

# *The City of Pelham*

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**June 15, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber**

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Laura Beth Tucker  
Council Member Alfred Brown  
Council Member James Eubanks  
Council Member Jeremy Hatcher  
Council Member Robert Hodges  
Council Member Bobby Robinson

City Manager, Jim Hedges  
City Clerk, Lisa Austin  
City Attorney, Randall Chew  
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick  
Main Street Director, Ernest Barfield  
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin  
Chamber Director, Kent Holtzclaw  
Pelham Journal, Carl Stokes  
Citizen, Loys Johnson  
MCTV, Jerry White  
School Superintendent, Floyd Fort  
Citizen, Norman McMillan  
Citizen, Benjamin Keaton  
Citizen, Terry Haynes  
Law Enforcement Associates, Jim Brooks  
Law Enforcement Associates, Roy Whitehead

\*\*Council Member Winfred Parker and Council Member John Taylor was absent from the meeting\*\*\*\*

With a quorum present, Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Council Member Eubanks provided the opening prayer.

### **CITIZENS DELEGATION**

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN PRESIDING**

**Pelham Main Street Director Ernest Barfield** provided the city council with updates on the “Gourmet Box Lunch” fundraiser, \$1,000 Grant from Walmart, Design Committee reviewing Phase III of the Street Scape Project held on June 11<sup>th</sup>, and “A Slice of Summer” which was held Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> in Freedom Park. Upcoming events will include: attending a meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta with the State Transportation Board of Georgia’s Planning Committee for the designation of the Historic Dixie Highway as a Scenic Byway.

**Pelham Chamber of Commerce Kent Holtzclaw** provided the council with updates on the directional sign that has been refurbished and will be relocated behind the digital sign at the chamber, a Business After Hours meeting has been scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Hand Building

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in the Pelham Room, working on a Tourism Product Development Grant to be able to relocate the museum, and also working on the planning the upcoming events such as the 48<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Festival which will be held October 3, 2015 in Freedom Park.

**Pelham Board of Education Floyd Fort** provided the city council with updates on the Pelham School System and provided the city council with a copy of their Strategic Plan 2015-2018.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Mayor Laura Beth Tucker** Congratulated Council Member Bobby Robinson for receiving the Community Activism Award for the Masonic Lodge the past month, asked everyone to keep Council Member Winfred Parker and family in their prayers, and reviewed Pelham's Financial Snapshot.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

**City Manager Hedges** reported most of May was spent preparing the 2015-2016 Annual Budget and evaluating the Water and Sewer Rates with meetings held with Bill Powell, Georgia Rural Water Association. The inert landfill compliance action plan was submitted to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and they have fully approved the plan. Proposed an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Special Local Option Sales Tax which would require the county and four municipalities to agree to that amendment we have received notification that all four municipalities have agreed to the Intergovernmental Agreement. Also topics discussed were the gas line expansion on Tomato Road, the flooding of Don's Seafood due to a blocked storm drain, a large hole in the road on GA Hwy 3 East Railroad which will be repaired at a cost of \$1,200, and the financials.

### **REGULAR SESSION**

#### **MAYOR TUCKER 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 Hodges made a motion** to approve minutes from the following meeting: May 18, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes, as written, **seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT COST RECOVERY**

The City of Pelham Fire Department renders services by responding to emergency calls including vehicle accidents, vehicle fires, structural fires, grass fires, false alarms, and renders first aid as emergency responders. After a thorough evaluation it has been determined that recovery costs incurred by the Pelham Fire Department can be achieved by charging for these services. City of Pelham will contract for cost recovery services for costs incurred by the Pelham Fire Department with Fire Recovery U.S.A. effective July 2, 2015. **Council Member Eubanks made a motion** to authorize Mayor Tucker to enter into an agreement with Fire Recovery U.S.A. for mitigation of costs incurred by the Pelham Fire Department and all funds collected be used for the fire department, **seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.**

### **WATER & SEWER RATES**

The City of Pelham provides water and sewer services to residents inside and outside of the city. The City of Pelham from time to time utilizes the services of Georgia Rural Water Association to validate water and sewer base rates and usage charges. After a thorough evaluation a recommendation was made to change water and sewer rates. **Council Member Robinson made a motion** to implement the new water and sewer rates structure effective July 1, 2015, **seconded by Council Member Hodges. The vote was unanimous.**

### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE-TERRY L. HAYNES-BILLIARD'S CLUB**

Mayor Tucker stated a letter from Police Chief Nealie McCormick stated there was nothing found in the background check on Terry L. Haynes to prevent him from being able to obtain an alcohol license for consumption only. **Council Member Robinson made a motion** to approve the alcohol license for Terry L. Haynes for the business located at 288 Hurst Street in the name 229 Billiard's Club, **seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

### **2015-2016 ANNUAL BUDGET**

The City of Pelham budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 has been submitted, and a public hearing and work session has been held on the budget. The City Council of the City of Pelham has studied the proposed budget and it is considered in the best interest of the City of Pelham to adopt it. After a thorough evaluation it was determined the City of Pelham Operating Budget of \$3,684,106 and the Capital Budget of \$293,478 for fiscal year 2015/2016. **Council Member Eubanks made a motion** to adopt the Operating and Capital Budget for fiscal year 2015/2016 as presented, **seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COUNCIL MEMBER HODGES PRESIDING**

#### **Code Enforcement:**

Business/Peddlers license (3), Vegetation and Grass Code Violation (45), Litter or Debris on street or sidewalk (1), Violations of Animal Control Ordinance (1), Sign Ordinance (1), Total Permits Issued (15), and Total for May 2015 (101) .

#### **Animal Control:**

Animals Impounded (8)

#### **Police/Jail:**

Mitchell Co. 911 (613), Patrol Mileage (6,453), Housed Inmates other agencies (100)

#### **Fire Department:**

Responded to calls (47)

#### **Pelham Carnegie Public Library:**

Registered users (2,966), items circulated in May (724), people used computers (508).

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Council Member Eubanks made a motion to close regular session and go into executive session at 7:51 p.m., seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Tucker stated the purpose of the executive session is to discuss legal and personnel matters.**

## **RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION**

**Council Member Hodges made a motion to reconvene regular session at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Tucker stated no votes were taken in executive session.**

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **Council Member Eubanks** made a **motion to adjourn** the meeting, **seconded by Council Member Robinson**. **The vote was unanimous. Mayor Tucker declared the meeting closed at 8:11 p.m.**

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Mayor, Laura Beth Tucker

**AUTHENTICATED:**  
This 20th Day of July 2015.

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City Clerk, Lisa Austin