

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

October 19, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks
Council Member Alfred Brown
Council Member Jeremy Hatcher
Council Member Loys Johnson
Council Member Winfred Parker
Council Member Bobby Robinson
Council Member Tad Williamson

City Manager Jim Hedges
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Main Street, Alyssa Blakley
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***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. Mayor James Eubanks provided the opening prayer.

PROCLAMATION RED RIBBON

A Proclamation was presented Declaring October 23-31, 2017 As Red Ribbon Week in Pelham, Georgia. The National Red Ribbon Week encourages Americas to wear a Red Ribbon to show their support for a drug-free environment. Mayor Eubanks urge all citizens to join in this special observance.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

MAIN STREET

Alyssa Blakley reported on the following: Received donation check from Jerome Kahn to cover expenses of renovations of Kahn Park, Planning process for a mural in downtown Pelham, Applied for Vibrant Communities grant through Georgia Council of the Arts. Attended the following events: Locate South Georgia Leads in Sylvester, Georgia Academy for Economic Development program, Georgia Downtown Conference in Columbus, South Georgia Cards and Games ribbon cutting, and attended a workshop for the Recreation Trails Grant. Upcoming events include: Pelham Main Street Car Show on October 28th, Veteran's Day Celebrations, and Pelham Christmas Parade in December.

PELHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Report was submitted.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Hedges showed pictures on the following: Hurricane Irma coming towards South Georgia, Massive Storm Debris, Flooding, Vandalism at the DCCC, and picture of the Police Chief McCormick for being nominated by Gov. Deal to represent Georgia at the 68th Annual Conference of Indian Council. The Georgia Public Service Commission conducted a site visit and inspection of the Pelham gas system and found the identified probable violations of the Pipeline Safety Regulations have either been cleared or are continuing. The violations were identified in 2012 and 2013 and current management was not aware. Following Hurricane Irma, the City of Pelham was cleared to have an Open Burn Permit behind the Farmers Market from Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Other topics included were Roses Express Grand Opening, and Clean-Up Week being October 16-20, 2017. Qualified Candidates for the General Election to be held November 7, 2017 were: District I Bobby Robinson, District II Ansel Parrish, Jeremy Hatcher, and Felisha Draggs. Nationally recognized Veteran Capt. Tommy Clack will be the guest speaker for the Veteran's Day Program. GMA District Meeting will be held November 9th at the Albany Convention and Visitor's Bureau Welcome Center beginning at 6:00 pm. Reviewed and discussed financials for September 2017.

REGULAR SESSION

MAYOR EUBANKS PRESIDING

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council Member Williamson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Council Member Parker made a motion to approve minutes from the September 21, 2017 Council Meeting, and September 29, 2017 Called Meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.

PRO-VISION LAW ENFORCEMENT CAMERA SYSTEM

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the lease/purchase of Pro-Vision Video Systems for the Pelham Police Department, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.

PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL

Council Member Williamson made a motion to approve and adopt the Amended Personnel Policy Manual, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

POLICE TAKE-HOME POLICY

Council Member Williamson made a motion to establish a 30-mile vehicle "take home" policy and grandfather those officers currently residing outside the 30-mile radius, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.

EASEMENT/RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE

Discussed the Easement/Right-of-Way Maintenance. If its homeowner they are responsible for keeping the right-of-way cleaned and if it's a vacant property the city will clean.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Parker made a motion to go into executive session at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks stated the purpose of the executive session is to discuss Personnel/Legal.

RECONVENE

Council Member Parker made a motion to reconvene regular session at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Eubanks stated there were no votes taken during executive session.

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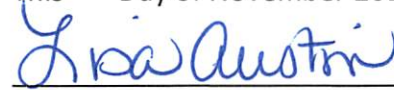
With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **Council Member Williamson** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, **seconded by Council Member Robinson**. The vote was **unanimous**. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 8:05 p.m.



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 16th Day of November 2017.



City Clerk, Lisa Austin

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