# The City of Pelham

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

# June 15, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

#### **PRESENT:**

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

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

\*\*\*Absent from the meeting Council member Bobby Robinson \*\*\*

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 James Eubanks provided the opening prayer.

#### **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Hedges showed pictures and reported the following: Collingsworth fence has been fixed, the dog kennels are almost ready, trees being pruned in Francis Davis Park. Discussed and reviewed financials for May 2017.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

# **MAYOR EUBANKS PRESIDING**

# APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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

## **MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING**

Council Member Parker made a motion to approve Budget Public Hearing Minutes from May 17, 2017, Council Meeting, the Minutes of May 18, 2017, Council Meeting, and May 30, 2017,

Called Council Meeting as written, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

### **DENNIS WHITSTON EASEMENT REQUEST**

Dennis Whitston, owner, and operator of Bob's BBQ on Mathewson Street is seeking an easement and approval to relocate and remove city-owned property located next to his establishment and connected to the old City Jail to construct a drive-thru window. All costs associated with the relocation and removal of equipment will be at his expense.

**Council Member Johnson made a motion** to grant an easement to Dennis Whitston and agree to removal and relocation of city-owned equipment, seconded by **Council Member Williamson**. **The vote was unanimous.** 

## 2017/2018 BUDGET

The City of Pelham budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, has been submitted, and a public hearing and work session has been held.

**Council Member Williamson** made a motion to approve the 2017/2018 Operating Budget of \$3,944,243 and the Capital Budget of \$249,291, 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 W/G/S Department Utility Report.

#### **GENERAL ELECTION ORDINANCE**

The City of Pelham will hold a General Election for City Council District I and District II to fill terms expiring on December 31, 2017. The Election will be held on November 7, 2017, with the hours between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Lisa Austin is designated as the Election Superintendent of the municipality. Donna Willis, Angie Sanders, and Sonya Humphries are designated as Absentee Ballot Clerks. The election will be held at 128 W. Railroad Street in the Assembly Room of the Pelham Train Depot. Paper ballots will be used to conduct the election. The qualifying fee is \$72.00, and any person seeking a position will qualify August 21, 2017, thru August 25, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**Council Member Parrish** made a motion to approve the General Election Ordinance, seconded by **Council Member Parker**. The vote was unanimous.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Member Williamson made a motion to close the regular session at 6:49 and enter into executive session, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. Mayor Eubanks stated the purpose of executive session would be to discuss real estate. The vote was unanimous.

## **RECONVENE**

**Council Member Johnson** made a motion to close the executive session and reconvene regular session at 6:59, seconded by **Council Member Parker**. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Eubanks stated no votes were taken during executive session.

#### **CONTRACTUAL TERMS**

**Council Member Johnson** made a motion to proceed with the contract discussed in the executive session with approval of city attorney, seconded by **Council Member Parrish**. 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:00 p.m.

ayor, James Eubanks

**AUTHENTICATED:** 

This 20th Day of July 2017.

City Clerk, Lisa Austin

