

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

June 20, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks
Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Brown
Council Member Jeremy Hatcher
Council Member Winfred Parker
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
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
Public Works, Anthony Beebee
W/G/S, Terry Banks

School Superintendent, Floyd Fort
MCTV, Jerry White
Pelham Journal, Taylor High
Jake Sanders
Tammy Beebee

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

CITIZEN DELEGATION

Nothing to report

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Hatcher made a motion to approve minutes from the May 16, 2019 Regular Council Meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Floyd Fort City of Pelham Superintendent stated the Pelham School Board recognizes the importance of a vital and improving school system to the economic stability and growth of Pelham. The school system employees approximately 120 teachers and 90 other classified

employees. The Pelham School Board was recognized by the Georgia School Board Association as a Board of Distinction. The Pelham School System calls their selves the School System of Choice. There are nine other school districts in which children come from to attend school in Pelham. A booklet was provided that gave the academic report of the Pelham School System. Safety has been a big concern within the school system and wanted to thank the Pelham Police Department of their presence in the School System.

PRIVATE LIMB PICK-UP PROPOSAL

Jake Sanders of Prime Ground Maintenance has proposed to provide limb service pickup for the City of Pelham. The business proposal is based on operating five days a week for a cost of \$104,000.00 dollars.

Council Member Robinson made a motion to enter into a contract with Prime Ground Maintenance for leaf and limb debris pickup for one year to include a set price amount for that time and includes reasonable time for which debris is picked up, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote is unanimous.

MAIN STREET MOU

As part of the Main Street program, DCA requires a Main Street Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between themselves, the City Council, the Main Street Board, and the Main Street Program Director. The Main Street program is about revitalization and economic development of Pelham's historic downtown.

Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve the signing on the MOU to continue with the Main Street program, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote unanimous.

MAIN STREET BOARD NOMINEE

The board has two vacant posts available. Board terms are for 2019-2020 year. Mr. Vincent Mitchell has volunteered to fill one of those positions. Also, with the resignation of Councilman Loys Johnson, a council liaison also needs to be appointed. Nominee for the Council Liaison is Councilman Williamson. Councilman Williamson already serves as the liaison to the Chamber of Commerce. The additional duty will ensure the Chamber of Commerce Board and Main Street Board build a more symbiotic relationship.

Council Member Hatcher made a motion approve Mr. Vincent Mitchell for Post 4 and Council Member Williamson as the council liaison, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was five yeas from Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Parker, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, Council Member Parrish, and Council Member Robinson. One abstained vote from Council Member Williamson.

BANK ACCOUNT NOMINEE

With the resignation of Council Member Loys Johnson on June 3rd, his access to the bank accounts needs to be revoked and a replacement need to be selected. As Mayor Pro Tem Alfred Brown seems appropriate that he is a signatory on the City's bank accounts.

Council Member Hatcher made a motion that Mayor Pro Tem Alfred Brown replace Council Member Loys Johnson on the City bank accounts, **seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.**

NOVEMBER SPECIAL ELECTION ORDINANCE

Council Member Loys Johnson resigned on June 3rd, 2019. Since his resignation is greater than six months from the end of the term, the city charter dictates a special election needs to be held to fill the remainder of the term. From a legal and financial standpoint, the City Attorney recommends the election be held in conjunction with the regular elections in November. The term will run from election day to December 31, 2019 and the new Councilmember will be sworn in at the November council meeting. The City Clerk will be the Election Superintendent. The Election will be November 5, 2019 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at City Hall. Qualifying runs from 8:30 a.m. August 19th until 4:30 p.m. August 23rd, 2019, and the cost is \$72.00

Council Member Hatcher made a motion to pass the Special Election Ordinance as presented, **seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.**

NOVEMBER REGULAR ELECTION ORDINANCE

Terms will expire on December 31st, 2019 for Mayor James Eubanks (At Large), Mayor Pro Tem Alfred Brown (Dist. 1), Council Member Winfred Parker (Dist. 1), Council Member Tad Williamson (Dist. 2), and Council Member elect (November Special Election) (Dist. 2). In addition, School Board members, Nikoyia Epps (Dist. 1), Elmer Conley (Dist. 1), Neal Hilliard (Dist. 2), and Lorenda Smith (Dist. 2). The Mayor and Council Members will be sworn in at the January council meeting. The City Clerk is the Election Superintendent. The Election is November 5, 2019 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at City Hall. Qualifying runs from 8:30 a.m. August 19th thru 4:30 p.m. August 23rd, 2019. The qualifying fess are \$108.00 for Mayor, \$72.00 for Council Member, and \$36.00 for School Board Member.

