

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

May 18, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks
Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Brown
Council Member Loys Johnson
Council Member Bobby Robinson
Council Member Winfred Parker
Council Member Tad Williamson

City Manager, Jim Hedges
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
Attorney, Tommy Coleman
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Alfred Brown, Jr.

****Absent from the meeting Council Member Hatcher and Council Member Parrish****

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.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Hedges reported Pelham submitted a request for \$33,560 for striping from LMIG and showed a picture of a map of the roads that would be striped. Service Delivery Strategy requires counties and municipalities to negotiate every ten years on what services will be provided, who will provide the service, and who pays for the service. Mitchell County, Pelham, Camilla, Baconton, Sale City, and Meigs, are all in agreement. After negotiations with American Tower resulted in a final offer of \$105,000 Perry & Walters submitted legal documents. Presentations will be made to Brevard County, Florida and Bay County, Florida both locations have been identified as needing additional jail facilities and may be interested in the jail pods Pelham has. Other reports and pictures were shown on the following projects: New Bleacher at Frances Davis Park, 324 Sapp Avenue house is gone, Fred's building repairs and cleaning, work been done at the Veteran's Park, trees that were planted on Curry Street and Hand Avenue, Main Street Car Show, Public Works employee holding a snake that was killed. Discussed and reviewed April Financials.

REGULAR SESSION

MAYOR EUBANKS PRESIDING

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council Member Williamson 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 April 20, 2017, Regular Meeting as written with updates, seconded by Council Member Johnson. 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.

INMATE HOUSING

The Mitchell County Sheriff along with the Mitchell County Board of Commissioners has informed the City of Pelham that the current contract between the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office and the City of Pelham will not be renewed in its current format. The contract expires May 31, 2017. The new contract excludes the netting of inmate housing costs and the collection of the 10% Jail Fee.

Council Member Robinson made a motion to table the signing of a new contract with Mitchell County until after the Mayor and Commissioner of Mitchell County have their meeting to discuss the details of the contract and then the Council will have a Called Meeting on Tuesday, May 30th, to discuss how they want to proceed, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

RECREATION

The Mitchell County Board of Commissioners has informed the City of Pelham that the light poles at Eubank's Park are unsafe and accordingly, the park has been closed, and Mitchell County is no longer providing recreational services in Pelham. Cost estimates were provided.

Existing facilities at Francis Davis Park, Donnie Cochran Community Complex, and Collingsworth Park have had vandalism, destruction, graffiti, and abuse. Public Works will repair the fence at Collingsworth Park. Pictures of the playground equipment were shown and discussion of the removal of the equipment. Mayor Eubanks called for the vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to have Public Works remove and store all playground equipment at Francis Davis Park and the Donnie Cochran Community Complex, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was four yea votes by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, Council Member Williamson, Council Member Parker, and Council Member Johnson. One nay vote by Council Member Robinson. The motion will carry.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONTRACT

To legally fund the Pelham Chamber of Commerce, a Contract for Services must be in place between the two entities. The agreement is made and entered into as of the 18th day of May 2017. The Chamber shall receive from the City a contribution based on the amount budgeted by the Pelham City Council during the budgeting process.

Council Member Williamson made a motion to move forward with A Resolution Establishing an Agreement for Services Between the City of Pelham and The Pelham Chamber of Commerce, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.

2017/2018 BUDGET

City Manager Hedges gave an overview of the Operating Budget for July 1, 2017/June 30, 2018.

Council Member Robinson made a motion to table the budget until the June meeting, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Johnson made a motion to close the regular session at 7:26 and enter into executive session. Mayor Eubanks stated the purpose of the executive session is to discuss real estate. The vote was unanimous.

RECONVENE

Council Member Johnson made a motion to close the executive session and enter back into regular session at 7:52, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.

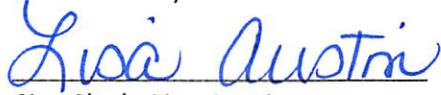
Mayor Eubanks stated no votes were taken in executive session.

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 Johnson**. The vote was **unanimous**. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:52 p.m.


Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:
This 15TH Day of June 2017.


City Clerk, Lisa Austin



