

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

February 20, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks
Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Brown
Council Member Bennett Adams
Council Member Ansel Parrish
Council Member Bobby Robinson
Council Member Tad Williamson

City Manager, Craig Bennett
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
Attorney, Hayden Hooks
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
MCTV, Jerry White

Cassandra Daniels
Shirley Daniels
Johnnie Cox
Enterprise-Journal, Tyler High

Absent from the meeting Council Member Winfred Parker

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.

REGULAR SESSION – LED BY MAYOR EUBANKS

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments from the public.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve minutes from the January 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, as presented with the Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019 attached, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.

PROCLAMATION

Thomasville has Talent is a program that is a subsidiary of the Kingdom Living Christian Schools in Thomasville. The program's focus is on empowering youth. On November 21st the students from Thomasville Talent and Pelham City Charter Schools teamed up and spent several hours at

the cemetery cleaning up the grounds. The group is scheduled for another workday on March 27th. The proposed proclamation is commending the students for their efforts.

Council Member Bennett made a motion to approve the Proclamation, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

MAIN STREET APPOINTMENT

The Main Street board has several individuals whose terms have expired and a vacant position. The expired 2017-2019 terms are: Felisha Draggs, Margret Nesmith, Oscar Maples, Ashley Walker, and Janice Beasley. All the individuals with expiring terms wish to continue with the board. There remains one vacant position on the board and Laura Bennett has been asked to fill the vacant seat.

Council Member Parrish made a motion to accept the reappointment of the individuals with the expiring terms for 2017-2019 and accept the nomination of Laura Bennett to fill the vacant seat, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

SWG REGIONAL COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

The current appointees to the SWGRC are Councilman Danny Palmer of Camilla, and Non-Public appointee is Nathaniel Keaton. In 2020 these gentlemen have been reappointed by Camilla and the surrounding Mitchell County Communities. These two gentlemen were the City of Pelham appointees for 2019.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve the 2020 appointees to the SWGRC Councilman Danny Palmer of Camilla and Non-Public appointee Nathaniel Keaton, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Reviewed financial reports from January 2020 as presented.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reviewed department reports from Pelham Police Department, Fire Department, Utility Department, and Code Enforcement.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Week of 10 - 14 Feb

Black History Month Parade

- As a reminder, the Black History Month Parade is this Saturday, 11:00.
- The route is the same as the Christmas parade, commencing at Sapp Ave and ending at the Chamber Parking lot.

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- A detailed timeline on the negotiations with GDC has been provided to the Mayor, so he can engage with Rep. Joe Campbell.
- GDC provided the County the consent to proceed with the sale. I have asked the City Attorney to engage with GDC General Counsel to find out where matters stand.

McLaughlin Street

- The manhole and water valve installation on McLaughlin Street has been completed.
- There will be a minor change order to original contract, because when the sidewalk was dug up for the valve, a storm water isolation box was discovered, and the valve had to be placed in a different location. In addition, other utilities required the manhole to be moved after installation began.

Congressman Bishops Town Hall Meeting

- To emphasize the 2020 Census, Congressman Bishop has invited the Council and the CCC to a town hall meeting, which will occur an hour before a Census Job Fair in Albany, Columbus, and Macon.
- The Mayor Pro Tem and Chief McCormick will attend in Albany. The City Manager will attend in Columbus. Any other interest?

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **Council Member Adams** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, **seconded by Council Member Robinson**. The vote was **unanimous**. **Mayor Eubanks** declared the meeting closed at 6:54 p.m.



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 17th Day of March 2020.



City Clerk, Lisa Austin