

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

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

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks
Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Brown
Council Member Jeremy Hatcher
Council Member Winfred Parker
Council Member Ansel Parrish
Council Member Bobby Robinson
Council Member Tad Williamson

City Clerk, Lisa Austin
City Attorney, Hayden Hooks
WGS Director, Ronny Dudley
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
MCTV, Jerry White
Robert Jakes
Linda Colimon

Genevieve Jakes
Dr. Verna Wiggins
Cassandra Daniels
Oscar Maples Jr.
Geraldine Wilson
Racquel Carter
Rev. Andrew Cannon
Stephen Brown

****Council Member Hatcher Loys Johnson and City Manager Craig Bennett were absent from the meeting****

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 Eubanks provided the opening prayer.

REGULAR SESSION – LED BY MAYOR EUBANKS

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council Member Hatcher made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve minutes from the February 21, 2019 Regular Council Meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.

CDBG19

GRANT ADMINISTRATION BID & ENGINEERING BID

Council Member Hatcher made a motion to approve Bob Roberson and Associates for the Grant Administrator and Watkins and Associates for the Engineering Firm for the 2019 Sewer CDBG project, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

CAR SHOW ALCOHOL RESOLUTION

The Main Street Board is requesting City Council's approval of alcohol sales at the upcoming Car Show on the 27th of April in Downtown Pelham in order to petition the State of Georgia for a Special Event Alcohol Beverage Permit.

Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve the request in order to petition the State of Georgia for a Special Event Alcohol Beverage Permit, Council Member Parker. The vote was five yea votes from Council Member Parrish, Council Member Parker, Council Member Hatcher, Council Member Robinson, and Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. One nay vote from Council Member Williamson. Mayor Eubanks stated with the majority in favor the motion will pass.

DONATED BUILDING STORE FRONT CONTRACT

Council Member Robinson made a motion to approve the rental of the property next to Subway for \$525/month for 5 years and authorize the City Manager to proceed forward with the rental contract, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

PROPERTY DAMAGE REVENUE RECOVERY

Peachtree Recovery Services is a third-party damage recovery firm that offers a service to monitor various non-public databases for accident which cause damage to city properties. The cost to the City is 16.5% of any claim reimbursement. PRS also may charge the insurance company for administrative cost and expenses, but those cost are never passed along to the municipality. The City will receive a report of any accidents and payments from any reimbursements.

Council Member Robinson made a motion to approve the contract contingent on the terms, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.

MGAG VOTING DELEGATION RESOLUTION

A Resolution was read by Mayor Eubanks designating the voting delegation for the upcoming 2019 Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (MGAG) Annual Election.

Council Member Parker made a motion to appoint Mayor Eubanks to serve as the City's voting delegate on the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia's Election Committee, with the authority to cast all votes to which the City is entitled and appoint City Manager Bennett as alternate voting delegate, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

SWGRC 2019 DELEGATION APPOINTMENTS

Council Member Parker made a motion to appoint Councilman Danny Palmer of Camilla as the City of Pelham appointee and Mr. Nathaniel Keaton as the Non-Public appointee to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

CENSUS POA&M

Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve the delegation of appointment authority to the Mayor to meet the flexible nature required to manage the Complete Count Committee (CCC) membership, seconded by Council Member Hatcher. The vote was unanimous.

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK PROCLAMATION

Mayor Eubanks read a Proclamation to proclaim the week of March 18-22, 2019 as Small Business Week in Pelham, Georgia and urge all residents to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements made by small businesses, both locally and nationally.

Council Member Parker made a motion to approve the Small Business Week Proclamation proclaiming March 19-22, 2019 as Small Business Week in Pelham, Georgia, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Reviewed financial reports from February 2019 as presented.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Bennett submitted a report for the Council review.

CITIZENS DELEGATION

Dr. Verna Jackson Wiggins addressed the Council with a having a monument erected of Trailblazer/Coaches in Frances Davis Park. She also discussed having more activities geared toward family. Some other concerns were lightning, safe a secure fencing, and repairs to be made at the Frances Davis Park.

Oscar Maples Jr. addressed the Council with concerns of lighting on Mize Street, Liberia Street, Church Street, and Love Street. Also, discussed the bathrooms at Frances Davis Park, and the possibility of a curfew being put into place.

Geraldine Wilson addressed the Council with concerns of trees on the back side of her property at the railroad. The property in which she is located is 381 W. Railroad Street.

Rev. Andrew Cannon addressed the Council with concerns of lightning, and the conditions of the roads in Pelham.

Racquel Carter addressed the Council about a vacant house next to the church she stated that more patrolling is needed around the church. The property is located next to the church at 223 Cooper Street.

Robert Jakes addressed the Council about the railroad crossing on Proctor Street needing repairs made to it, and the lighting on Proctor and Powell Street. Also, had concerns about the water meter and how it was being read.

Stephen Brown addressed the Council about the road that is closed on Wilson Street and the ditch area.

ADJOURN

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 7:30 p.m.**



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 18th Day of April 2019.



City Clerk, Lisa Austin

