

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

March 17, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber

PRESENT:

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

City Manager, Craig Bennett
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
Attorney, Tommy Coleman
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin

Fredrick Davis
Monica Davis
Charles Brimberry
Robert Hodges

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.

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 Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments from the public.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve minutes from the February 20, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Bennett gave the Georgia State of Emergency updates of the COVID19 pandemic.
Discussion:

1. Staff consideration-Continuity of Government

- A. While the safety of city personnel remains at the forefront of every decision, it is our responsibility to maintain a continuity of government.
- B. The identified essential services are:
 - 1. Interface with the public, communication and addressing their concerns
 - 2. Public safety, both Police and Fire
 - 3. Utility services
 - 4. Payroll
 - 5. Accounts Payable
 - 6. Health and services
- C. Risks
 - 1. Employee's interface with potentially sick personnel in the public
 - 2. Employees being exposed at home amongst family and friends and bring exposure to work
- D. Mitigation measures
 - 1. City Hall-Under the authority of the City Manager, while maintaining the Council defined business hours, close the doors to City Hall and go to drive-thru only.
 - 2. Election
 - a. The Secretary of State has advised the special municipal election can follow the Presidential Primary to May 19
Implications;
 - (1) New ballots will need to be printed
 - (2) A full new advance voting period will need to occur, which means further 1099 support
 - (3) Qualifying
 - b. The poll workers are all elderly, who are advised to remain at home. The critical question is, do we expose them to 4 more days of poll work while the disease is still gaining a foothold amongst the population or expose the poll workers for three more weeks to the public after the disease exposure has climaxed?
 - 3. All efforts are being made to ensure all city employees are afforded cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment to do their jobs, such as;
 - a. Mask gloves, and eyewear for all public safety employees
 - b. Gloves and masks are available to city hall employees, and they have instituted a cleaning schedule
 - c. Gloves are provided to PW/Utility to use when they come in contact with public facilities, such as gas pumps
 - 4. Leave
 - a. Staff members may desire to take sick leave to avoid the public, take care of a kid off from school, or take care of an ill family member
 - b. There may be measures coming from the Federal level regarding additional sick leave, but it has not been enacted yet
 - c. An employee who does not feel safe at work is not effective

- d. Allowing a non-essential employee leave is simple, allowing an essential employee to become problematic

II. Public Consideration

- a. CDC guidance is no higher than 50 people gathering for the next eight weeks
- b. President guidance is no higher than ten people gathering for the next 15 days
- c. Georgia being a home rule state, the State government will most likely only advise action and leave enacting control measures to the local governments.
- d. If the council enacts measures to limit gathering beyond permitted events and government assemblies, the debate forms along the lines of complex matters such as freedom of religion, the economic impact on businesses, which eventually will trickle down to government revenue, verse public health.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

The proposed temporary ordinance calls for the Council to enact the ordinance and to authorize the Mayor the responsibility of declaring the emergency over, without reconvening the Council. The ordinance is an emergency ordinance providing for the declaration of a public emergency by the mayor and city council; providing for the cancellation until further notice all city meetings and meeting of city agencies; providing the mayor the authority to temporarily suspend fees and assessments due to the city; repealing all ordinance in conflict herewith.

Council Member Parrish made a motion to adopt the Emergency Ordinance and dispense with the 2nd reading, seconded by Council Member Adams. The vote was unanimous.

SPECIAL PERMIT ORDINANCE

The Special Event ordinance is to provide a regulatory policy behind its ongoing special event application process. Special events are events such as family reunions, cookouts or picnics attended by 20 or more people; fairs, festivals, fun runs, walks, and other kinds of races, parades, rallies, concerts, tours, and block parties. This is an ordinance of the City of Pelham providing for an application and licensing process for special events to be held on city property, rental or use of properties for events, providing for conduct of events.

