

# *The City of Pelham*

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**September 15, 2016 – 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 Bobby Robinson  
Council Member Winfred Parker  
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

**\*\*Absent from the meeting Council Member Ansel Parrish\*\***

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 Robinson provided the opening prayer.

### **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Hedges reported the City has been approved for the Community Development Block Grant for \$500,000 dollars it has been rewarded by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Also approved was the Revitalization Area Strategy and that will enable the City to get a Community Development Block Grant annually instead of every two years. Mayor Eubanks was recognized at the GMA Convention on behalf of the City of Pelham as being a City of Ethics. Governor Deal attended the Donnie Cochran Complex dedication and while here had the opportunity to meet Rhett Holmes of IDP Housing LLC which provided the Governor an overview of his company's plan for the Hand Trading Company Building. Other topics included were a picture of a rattlesnake that was killed on Grady Street and made the WALB news, also a picture of the new grapple truck which was purchased. Discussed and viewed the city financials.

### **REGULAR SESSION**

#### **MAYOR EUBANKS PRESIDING**

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

**Council Member Parker made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

## **MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING**

**Council Member Parker made a motion to approve minutes from the August 23, 2016 Regular Meeting as written, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.**

## **ETHICS COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve Resolution for the Ethics Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.**

**Mayor Eubanks made a motion to appoint the Board of Ethics appointees to serve for (4) years: Mayor's appointment Bob Hodges, Council's appointment Willie Jenkins, and Mayor/Council appointment Jenny Marshall, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.**

## **NATURAL GAS CONTRACT**

**Council Member Parker made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the revised Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia Natural Gas Contract, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

## **LED LIGHTS FOR CITY HALL**

**Council Member Johnson made a motion to proceed with the implementation of installation of energy efficient LED lighting for City Hall and authorize the Mayor to sign the Lease Purchase Agreement with Wells Fargo, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.**

## **MILLAGE RATE**

**The proposed millage rate for the City of Pelham is to be set at 15.037 mils and the Pelham Board of Education at 10.420 mils for 2017 at a Called Meeting to be held at 12:00 at the City of Pelham Council Chamber located at 108 Hand Avenue West on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**The following department reports were included in Council packets to review: Code Enforcement, Fire Department, Police Department, and Mitchell County Animal Control.**

## EXECUTIVE SESSION


Council Member Williamson made a motion to close regular session and go into executive session at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks stated the purpose of the executive session is to discuss legal matters.

## RECONVENE

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

## 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 Robinson. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:27 p.m.

  
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Mayor, James Eubanks

### **AUTHENTICATED:**

This 20<sup>TH</sup> Day of October 2016.

  
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City Clerk, Lisa Austin