

**City of Pelham
City Council Work Session**

January 8, 2007

MINUTES

Members of the Pelham City Council met on January 8, 2007 at 6:45 p.m. with Council President Karyl Rice presiding. The meeting was held at Pelham City Hall in the Mayor's office and open to the public.

The following elected officials were present:

Mayor Bobby Hayes
Ms. Karyl Rice, Council President
Ms. Rosemary Metcalf, Council Member
Mr. Willard Payne, Council Member
Mr. Robert Sullivan, Council Member
Mr. Mike Dickens, Council Member

Media present: Jeremy Gray, Birmingham News and Justin Averett, Shelby County Reporter

Others present: Maria Castillo, Gail Baker, Chief Allan Wade, and Tom Seale

The meeting was called to order.

Rosemary Metcalf moved to waive the oral reading and approve the December 18, 2006 work session minutes as written. Willard Payne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Hayes gave a revenue update with the following information:

Revenues were up 8.50% in October/November 2006 compared to October/November 2005. Actual revenues for 2007 are up 12.00% over 2007 budgeted revenues.

The bond refinance closed on January 4, 2007, netting a present value interest savings over the 16 years remaining until maturity of \$864,000. The city will receive \$730,000 in cash at closing to be used for capital improvement projects. \$130,000 of that must be used within six months. Mayor proposed that it be used for city hall renovations.

He stated that the city had an increase in interest earned of \$239,500 on four primary checking accounts in calendar year 2006 compared to calendar year 2005.

The City Council discussed general municipal business and items on the council agenda. Chief Allan Wade explained Ordinance No. 429 limiting the number of occupants in

residential structures. He stated that the ordinance was written due to overcrowding in some residential neighborhoods. Butch Ellis wrote the ordinance and wanted to be sure that it would pass constitutional muster and not conflict with state law. The ordinance applies to owners, managers and tenants. He stated that complaints would be referred to the Building Official, who would go to the property owner or manager to verify information. He also stated that overcrowding is a sizable problem in Pelham and surrounding communities.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna Treslar Donna Treslar, City Clerk