Council Member Williamson made a motion to adopt the Special Permit Ordinance that is presented with the following exception by adding a \$25 administrative fee and maintaining the current fee structure of the Donnie Cochran Complex and dispense with the 2nd reading, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

CEMETERY ORDINANCE

The proposed Cemetery Ordinance will replace the old Cemetery Ordinance in its entirety. The ordinance incorporates general, vault, and monument regulations. It establishes plot management at the two cemeteries. This is an ordinance repealing Chapter 30 of the city code

code of the city of Pelham in its entirety and adopting a new Chapter 30 entitled "Cemeteries"; establishing regulation for the City of Pelham Cemetery; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; and for other purposes.

Council Member Adams made a motion to adopt the Cemetery Ordinance and dispense with the 2nd reading, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

SURPLUS

Attached is a copy of equipment that is either no longer in use or inoperable to be declared as surplus.

Council Member Robinson made a motion to move forward with selling the surplus that is presented, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote in favor of selling the surplus equipment is Council Member Robinson, Council Member Parrish, Council Member Adams, and Council Member Parker. Council Member Williamson and Mayor Pro-Tem Brown was opposed to the moving forward and wanted to have further discussion.

Mayor Pro-Tem made an amended motion to declare the equipment as surplus to be sold and the first \$5000 be earmarked for Francis Davis Park, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

TSPLOST RESOLUTION

The TSPLOST Resolution is a resolution to participate in the Mitchell County TSPLOST in a single county transportation special purpose local option sales & use tax (TSPLOST) referendum, in unification with Mitchell County and the other municipalities within Mitchell County, to be held November 2020.

Council Member Parker made a motion to approve the TSPLOST Resolution and move forward, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

CAR SHOW ALCOHOL REQUEST

The Main Street Board is requesting City Council's approval of alcohol sales at the upcoming Car Show on April 25th in Downtown Pelham in order to petition the State of Georgia for a Special Event Alcohol Beverage Permit. The sale of alcohol at the annual City of Pelham Car Show is a large contribution to the financial profits of the show.

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the request for the alcohol beverage permit, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

GMA ETHICS CERTIFICATION

The GMA Ethics program is a set of principles which are designed to guide the elected officials as individuals and as a governing body. The City of Pelham has been a certified member of the GMA Ethics program for several years.

Council Member Parker made a motion to approve a resolution to reaffirm the City of Pelham in the GMA Ethics program, **seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Reviewed financial reports from February 2020 as presented.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reviewed department reports from February 2020 from the Pelham Police Department, Fire Department, Utility Department, and Code Enforcement.

ADJOURN

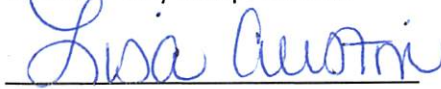
With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **Council Member Parker** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, **seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:37 p.m.**



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 16th Day of April 2020.



City Clerk, Lisa Austin



Subject: Surplus

Attachments: None

Purpose: Gain the Council's approval to surplus City property.

Discussion: The following equipment is either no longer in use or inoperable and worthwhile for resale.

Equipment	VIN or Serial Number	Remark	
Polaris 1993 Case Excavator 1085C	4XARD50AX6D037504 JAK0030701	1033	
1991 Case Excavator 1085	JAK0032577	1033	
New Holland Backhoe	034003830	1033	
DT Cat Dozer	08247199	1033	
Grapple Truck (White) GMC C8500	IGDP8C1C86F401587		
John Deere Tractor	LV5300D330235		
Case Front End Loader	UE02ZK	1033	

Tub Grinder, Fuel harvester Equipment



American Fire Truck Ford F800

IFDYK84A7KVA08905



1995 Dodge Pickup

1B7FL26X9T6682094

1033



Ford Taurus wagon

1FALP57UXVA246480

1033

Crown Victoria Squad Car

2FAHP71W37X13057S



Crown Victoria Squad Car

2FAFP71W56X111161



Crown Victoria Squad Car

Need



Crown Victoria Squad Car

2FAHP71VX8X143946



Humvee

1033



Army Utility Truck

1033



Ford Bronco

1033



Ford Bronco

1033



Traffic Radar
Signs x 2



Light Stand

1033

