

# *The City of Pelham*

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**January 19, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber**

### **PRESENT:**

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

City Manager, Jim Hedges  
City Clerk, Lisa Austin  
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman  
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin  
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick  
Pelham Journal, Carl Stokes  
MCTV, Jerry White  
Pelham Main Street Director, Alyssa Blakley  
Pelham Chamber Director, Catilyn Hatcher

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mayor Eubanks provided the opening prayer.

### **COMMUNITY REPORTS**

Catilyn Hatcher Director of the Pelham Chamber of Commerce reported on the following: Pelham Wildlife Festival was held October 1<sup>st</sup> with approximately 60 vendors and a profit of \$5000, Events of the Wildlife Festival included Kiss the Pig, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BBQ Contest, and Art Show/Art Walk. Small Business Saturday was held November 26<sup>th</sup>, Snowman Contest was held in December with this year's winner being Marshall and Palmer, Shop Local consumers had to get their car punched at each location and bring back to the chamber for a chance to win \$100, and Christmas Parade that was held in December had approximately 75 participants with the Grand Marshall being Nealie McCormick.

Alyssa Blakley Director of the Pelham Main Street reported on the following: TE (Transportation Enhancement) Project-Phase III plans were submitted to council in October 2016 if approved will go into effect 2018 if accepted, Dogwood Project the trees on Hand Avenue and Curry Street were cut down in August of 2016 and plans are being drafted to be presented to council in February, Directional Sign Project the landscape plans have been made and will be put into motion once irrigation is completed, Car Show & Music Night was held in October and was a success, Street Banner Purchased are being presented with a sponsorship opportunity for their business name on the bottom grommets of the banner in front of their business to increase visibility. Future Projects Include: Corn Hole Tournament in the Hand Trading Company Building in March, Spring Car Show March-April, and Georgia Cities Week April 23-29.

Joint Development Authority minutes were provided by Nicole Hilliard.

## **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Hedges reported on he was proud of the Public Works Department for going to Albany and helping with the recent tornado cleanup. Pictures were shown of the beautiful sunrise in Pelham, a picture of the amount of stuff city hall employees collected for Toys for Tots, a house fire that was just outside Pelham and Pelham Fire Department was first on the scene house but resulted in a total loss, the fence at the Collingsworth Park which needs to be replaced due to it being damaged, a tree which has been removed from the park, pictures were showed of the truck bed protection for new trucks that were purchased, and in December MLK opening and cleaning of ditches, also recognized the two newest employees: Jo Anne West Receptionist at Pelham City Hall, and Alyssa Blakley new Main Street Director. Discussed and viewed the city financials and the plans for 2017 calendar year and even looking forward with plans into 2019. Also mentioned the Mayor's Day Conference will be held in Atlanta Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Marriott Marquis. Pelham Chamber of Commerce will hold their 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Hand Trading Company Building.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

### **MAYOR EUBANKS PRESIDING**

### **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

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

### **MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING**

**Council Member Parker made a motion to approve minutes from the December 15, 2015, Regular Meeting as written, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.**

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS COMPENSATION**

**Council Member Parker made a motion on to adopt an ordinance setting compensation for the mayor and members of the Pelham City Council; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith; and for other purposes, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous. This constitutes as the first reading of the ordinance.**

The compensation of the Mayor of the City of Pelham will be \$650 per month and to increase the compensation of each member of the Pelham City Council to \$400.0 per month. This has been advertised in the legal organ and will not take effect January 1, 2018.

### **FLEET REPLACEMENT**

**Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the Resolution to purchase 4 Dodge Chargers, from Mitchell County Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep at a cost of \$140,000, and obtain financing through the Georgia Municipal Association, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.**

**Council Member Parrish made a motion to authorize the Mayor Pro Tem Brown to go forward with the signing of the lease/purchase for the financing through the Georgia Municipal Association, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.**

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

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

### **BUILDING/LAND DONATION**

**Council Member Williamson made a motion to approve a Resolution approving and accepting a quit claim deed of donation form WJR, LLC, an Alabama Limited Liability Company to the City of Pelham; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.**


**Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve City Manager Hedges to proceed with signing the IRS document stating this is a charitable donation, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.**

### **SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST-ROTARY CLUB**

**Council Member Parker made a motion to approve the application to the Georgia Department of Revenue for a State of Georgia Special Event Alcohol Beverage Permit Application Pelham for the Rotary Club, a non-profit organization, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.**

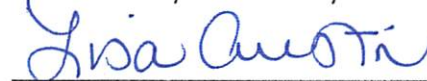
**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **Council Member Robinson** made a **motion to adjourn** the meeting, **seconded by Council Member Parrish**. The vote was **unanimous**. **Mayor Eubanks** declared the meeting closed at 7:22 p.m.

  
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Mayor, James Eubanks

**AUTHENTICATED:**

This 16<sup>TH</sup> Day of February 2017.

  
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City Clerk, Lisa Austin

