Pelham. On the day of the tragedy all three ambulances were on a call. They also wanted the Council to be aware that they were working on getting an ambulance to the incident in Pelham but by the time an ambulance was headed to the victim someone had already taken him to the hospital in their vehicle. Randy Williams along with John Russ, and Jim McPherson wanted the Council to be aware of how South GA EMS operates.

MAIN STREET

Alyssa Blakley Main Street Director reported on the following items: October 2017 events included: Red Ribbon Rally/National Night Out, Coordinated Veterans Day Program, honorable guest Capt. Tommy Clack, Main Street Car Show with 60 vehicles in attendance and a net profit of \$2,863.91. November events included: Graduation from Georgia Academy of Economic

Development, Christmas Tree Lighting Event, Installation of Downtown Christmas decorations, Christmas Parade: Volunteer of the Year, Ribbon Cutting for Captain Don's Seafood. December 2017 events included: Breakfast with Santa Event with 120 attended and a profit of \$964.70, Special Gift for Special Kids Event, Completed DNR Trails Application for Eunice Brinson Turner Park \$185,915.50, Main Street Applied for \$5,000 grant to provide education for Turner Park, Attending Workforce Development Team Meetings: PCS applying for a College/Career Academy, Board Members: Todd McKenzie, Clay Kolbie, LaWayne Moore resigned, and two post remain, after Loys Johnson and Ashley Walker entered as official members.

PELHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Caitlyn Hatcher Pelham Chamber of Commerce Director reported on the following items: October 2017 events included: Wildlife Festival was held October 6th, Wildlife 5k, Wildlife BBQ Contest, Wildlife Street Dance, Wildlife Student Art Show, Roses Grand Opening, Red Ribbon Rally, National Night Out, and Trick or Treat. November 2017 events included: Meet & Greet the Candidates for Municipal Election, Mobile Mammogram, Small Business Saturday, Christmas Tree Lighting, Snowman Contest, Christmas Parade, Captain Don's Grand Opening, and Customer Appreciation Dinner at Atlantic Turbine. December 2017 events included: Shop Local 12-1-2017-12-8-2017, and Cairo Christmas Parade Judge.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Hedges showed pictures on the following: Hand Building with all the lights decorated for Christmas, also showed pictures of a patrol car that was wrecked by an oncoming citizen. The patrol car is a 2010 Dodge Charger purchased from City of Camilla in 2015 for \$3,500 the estimated damage to the vehicle is \$4,900 so it is a possible "total". Congratulated Alyssa Blakely and Caitlyn Hatcher on a job well done for the 2017 calendar year. Reviewed and discussed financials for December 2017.

REGULAR SESSION – LED BY MAYOR EUBANKS

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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

MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Council Member Parker made a motion to approve minutes from the December 14, 2017 Public Hearing, and the December 21, 2017 Council Meeting as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

ALCOHOL LICENSE

Council Member Parrish made a motion to amend the alcohol ordinance to reflect state law for selling wine or malt beverages within 100 yards of any church building or within 200 yards of any school building, educational building, school grounds, or college campus, and dispense with the second reading. **No one Seconded the vote. Abstained votes were Council Member Williamson, Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Parker, and Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. Mayor Eubanks stated this would be tabled until further review.**

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX

Council Member Williamson made a motion to increase the Hotel/Motel Tax from 5% to 8% and request the Georgia General Assembly pass legislation to recognize this change, **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

FLEET REPLACEMENT

Council Member Parrish made a motion to table the purchase and financing of 1 Chevrolet Tahoe, three Ford F-150 pickups, and 1 Ford F-250 Utility Truck for the Fire Dept. with GMA financing, **seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The following department reports were included in Council packets to review: Code Enforcement, Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, and W/G/S Department Utility Report.

LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN

Council Member Williamson made a motion to approve the LAP (Language Access Plan) for administering the 2017 City of Pelham Community Development Block Grant, **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

RECREATION FACILITIES & REPRESENTATION

Council Member Williamson made a motion to nominate Council Member Hatcher to the Mitchell County Recreation Committee, **seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.**

Council Member Williamson made a motion to approve the replacement of light poles at Eubanks Park and notify Mitchell County Recreation immediately and advised the City Manager

to find financing as soon as possible, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Parker made a motion to go into executive session at 7:58 p.m., seconded by Council Member Hatcher. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks stated the purpose of the executive session is to discuss Personnel.

RECONVENE

Council Member Williamson made a motion to reconvene regular session at 8:29 p.m., seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Eubanks stated there were no votes taken during executive session.

ACTION TAKEN PERSONNEL

Council Member Parker made a motion to enter into a contract with City Manager Jim Hedges with changes to the contract for indefinite period and review compensation in the February meeting, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.

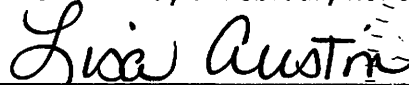
ADJOURN

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 Williamson. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.


Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 15TH Day of February 2018.


City Clerk, Lisa Austin



