

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

September 21, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks
Council Member Alfred Brown
Council Member Jeremy Hatcher
Council Member Robert Hodges
Council Member Winfred Parker
Council Member Bobby Robinson
Council Member John Taylor

City Manager, Jim Hedges
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
City Attorney, Randall Chew
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
Pelham Journal, Carl Stokes
MCTV, Jerry White
Loys Johnson
Clarence (Tad) Williamson
Gloria Smith

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. Council Member Eubanks provided the opening prayer.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Hedges updated the Council that a Special Election will need to be called due to the resignation of District 2 Council Member James Eubanks. The Special Election will be held on November 3, 2015 for the position qualifying will begin at 8:30 September 29th and end at 4:00 p.m. on October 5, 2015. The General Election which will also be held November 3, 2015 with the following positions for re-election included are: Mayor-At-Large (Laura Beth Tucker incumbent), Councilman District 1 (Winfred Parker incumbent), Councilman District 1 (Alfred Brown incumbent), Councilman District 11 (Robert Hodges incumbent), and Councilman District 11 (John Taylor incumbent). The qualifying period will begin August 31, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. and will close on September 4, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. Advance voting for both the Special Election and the General Election will begin at 8:30 on October 12, 2015 and ending at 4:00 October 30th. Polls will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Other topics included are as follows: On GA. 3 South the drain pipe was collapsed and is in the process of being replaced and that portion of GA. 3 is closed. Discussed and reviewed the city financials with the council.

REGULAR SESSION

MAYOR EUBANKS PRESIDING

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council Member Hodges made a motion to approve the agenda as written, **seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Council Member Parker made a motion to approve minutes from the following meeting: August 17, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes, and August 21, 2015 Called Meeting Minutes as written, **seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

MAYOR PRO-TEM APPOINTMENT

During the absence or disability of the mayor for any cause, the mayor pro tem, shall be clothed with all the rights and privileges of the mayor and shall perform the duties of the office of the mayor so long as such absence or disability shall continue. Council Member James Eubanks resigned as a Council Member to conduct the duties as Mayor which left the Mayor Pro Tem position vacant. **Council Member Hodges made a motion** to nominate Council Member Brown, **seconded by Council Member Taylor. The vote was unanimous.**

CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

Mayor Eubanks read the Resolution for the City of Pelham Call for Special Election. The City of Pelham calls for a Special Election on November 3, 2015 for the position of Council District 2. **Council Member Hodges made a motion** to Call for Special Election, **seconded by Council Member Hatcher. The vote was unanimous.**

APPOINTMENT DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

An appointment is needed to the Downtown Development Authority due to the resignation of former Mayor Laura Beth Tucker. Georgia Law provides that a sitting member of Council may be appointed. **Council Member Hodges made motion** to nominate Mayor James Eubanks to be appointed for the remaining term of former Mayor Laura Beth Tucker to the City of Pelham Downtown Development Authority, **seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

AMENDING BUDGET FOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND PELHAM MAIN STREET

Council Member Hodges made a motion to amend the 2015/2016 budget to provide for the City of Pelham to absorb all utility costs associated with the depot that houses the Pelham Chamber and Main Street; and, to increase the cash donation to each organization from \$3,000 to \$8,000 annually, **seconded by Council Member Taylor. The vote was unanimous.**

EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATE SOFTWARE

Council Member Parker made a motion to accept the recommendation to purchase the necessary hardware and software from Edmunds & Associates for a new integrated financial and utilities program for the City of Pelham, **seconded by Council Member Taylor. The vote was unanimous.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The following department reports were included in Council packets to review: Code Enforcement, Mitchell County Animal Control, Fire Department, Police Department, Pelham Carnegie Library, Joint Development Authority, Chamber of Commerce, and Utility Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Hodges made a motion to close regular session and go into executive session at 7:01 p.m., seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks stated the purpose of the executive session is to discuss legal and personnel matters.

RECONVENE

Council Member Parker made a motion to reconvene regular session at 7:27 p.m., seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks stated no votes were taken in executive session.

ACTION BASED ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Hodges made a motion to nominate Loys Johnson as interim Main Street Director in accordance to the Memo of Understanding due to the resignation of former Main Street Director Ernest Barfield, **seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.**

MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

ADJOURNMENT

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 Brown**. **The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:28 p.m.**

Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 19th Day of October 2015.

City Clerk, Lisa Austin