

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

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

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks
Mayor Pro-Tem, Alfred Brown
Council Member Jeremy Hatcher
Council Member Winfred Parker
Council Member Ansel Parrish
Council Member Bobby Robinson
Council Member Tad Williamson

City Manager Craig Bennett
Acting City Clerk Donna Willis
City Attorney, Haden Hooks
Police Chief Nealie McCormick
Fire Chief Ivey Godwin
Main Street Director Alyssa Blakely
Chamber Director Caitlyn Hatcher

Jerry White, MCTV,
Taylor High, Enterprise-Journal Reporter
Shirley Daniels

****Absent from the meeting City Clerk Lisa Austin****

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. Council Member Robinson provided the opening prayer.

REGULAR SESSION – LED BY MAYOR EUBANKS

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council Member Williamson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Nothing to report.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve minutes from the June 20, 2019 Regular Council Meeting as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

MITCHELL COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Report was submitted, the Executive Director sent their regrets they could not present the report.

PELHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber Director Caitlyn Hatcher submitted her report and reviewed with the council.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY/DDA

Main Street Director Alyssa Blakely submitted her report and reviewed with the council.

GEORGIA MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEM (GMEBS)

Over the past year the GMA's GMEB Board deemed it necessary to ensure its GMEBS Plan was up to date with the new IRS regulations. The plan was determined to still be valid and required a new approval from local municipalities. The GMEBS Plan is the retirement plan for the employees of the City of Pelham.

Council Member Parrish made a motion to adopt the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS): Restated Master Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS

The board has three vacant posts available with the resignations of Robbie Willis, Suzanne Anderson, and Nicole Hilliard. The nominees to fill the vacant seats are Chip Davis, VP at Family Bank, Duane Bentley, VP at Pelham Bank and resident of Pelham, and Robyn's Woods, CTAE at Pelham High School and Pelham resident.

Council Member Robinson made a motion to accept the nominations for the DDA board, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILDLIFE FESTIVAL ALCOHOL REQUEST

The Chamber of Commerce request to apply for a state permit to sell alcohol at the Wildlife Festival Street Dance. The dance will occur the night of the festival between 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. in the Chamber's parking lot. Alcohol sales at this event helps the Chamber maintain a healthy budget to promote tourism and economic development of the City.

Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve the alcohol request, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

City Management's objective is to minimize the execution of the FY20 budget until late fall, but the City does need to be prepared for the unexpected. The mitigation for this risk is a line of credit to augment to the execution of the budget. The request line of credit is \$250,000.

Council Member Williamson made motion to accept Family Bank's bid and approve the TAN resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

FREEDOM PARK TE BIDS

In January the Council approved the plans for phase 3 of the Transportation Enhancement project in Freedom Park. The two bids received were from A.C. Blount Concrete Services, Inc. and Greene Concrete Construction, Inc. A.C. Blount Concrete Services, Inc. bid \$281,114.80, Greene Concrete Construction Inc. bid \$404,609.24. The start date for construction is late August or early September.

Council Member Parker made a motion to accept the low bidder A.C. Blount Concrete Services, Inc. with a total of \$281,114.80 plus \$16,750.00 remaining consulting fees for a total of \$297,864.80 with alternative to also include a fence, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was five yea votes by 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 the motion will carry.

DOWNTOWN PARKING

City Manager Bennett discussed the proposed parking for the downtown Hand Building.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC

Council Member Parker made a motion to accept the traffic pattern presented by the school system, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Reviewed financial reports from July 2019 as presented.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Craig Bennett provided a report and reviewed with the council. Of note

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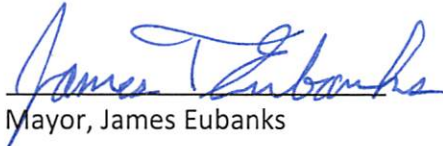
- GMC has the contractors' details for the remaining pump installation. Awaiting on the final timeline from the County.

City of Pelham Complete Count Committee

- Training for the committee was held July 17th. Liberty Gas Station sponsored lunch and the school hosted the event.
- As part of the training a preliminary brain storm was conducted to identify education and motivational engagement opportunities with community.
- Next meeting will be in August.

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 Parrish**. The vote was **unanimous**. **Mayor Eubanks** declared the meeting closed at 7:37p.m.



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 15th Day of August 2019.



City Clerk, Lisa Austin