City Attorney Coleman stated that the City Elections will be held in City Hall and the Election Superintendent designates were the Elections will be held. City Attorney Coleman has provided all the documentation to close the polling location which was held at the Chamber Depot which owned by the City and provided documentation of everything to be moved to the new polling location which will be City Hall located at 108 Hand Avenue.

Council Member Williamson made a motion to pass the General Election Ordinance as presented, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON'S PHONE

Council Member Loys Johnson was provided a S8 Samsung smart phone by the City. It cost \$150 to acquire the phone. Council Member Johnson has requested to buy the phone from the city.

Council Member Parker made a motion to sell Council Member Johnson the phone at cost which is \$150.00, seconded by Council Member Hatcher. The vote was unanimous.

MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC LEASE

Georgia Pines has leased the second half of the building the police department occupies. Their lease runs July 1st thru June 30th. The rent is \$4,794.00 and does not change for the coming year.

Council Member Parker made a motion to approve lease with Georgia Pines commencing on July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 for the rental rate \$4,794.00 per month, seconded by Council Member Hatcher. The vote was unanimous.

ROSE'S AIR CONDITIONERS

In July 2017 the city signed a lease with Variety Wholesalers Inc, the parent company of Rose's. As a condition of the lease, it states, "All HVAC units greater than 15 years old shall be replaced prior to Delivery (if not replaced, Landlord shall be responsible for all HVAC repairs and maintenance on all HVAC units until all such units have been replaced)." The HVAC at Rose's were manufactured in 2002. Variety Wholesalers put the store under a maintenance plan and now is seeking reimbursement per the contract language. The reimbursement being sought is \$5,420.81.

Council Member Hatcher made a motion to replace the units as required contractually with ACT based on the cost of \$34,400.00 instead or repairing the units in place, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

GARBAGE RATES

Advanced Disposal has sent a rate increase due to landfill fees equates to \$.016/residential customer/month the commercial dumpster increase is \$0.06/yard/pickup. The rates are to go into effect July 1, 2019. It has been determined it is necessary to revise the fee schedule for the collection of garbage and trash charged to customers of the City to adequately finance the City's garbage and trash collection services. The residential rate will increase by \$1.00 the new rate will be \$18.00 per month.

Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve the Resolution “Establishing New Garbage Fees, repealing all Resolutions in Conflict Herewith; And for Other Purposes”, seconded by Council Member Hatcher. The vote was unanimous.

COUNTY WATER & WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT SALE

The City and Mitchell County are under an agreement, in which the city provides sewage treatment for Autry State Prison. This has been due partially because of the material condition of the County’s waste water system. Mitchell County wishes to get out of the water and waste water business and desires to sell their system and associated property. Since Pelham already receives most of Autry’s waste, it seems reasonable the City could buy their system and acquire the revenue potential from the system.

Council Member Hatcher made a motion authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to move forward with negotiating the contract for the sale of the county wastewater and water treatment plant to the City of Pelham with the conditions that will be outlined by the City Manager, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.

FY20 BUDGET

The FY20 budget has been presented to the Council. The General Fund Operating Budget for FY20 is \$3,661,564.70 and the Enterprise Fund Operating Budget is \$2,571,599.31, the Special Local Area Sales Tax Fund Budget is \$678,104.86.

Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve and adopt the FY20 Budget as presented, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Reviewed financial reports from May 2019 as presented.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Bennett reported on the following:

Census 2020:

- Held the inaugural Complete Count Committee today. It was well attended and well received by the new team. It will be the role of the community to promote the census, so the community has a better understand of the importance to achieve the entire community's compliance with the census.

Election Venue:


- This topic was removed from the agenda, because the authority rests with the Election Superintendent to set the polling location.

Budget Execution:

- We are approaching a tipping point in the budget execution where we may need to consider a TAN to help us get through the summer.
- A deep dive will be conducted next week to determine the requirement.

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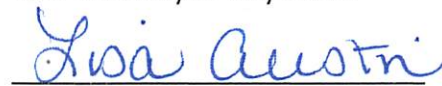
With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **Council Member Parker** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, **seconded by Council Member Robinson**. The vote was **unanimous**. **Mayor Eubanks** declared the meeting closed at **8:29 p.m.**



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 18th Day of July 2019.



City Clerk, Lisa Austin

