

# *The City of Pelham*

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

**December 20, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber**

### PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks  
Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Brown  
Council Member Loys Johnson  
Council Member Winfred Parker  
Council Member Ansel Parrish  
Council Member Tad Williamson

City Clerk, Lisa Austin  
City Attorney, Keith Dorough  
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick  
Pelham Journal, Taylor High

\*\*\*Council Member Jeremy Hatcher, Council Member Bobby Robinson and City Manager Craig Bennett were absent from the meeting\*\*

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 Eubanks provided the opening prayer.

### REGULAR SESSION – LED BY MAYOR EUBANKS

#### APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Mayor Eubanks stated he would like to add an additional item to the agenda. The item would be #10-Resolution Hand Building Lease Modification.

**Council Member Williamson made a motion to approve the agenda with changes, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.**

#### MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

**Council Member Parker made a motion to approve minutes from the November 15, 2018 Regular Council Meeting, and November 26, 2018 Called Council Meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.**

#### WATER TOWER BID

Council Member Parrish requested to have the cost of the lettering to have the Pelham City Schools logo reprinted on the Southside-Palmer Street Tank.

**Council Member Parrish made a motion to concur with the engineer's recommendation, and approve the bid from American Tank Maintenance, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.**

### **2019 CITY CALENDAR**

**Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the 2019 City Calendar, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.**

The City Council workshops will remain on the second Thursday of the month, and the City Council Meetings will remain on the third Thursday of the month both which are at 6:30 pm.

### **PUBLIC ADDRESS OF CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE**

The proposed ordinance is a little more in-depth while being more flexible for the public.

1. In addressing concerns of their own, the ordinance requires a 5-day notice to City Hall and the topic will be annotated on the agenda.
2. Public's right to address City Council on agenda matters. The public can execute their right to address the public as late as the night of the meeting with the announcement of intent, via the Speaker Appearance Form.
3. To address the citizen's topic of interest-5 minutes is allowed
4. For a citizen to speak about an agenda item-3 minutes is allowed

**Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the Resolution Adopting A Policy Governing The Conduct Of The Public At City Council Meetings For The City of Pelham: Repealing All Resolutions In Conflict Herewith; seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote unanimous.**

### **2019 ELECTION ORDINANCE**

An Ordinance Fixing And Publishing Qualifying Fees For Offices Subject To Election In The year 2019.

**Council Member Parker made a motion to approve the first reading of the 2019 Election Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.**

### **COLLECTION RECOVERY SYSTEM**

The City has overdue court accounts, which go back to 2001 and equate to \$507,263.53. Capital Recovery Systems is a collection agency, which specializes in court debt recovery. Their fee for the service is 25% of fees recovered on accounts fully recovered.

**Council Member Williamson made a motion to accept the contract with Capital Recovery Systems, Inc., seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.**

### **CITY MANAGER ON BANK ACCOUNTS**

In order for the City Manager to implement and execute the budget he needs to be a signatory on the bank accounts.

**Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the City Manager Craig Bennett to be a signer on all of the city bank accounts, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mayor Eubanks stated that the city revenue is tight mainly contributing to the tax revenue not flowing due to the tax bills going out later than usual. The city has signed a tax anticipation note to help with short falls and to provide cash flow for the city until tax revenue begins to come in.

### **RESOLUTION MODIFICATION HAND BUILDING**

This is a Resolution Ratifying The Modification Of A Ground Lease Agreement Entered Into By And Between The Joint Development Authority Of Mitchell County And Pelham (JDA), As Lessor And Hand TC Restoration, LP, As Lessee; Approval Of A Right Of First Refusal Agreement By And Between Hand TC Restoration, LP, The Joint Development Authority Of Mitchell County And Pelham, Consented To By Stratford Hand Investors Limited Partnership And Stratford SLP, Inc.; To Repeal Any Other Act Or Resolution In Conflict Herewith; And For Other Purposes.

**Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt the Resolution Modification Hand Building, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.**

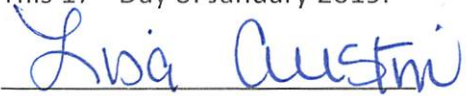
**ADJOURN**

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 Johnson**. **The vote was unanimous**. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:01 p.m.

  
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Mayor, James Eubanks

**AUTHENTICATED:**

This 17<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2019.

  
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City Clerk, Lisa Austin



