

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

February 21, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber

PRESENT:

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

City Manager, Craig Bennett
Payroll Clerk, Donna Willis
City Attorney, Hayden Hooks
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
MCTV, Jerry White
City Auditor, Perry Henry
Clifton McCray

****Council Member Hatcher and Council Member Williamson were absent from the meeting****

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:34 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 Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

2018 AUDIT PRESENTATION

The auditor for The City of Pelham Perry Henry gave a presentation on fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Auditor Perry Henry stated a clean opinion was issued for the June 30, 2018 statements. Auditor Perry Henry reviewed with the Council Member the Statement of Net Assets, and Statement of Activities. Also reviewed the General Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, WS&G Fund Balance Sheet, WS&G Fund Income Statement, and Report on Internal Controls & Compliance. The Conclusion the city is slowly but steadily making progress. The debt on the city will be a challenge for years to come but slow progress is being made. The challenge will be to continue that progress for the foreseeable future.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Eubanks stated the Regular Meeting was closed and went into the Open Public Hearing at 6:56 p.m.

CLOSE OUT OF CDBG 15P-X-101-2-5873

The City of Pelham has completed CDBG project 15p-x-101-2-5873. The following activities were completed: East Pelham Sewer System Improvements, benefiting 265 residents.

PRE-APPLICATION 2019 CDBG

The City of Pelham is eligible to apply for a Community Development Block Grant Funds from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. City of Pelham has assessed eligible program activities and has held the required Public Hearing to obtain citizen's input in to the development of the application. The City of Pelham has determined that there are community needs that can be addressed by the Community Development Block Grant Program Funds.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt the Resolution to move forward with pursuing the Community Block Grant for 2019 Program Funds, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

CELL TOWER ZONING ORDINANCE PROPOSAL

This is 2ND reading of an ordinance of the City of Pelham establishing rules and regulations governing the construction of cell towers within the City of Pelham; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; and for other purposes.

Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve the 2nd reading and adopt the cell tower zoning ordinance proposal, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Eubanks stated the Public Hearing was closed at 6:59 p.m. and the Regular Council Meeting was reconvened.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve minutes from the January 17, 2019 Regular Council Meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

PROPOSAL FOR A GRAPPLE TRUCK REPLACEMENT

The City of Pelham grapple truck was bought from Moultrie in 2016 and no longer has a serviceable engine. The engine cannot maintain oil pressure and the diagnostic test shows the engine has over 500K miles. The grapple truck demonstrates mechanical issues and the 2nd grapple truck remains in service with recent installation of a new drive shaft.

Council Member Parrish made a motion to move forward and purchase a new grapple truck, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

CONTRACT WITH STITCHES (ANIMAL CONTROL)

This is an agreement between Stitches for Mitchell County, Inc., and the City of Pelham for the purpose acquiring, establishing, maintaining and operating a shelter for animals, and providing animal control services. The agreement shall be for six-month term beginning March 1, 2019 and ending on August 31st, 2019. The monthly rate charged to provide the service by Stitches is \$1270.00 due the first day of each month.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the contract between the City of Pelham and Stitches for Mitchell County, Inc., seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

2018 BUDGET AMENDMENT

The Auditor's Independent Auditor's Report 2018 has identified a recurring condition where the City fails to amend its budget to avoid excess expenditures. The Amended Budget will align expenditures with the budget and eliminate any excess expenditures.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to amend the FY 2018 Budget, seconded by Council Member Parker. The vote was unanimous.

MAIN STREET BOARD NOMINEE

With the resignation of Neal Taylor, a position on the board has become open. Board terms are for 2018-2020 year. Mr. Oscar Maples has volunteered to fill the board position.

Council Member Parker made a motion to appoint Oscar Maples to the Pelham Main Street Board with the terms 2018-2020, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was four yea votes from Council Member Parker, Council Member Parrish, Council Member Robinson, and Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. One recused vote from Council Member Johnson. Mayor Eubanks stated the motion to appoint Oscar Maples to the Pelham Main Street Board will carry.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

City Manger Craig Bennett presented the financial reports to the Council. City Manager Bennett reported on the Revenues, Expenditures, and the SPLOST.

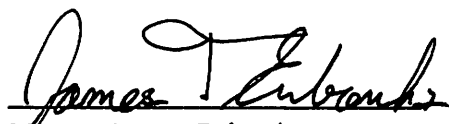
Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Craig Bennett stated GDOT contractors have begun debris pickup on state highways, for Pelham. FEMA inspectors will be in Pelham next week and the following week to conduct inspections on all our projects. After some clarification, the housing CDBG has executed the required actions to date to not put our potential future CDBG application at risk. On February 16th there was an armed robbery at Village Package. On Monday February 18th there were shots fired near Summer Hill Church. Both cases are still under investigation. Briefed the Georgia Main Street department on Pelham Main Street accomplishments over the past few years. Arbor Day will be on Wednesday, February 27th at 9 a.m. at Collingsworth Park. An offer has been received on the empty store front in the Rose's building. The package will be presented in at the March's Council meeting.

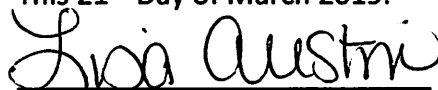
ADJOURN

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 Parrish. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks** declared the meeting closed at 7:27 p.m.


Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 21ST Day of March 2019.


City Clerk, Lisa Austin

