

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

December 15, 2016 – 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, Jim Hedges
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
Police Investigator, Adam Lamb
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
MCTV, Jerry White
Pelham Journal, Carl Stokes

****Absent for the meeting was City Attorney Tommy Coleman****

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. Mayor Eubanks provided the opening prayer.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Hedges reported on each month of the progress the City has made in the year of 2016. Also showed pictures of a truck which was overturned on the railroad tracks, a fire in which the city firefighters responded to just outside the city limits, ditches which were finished and cleaned up on Green Street, and a new diagnostic computer for the shop. Discussed and viewed the city financials.

REGULAR SESSION

MAYOR EUBANKS PRESIDING

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Mayor Eubanks presented changes to the current agenda removing item #9 Natural Gas Rates. **Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda with changes presented, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.**

MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Council Member Parker made a motion to approve minutes from the November 10, 2016 Public Hearing and November 17, 2016 Regular Meeting as written, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVE PALMER STREET SIDEWALK BID AWARD

Council Member Parrish made a motion to award the construction contract for Pelham's Sidewalk Project to Standard Contractors, Inc. the lowest bidder, for \$174,285, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENT SECOND READING

Mayor Eubanks stated this is the second reading of the Home Rule Charter Amendment. This is an Ordinance Adopted Pursuant to The Municipal Home Rule Act of 1945, O.C.G.A. SEC. 36-35-1 Amending The Charter of the City Of Pelham, Georgia, To Amend The Powers And Duties Of The City Manager: To Provide For The Appointment, Removal, Qualifications, And Compensation Of Department Heads; To Repeal All Ordinances And Charter Provisions In Conflict Herewith; And For Other Purposes.

RENEWAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSES

Council Member Parker made a motion to approve the sale of alcohol licenses for 2017 for all the business who currently hold an alcohol license, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

CDBG-HOUSING GRANT WRITER APPOINTMENT

Council Member Parker made a motion to Appoint Ms. Carol Stone as the Grant Writer for a \$750,000 CDBG-Housing Grant and to authorize the grant application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

WATER AND SEWER RATES

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to take no action on the water and sewer rates until after new water meters have been installed, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was six yeas and one nay. In favor of the motion to not take any action to raise the water rates were Council Member Williamson, Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Parker,

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, Council Member Robinson, and Council Member Johnson. And one opposing vote by Council Member Parrish. Mayor Eubanks stated due to the majority in favor of not increasing rates until after the new water meters are installed the motion will carry.

2017 COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR & 2017 HOLIDAYS

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the 2017 Holiday schedule and the 2017 Work Session and Council Meeting schedule, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.

JDA APPOINTMENT

Council Member Robinson made a motion to Reappoint Laura Beth Tucker to the Joint Development Authority of Mitchell County and Pelham for a four-year term being 2017 and ending 2020, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.

ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION NAME CHANGE

Council Member Parker made a motion to approve the beer package, liquor package, and wine package for Daijeet Singh the new owner of Village Package Store located at 227 Church Street, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

QUALIFYING FEES

Council Member Johnson made a motion set the qualifying fees for the Mayor and Council for any Election in 2017, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks stated this constitutes as the first reading.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Johnson made a motion to close regular session and go into executive session at 7:19 p.m., seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks stated the purpose of the executive session is to discuss legal and real estate matters.

RECONVENE

Council Member Robinson made a motion to reconvene regular session at 7:39 p.m., seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks stated no votes were taken in executive session.


ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, Council Member Parrish made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:39 p.m.


Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 19TH Day of January 2017.


City Clerk, Lisa Austin