

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

June 18, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. – VIA INTERNET ZOOM

PRESENT:

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

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

****Council Member Bobby Robinson absent from the meeting****

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Mayor Eubanks provided the opening prayer.

REGULAR SESSION – LED BY MAYOR EUBANKS

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council Member Hodges made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Adams. The vote was a roll call vote and it was unanimous.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Williamson made a motion to approve minutes from the May 21, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, as distributed, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was a roll call vote and it was unanimous.

SPECIAL ELECTION ORDINANCE

This is “An Ordinance Declaring A Vacancy On The City Council; Calling A Special Election For The Purpose Of Filling Said Vacancy; Repealing All Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; And For Other Purposes”. Council Member Winfred Parker passed away on May 1, 2020, which created a vacancy for the position of Council Member for District 1 for the remainder of the four-year term which would end on December 31, 2023. Qualifying will be held August 31, 2020 thru September 4, 2020 with a \$72.00 fee. The Election will be held November 3, 2020.

Council Member Williamson made a motion to adopt the Special Election Ordinance and dispense with the 2nd reading, seconded by Council Member Hodges. The vote was a roll call vote and it was unanimous.

GEORGIA PINES CONTRACT

This is an annual renewal lease agreement that is made and entered into on July 1, 2020 by and between the City of Pelham and Georgia Pines Community Service Board. The property is located at 333 Pride Street, Pelham, Georgia. The rental rate is \$4,794.00 payable by the 5th day of each month.

Council Member Adams made a motion to renew the lease with Georgia Pines for the 2020-2021 lease period, second by Council Member Parrish. The vote was a roll call vote and it was unanimous.

2ND READING OF BUDGET ORDINANCE

This is "An Ordinance Authorizing Expenditures Past The End Of The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020; Repealing All Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; And For Other Purposes". Mayor Eubanks stated this is the 2nd Reading of the Budget Ordinance.

Council Member Hodges made a motion to adopt the Budget Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Adams. The vote was a roll call vote and it was unanimous.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Reviewed financial reports from May 2020 as presented.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Subject: City Manager's Report

Week of 15-19 June

Coronavirus

Area	Contracted COVID 19		Died		%	
	Today	Previous Report	Today	Previous Report	Today	Previous Report
Global	8,242,999	7,273,958	445,535	413,372	5.41	5.68
U.S.	2,132,321	1,994,283	116,862	112,967	5.48	5.66
Georgia	60,030	54,973	2,575	2,375	4.29	4.32
Mitchell County	433	427	38	37	8.78	8.67

- Department of Public Health conducted COVID 19 testing at the Depot today. There will be another opportunity at the Depot next Thursday, June 25th from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- No update on the test result for a city employee.

Financial Ethics Report

- Remember by July 1st the City Clerk needs your annual Financial Ethic Report. If you require a copy, please contact Ms. Lisa.

Francis Davis Park

- Provided Fredrick Davis, from the community group, a brief on where matters sit with the park and he seemed content.
- Met with Georgia Power. The Citizens of Georgia Power Legacy group is putting together a project to help renovate the park. The group is specifically looking at the dug outs, bathroom, fencing and basketball courts. Their initial workdays are looking at an August time frame. It will be COVID-19 dependent.
- Once the legacy group can provide a better idea of their commitment, the City can determine the appropriate allocation of the grant money.

Personnel

- Officer John Fabian wishes to leave law enforcement, so he will resign from the City of Pelham as of June 24th.

TSPLOST


- The next step is to get the IGA approved by resolution. The IGA initial draft is still not finished but is the agenda item for next week’s public meeting. Next week the intent is to hash out the agreement and then everyone be prepared to sign it before the BOC meets on the 14th of July.
- Once I have it, I’ll distribute it for feedback before the public meeting on June 23rd.

Tax Sale

- 61 properties in the City of Pelham are on the tax sale list. For your situational awareness, the list of properties is included with my report.

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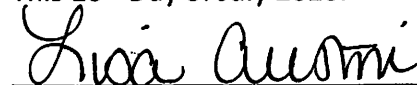
With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **Council Member Adams** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown**. **The vote was a roll call vote and it was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 6:58 p.m.**


Mayor, James Eubanks



AUTHENTICATED:

This 16th Day of July 2020.


City Clerk, Lisa Austin