

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

November 21, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks
Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Brown
Council Member Bennett Adams
Council Member Ansel Parrish
Council Member Bobby Robinson
Council Member Tad Williamson

City Manager, Craig Bennett
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
MCTV, Jerry White
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
Enterprise Journal, Taylor High

Cassandra Daniels
Sharnta Atkins
Howard McKinnon

****Absent from the meeting was Council Member Jeremy Hatcher and Council Member Winfred Parker****

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mayor Eubanks provided the opening prayer.

REGULAR SESSION – LED BY MAYOR EUBANKS

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments from the public.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve minutes from the October 17, 2019 Regular Council Meeting, as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Eubanks stated the Public Hearing started at 6:39 p.m. to discuss FY19 CDBG Award (18p-x-101-2-6084).

City Manager Bennett stated the approved activities of the City's Community Development Block Grant. On October 16, 2019, the city was awarded a grant in the amount of \$750,000 to perform Sewer System Improvements in Southeast Pelham. Items to be discussed during the hearing include:

- The amount of funds received and a description of the activities.
- The amount of funds available for each activity and the amount of funds that will benefit low-and-moderate-income individuals.
- The plan, if applicable, to minimize or prevent displacement of persons and the plan to assist persons whom may be displaced Fair Housing laws and City's plan to further Fair Housing.

Mayor Eubanks asked if there were any citizens comments. After discussing comments from Howard McKinnon citizen of Pelham Mayor Turner stated the Public Hearing was closed at 6:44 p.m.

IDP GRANT EXPENDITURE PROPOSAL

A water leak at the Hand Trading Company (HTC) requires water service to be shut off to a major portion down town. The solution is to install a water valve specific to the Hand Trading Company. Also, the sewer truck only has 400 ft. of clean hose therefore a proposed new manhole location will also need to be installed.

Council Member Adams made a motion to accept the low bid from Little River Contractors of \$14,877, Watkins and Associates of \$2500 to manage the project for a total overall cost of \$17,377 for the installation of both the water valve cut off and the manhole, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.

Solicited bids to clean, repair, reseal, and or restripe several parking lots and streets. The scope of works is:

- Clean, repair, seal and stripe Chamber of Commerce parking lot, both north end and south end
- Clean, repair, seal and stripe City Hall parking lot
- Clean, repair, seal, and stripe City parking lot next to Quality Home Rental
- Restripe parking spots and center lines on Hand Place
- Restripe parking spots on Hand Ave. in front of Hand Trading Company and Library, and on north and south side of Marshall park, Create or repaint approximately 10 crosswalks

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to accept the low bid from Veterans Asphalt of \$18,538.82 to complete the scope of work outlined above, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.

WILSON STREET DITCH

City Manager Bennett discussed repairs and improvement along the Wilson Street stormwater ditch and street. A decision on Wilson Street repairs will be on December's agenda. The challenges are:

- Keeping ditch clean between Hollingsworth Street and James Street
- Drainage in the ditch between Hollingsworth Street and Glausier Street
- Broken culvert at Wilson Street

A phased approach was outlined for the council's review.

ZONING CHANGE ORDINANCES

The Re-zoning Ordinance Industrial-305 Cotton Ave was approved in April 2019. The rezoning changed the property at 305 Cotton Ave, from Residential to Industrial. The change was part of an application from GA Power in order to sell the property to a potential economic interest. The application went through the City Planning Commission and Council with appropriate public hearings.

Council Member Adams made a motion to adopt An Ordinance to Amend the Comprehensive Zoning Map of the City of Pelham as Recommended by the Planning Commission of the City of Pelham for the property located at 305 Cotton Ave. and dispense with the second reading, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

ALCOHOL LICENSING

The 2020 Alcohol Licenses incorporate a range of permission from beer package, wine package, beer consumption, wine consumption and liquor pouring.

Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve the 2020 Alcohol Licensing as presented, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN

The Language Access Plan is in support of FY19 CDBG Sewer. An Executive Order requires the City to have a Language Access Plan since we are receiving federal dollars through HUD to support the CDBG FY19 Sewer. The LAP identifies Limited English Proficiency (LEP) personnel and the resources the local municipal government will provide for assistance. The City does not have to provide translation of CDBG documents. The City may have to assist in matters such as oral interpretation of CDBG documentation. The City Clerk is identified as the LEP Compliance Officer.

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

JOINT RESOLUTION FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

The City of Pelham held a General Election on November 3, 2015, at which time Elmer Conley was elected to the City of Pelham School Board for District 1 to serve a four-year term commencing January 2016 and ending December 31, 2019. Mr. Conley was an unopposed candidate for re-election in the General Election held on November 5, 2019. School Board member Mr. Conley died on October 25, 2019 leaving no candidate for the position of School Board Member for District 1 in the November 5, 2019 General Election. That making it necessary to call a Special Election to fill the vacancy created by the untimely death of Elmer Conley. The said election will be held on March 24, 2020.

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the Joint Resolution of the City of Pelham and the City of Pelham School District Declaring a Vacancy on the City of Pelham School Board; Calling for a Special Election for the purpose of filling said vacancy, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Reviewed financial reports from October 2019 as presented.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Bennett reported on the following:

Week of 18-22 November

Crime in Pelham


- Operation Peacekeeper
- Pelham Police Department joined with Mitchell County Sheriff's Department, U.S. Marshals, Albany Police Department, Camilla Police Department to conduct Operation Peacekeeper
- The operation was a sweep to apprehend outstanding fugitives on felony warrants in the Pelham and Southwest Georgia area. So far eighteen arrests have been made with more pending.

Natural Gas Connection

- The new business is a MGAG initiative to sell all manner of gas appliances, at fair prices with favorable financing to customers within MGAG communities. The business model involves MGAG community's assistance with sales of the merchandise, to include a potential show room display in City Hall.
- City Manager Bennett will be signing a non-binding letter of intent to demonstrate Pelham's willingness to participate in the program.
- The program began in NW Georgia, and there is a desire to have the next rolling out area be SW Georgia. The letter of intent is to gauge the business interest in our area.
- A contract for Council approval will follow in future months.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **Council Member Adams** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown**. The vote was **unanimous**. **Mayor Eubanks** declared the meeting closed at 7:30 p.m.



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 19th Day of December 2019.



City Clerk, Lisa Austin

