

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

April 20, 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 Bobby Robinson
Council Member Winfred Parker
Council Member Ansel Parrish
Council Member Tad Williamson

City Manager, Jim Hedges
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
Attorney
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick

Pelham Journal, Carl Stokes
MCTV, Jerry White
Chamber Director, Caitlyn Hatcher
Main Street Director, Alyssa Blakley

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.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

PELHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Pelham Chamber Director Caitlyn Hatcher reported on the following events: Back to School Breakfast-January 2nd, Farmer's Appreciation Luncheon-January 13th, Albany Relief Efforts-January 24th, Annual Banquet-January 26th, GA Tourism-January 31st, Teen Maze-February 3rd, ROY Open House/Ribbon Cutting-February 4th, Feeding our Hero's-February 10th, BBQ Bob's Open House/Ribbon Cutting- February 13th, Arbor Day-February 17th, Lunch n' Learn- February 21st, Ambassador-February 22nd, Dr. Seuss Read Across America-March 2nd, Pelham Girls took State-March 7th, Small Business Week-March 13th-17th, CTE-March 16th, Pelham Girls Basketball Celebration-March 26th, Planation Trace-March 28th, GACCE Staff Development-March 29th-31st. Notable Accomplishment membership has increased from 64 to 83 members since the beginning of the year. Also listed were upcoming events.

PELHAM MAIN STREET

Main Street Director Alyssa Blakley reported on the following: Albany Storm Relief, Presented Margaret Nesmith as Main Street's Volunteer of the Year, Guest speaker at Pelham Rotary Club and presented updates on Main Street/City of Pelham, Completed Main Street courses 101 & 201 in Athens, GA., Attended Plantation Trace Travel Association quarterly meeting on 3/28/17 in Enigma, GA., Discussed Miscellaneous Opportunities, Planting of the trees on Hand Avenue

began on April 17th, New Board Member are Shirley Daniels, and Doug Hall, New Businesses: South Georgia Insurance Agency (January) BBQ Bob's (Ribbon Cutting February), R.O.Y. (February), SCAR (February), Auto Zone (March) and Hotdog Xpress (March) Closed Business: Pastor Monty's Kitchen, Discussed Future Projects/Up Coming Events.

JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

An emailed report was provided.

PROCLAMATION-CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

Mayor Eubanks read A Proclamation to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Hedges reported and pictures were shown on the following projects: the sidewalks on Palmer Street are in the process of being completed, new police cars with signage on them, potholes being repaired on Proctor Street, Pelham High School Lady Hornets Girls Basketball Team State Champs signs were shown, Spraying for Mosquitoes has started and being sprayed from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m., Discussed Pelham's Retirement Plan Actuarial Valuation and Review -January 2, 2017. Discussed and reviewed March 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 Council Member Hatcher. The vote was unanimous.

MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve minutes from the March 16, 2017 Regular Meeting as written, seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

Council Member Johnson made a motion to accept and approve the Resolution for Animal Control Ordinance and for the revocation of the existing Animal Control Ordinance and implementation of the presented Animal Control Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

The City of Pelham has an ordinance dealing with animals, confinement, vaccination, prohibited conditions, impoundment, protection, cruelty and neglect to animals, and dangerous dogs, entitled the Animal Control Ordinance.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONTRACT

Council Member Williamson made a motion to table the Chamber of Commerce Contract until next month, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was six yea votes by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, Council Member Parrish, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Williamson, Council Member Parker and one abstained vote by Council Member Hatcher.

HOTEL/MOTEL AGREEMENT

Council Member Williamson made a motion to approve the Hotel-Motel Tax Agreement between the City of Pelham and the Pelham Chamber of Commerce for the utilization of hotel-motel tax funds to promote tourism, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was six yea votes from Council Member Williamson, Council Member Parker, Council Member Parrish, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, Council Member Robinson, and Council Member Johnson. Abstained from the vote Council Member Hatcher.

SOUTHERN GIN PROPERTY TAX ISSUE

Southern Gin requested the 2008 taxes to be waived due to the amount of monies expended for repairs on the "Seed Warehouse" this had been a verbal agreement in the past and the council unanimous approved to waive the fees at a work session held in April 2017.

OUTSIDE WATER & SEWER RATES

Council Member Parrish made a motion approve a Resolution for Outside Water & Sewer Rates and to increase water and sewer base and usage rates for customers outside the municipal boundaries by 150% of the rates charged by customers inside the municipal boundaries, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was two yea votes by Council Member Parrish, and Council Member Johnson, four opposed votes by Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Parker, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, Council Member Robinson, and one abstain vote by Council Member Williamson. Motion will not carry.

Council Member Hatcher made a motion approve a Resolution for Outside Water & Sewer Rates and to increase water and sewer base and usage rates for customers outside the municipal boundaries by 130% of the rates charged by customers inside the municipal boundaries, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was five yea votes by Council

Member Hatcher, Council Member Robinson, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, Council Member Parker, Council Member Williamson, and two nay votes by Council Member Parrish, and Council Member Johnson. Motion will carry.

PELHAM NATURAL GAS SYSTEM

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the Resolution for Natural Gas and increase the Pelham Natural Gas Base rate to \$10.00; and to increase the cost per MCF by \$2.00 effective immediately, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

WEATHER SIREN SYSTEM

Council Member Johnson made a motion to move forward with the purchase and installation of the Whelen Weather Siren System at a turnkey cost of \$40,000, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was five yea votes by Council Member Johnson, Council Member Parrish, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, Council Member Robinson and Council Member Parker, and two opposed votes by Council Member Hatcher, and Council Member Williamson. The motion will carry.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RESOLUTION

Council Member Parrish made a motion to adopt the Resolution for The Pelham Comprehensive Plan to maintain its Qualified Local Government Status, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve the Special Event Permit submitted by Jess Kilpatrick to hold a revival on the lot across the street from Auto Zone from the hours of 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. for a period of 30 days beginning April 5th and ending May 4th, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY


Council Member Williamson made a motion to approve a Resolution to declare the city owned former waste water treatment plant as surplus and authorize the property to be sold by sealed bids to the public, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

WATER METER PROJECT

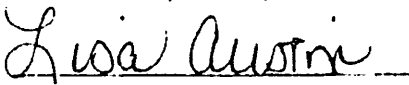
Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve a Resolution for the Water Meter Project and award the water meter replacement project to UWS, Inc. at an estimated cost of \$494,776 being the lowest bidder, and to go forward with financing from the Georgia Environmental Financing Authority, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.

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 Johnson. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:25 p.m.



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:
This 18TH Day of May 2017.


City Clerk, Lisa Austin

