

# *The City of Pelham*

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**March 15, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber**

### **PRESENT:**

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

City Manager Jim Hedges  
City Clerk, Lisa Austin  
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman  
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick  
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin  
Auditor, Perry Henry  
Pelham Journal, Sonja Stroyls  
Operations Director, Ronnie Dudley

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.

### **AUDIT REPORT**

The City of Pelham Auditor Perry Henry reviews audit report with the City Council. The report included the City of Pelham has made huge financial strides over the past few years, moving forward into a positive trend. The city was dealing with a lot of deficit but now is showing positive balances far as the 2017 fiscal year. Perry Henry reported this has been the most dramatic financial turnaround that he has ever seen in his 24-year career. The auditor stated that revenues went up a total of \$1,625,356 while liabilities increased on by just \$277,979. The city expenditures increased by 2.9% and revenues increased by 26%.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Hedges showed pictures of CDBG progress, inmates cleaning on Barrow Avenue, and Georgia Power installing light poles at Eubanks Park. Discussed and reviewed the city financials.

## **REGULAR SESSION – LED BY MAYOR EUBANKS**

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

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

### **MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING**

**Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve minutes from the February 15, 2018 Council Meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.**

### **OPIOID LITIGATION**

**Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt a Resolution Regarding Opioid Crisis, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.**

### **CELL TOWER ORDINANCE**

**This is an Ordinance of the City of Pelham establishing rules and regulations governing the construction of cell towers within the City of Pelham. Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the first reading, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote is unanimous.**

### **JOHN DEERE TRACTOR LEASE/PURCHASE**

**Council Member Johnson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a lease/purchase agreement with John Deere for a 2018 5055E Orchard Tractor at a discounted price of \$38,400 and surplus the two tractors currently being operated, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote is unanimous.**

### **VEHICLE PURCHASE FOR COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

**Council Member Robinson made a motion to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the purchase of a Jeep Latitude for the Compliance Officer/Council at a cost of less than \$25,000, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.**

## **MAIN STREET SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL REQUEST**

**Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve a special event alcohol license for the Pelham Main Street Program to sell beer and wine on Saturday, April 21, 2018, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was 6 yes votes by Council Member Williamson, Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Parker, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Parrish, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown and one recused vote by Council Member Johnson. Mayor Eubanks stated the motion will carry. The event will be a "Corn Hole Tournament" and will take place in the Hand Trading Company located at 119 East Railroad Street this event will be in conjunction with the Annual Car Show.**

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Council Member Robinson made a motion to go into executive session at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks stated the purpose of the executive session is to discuss Real Estate/ Personnel-City Manager.**

## **RECONVENE**

**Council Member Williamson made a motion to reconvene regular session at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.**

**Mayor Eubanks stated there were no votes taken during executive session.**

## **ACTION TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Council Member Williamson made a motion to sale the Jail Pods for a cost of \$350,000, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.**

**Council Member Parker made a motion to give City Manager Hedges \$5,000 dollars per year for travel allowance, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was 4 yeas votes by Council Member Parker, Council Member Parrish, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, Council Member Johnson. They were three opposed votes by Council Member Williamson, Council Member Hatcher, and Council Member Robinson. Mayor Eubanks stated the motion will carry.**

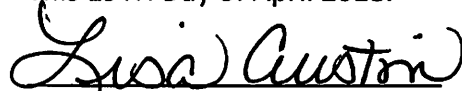
**ADJOURN**

With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, Council Member Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 8:05 p.m.

  
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Mayor, James Eubanks

**AUTHENTICATED:**

This 19TH Day of April 2018.

  
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City Clerk, Lisa Austin