

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

December 21, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks
Council Member Alfred Brown
Council Member Loys Johnson
Council Member Winfred Parker
Council Member Bobby Robinson

City Manager Jim Hedges
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
Pelham Investigator, Adam Lamb
Pelham Police, Robert Kocak

****Absent from the meeting Jeremy Hatcher, Ansel Parrish, and Tad Williamson****

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 James Eubanks provided the opening prayer.

LIFESAVING AWARD

Mayor Eubanks along with Pelham Police Department presented Robert A. Kocak with the Lifesaving Award. On October 31, 2016, Officer Robert A. Kocak responded to a call on Baggs Avenue where a sixty-one year old man was experiencing chest pains and difficulty breathing. He notified Mitchell 911 and initiated chest compressions. After four sets of chest compressions the victim began breathing. Had it not been for the selfless efforts of Officer Kocak the victim would not have survived.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Hedges showed pictures on the following: Guest Speaker Tommy Clack at Veteran's Day, The Hand Building with Christmas Lights, The City Hall Administration in the Christmas Parade, Alyssa Blakely and Caitlyn Hatcher at the Georgia Academy, Pelham-Camilla Taser Training, Successful Tip for Youth on Law Enforcement Encounters, and Police Wreck. Reviewed and discussed financials for November 2017.

REGULAR SESSION

MAYOR EUBANKS PRESIDING

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council Member Parker made a motion to approve the agenda removing personnel from executive session on the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Council Member Parker made a motion to approve minutes from the November 16, 2017 Council Meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the 2018 Meeting Schedule as presented, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.

2018 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Council Member Parker made a motion to approve the 2018 Holiday Schedule as presented, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX

Council Member Johnson 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, also to revise and sign the forthcoming ordinance of the change, and suspend with 2nd reading, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was four yeas from Council Member Johnson, Council Member Parker, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, and Mayor Eubanks. One opposed vote from Council Member Robinson. Mayor Eubanks stated the motion will carry.

GDOT SUPPLEMENTAL LMIG STRIPING BIDS

Council Member Johnson made a motion to take advantage of the grant money by the Georgia Department of Transportation, and proceed with the project with a reduction of the original amount of roadways scheduled to be restriped, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

MAIN STREET APPOINTMENTS

Council Member Parker made a motion to accept the recommendation of Ashley Walker to the Pelham Main Street Board of Directors for the two-year term 2017-2019 (Post 5), seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

Council Member Parker made a motion to accept the recommendation of Loys Johnson to the Pelham Main Street Board of Directors for the two-year term 2017-2019 (Post 11), seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was four yeas from Council Member Parker, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, Council Member Robinson, and Mayor Eubanks. One abstained vote from Council Member Johnson. Mayor Eubanks stated the motion will carry.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

2018 ALCOHOL LICENSE RENEWALS

Council Member Robinson made a motion to approve the 2018 Alcohol Licenses Renewals, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

JDA APPOINTMENT

Council Member Parker made a motion to appoint Mayor James Eubanks to the Joint Development Authority of Mitchell County and Pelham for a four-year term being 2018-2021, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Johnson made a motion to go into executive session at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks stated the purpose of the executive session is to discuss Legal.

RECONVENE

Council Member Parker made a motion to reconvene regular session at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.


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

ACTION TAKEN LEGAL

Council Member Parker made a motion to authorize City Attorney Coleman to move forward with settlement, seconded by Council Member Johnson. 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 Robinson. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:25 p.m.


Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 18th Day of January 2018.


City Clerk, Lisa Austin