City of Pelham
City Council Work Session

February 16, 2009

MINUTES

Members of the Pelham City Council met on February 16, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. with President Mike Dickens presiding. The meeting was held in the conference room and open to the public.

The following elected officials were present:

Mayor Don Murphy
Mike Dickens, Council President
Bill Meadows, Councilmember
Teresa Nichols, Councilmember
Karyl Rice, Councilmember – joined the meeting at 6:19 p.m.
Steve Powell, Councilmember

Media Present: Kelly Hewett Taylor, Birmingham News

Others present: Chief Danny Endress

Teresa Nichols moved to approve the February 2, 2009 work session minutes as written, and Steve Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The agenda and other general business matters of the city were discussed.

Res. 2009-02-16-01 accepting a bid for fire department structural clothing was discussed. Steve Powell confirmed with Chief Endress that there was enough money in the line item to cover the expenses as set forth in the resolution. The clerk will ask each department head to include the line item balance in their memo to the mayor and city council. Steve Powell's comments included wanting a form developed attesting that the bid law is being followed. He will take the lead on this and bring something back to the council for review.

Regarding payment request to individual groups, Steve Powell said he would like to see a formal request process developed with a time frame specified so groups will know when to make their funding request for consideration in the city's budget. He will work on this.

Resolution 2009-02-16-04 approving traffic signal and luminaries at the intersection of Highway 31/CR275 – Although the resolution will result in an expenditure of city funds, it was decided to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of the resolution to expedite the process of getting the traffic signal operational.

Ordinance No. 124-1 scheduled for a first reading was discussed. Steve Powell's comments included asking who approves the agenda – Mike Dickens responded that he approves the agenda. Steve Powell was unfamiliar with the ordinance and would like

more input before items are placed on the agenda. Mike Dickens responded that when he receives the agenda, he will email the council representative if there is an item on the agenda that falls under their departmental liaison assignment. The council member will research and report to the President. They will decide whether to leave it on the agenda. The clerk will begin sending the agenda to Mike Dickens on Tuesday prior to council meeting. Department heads will continue to attend work sessions to answer questions about any items they have on the agenda. The agenda will continue to be released to the press, to individuals requesting direct notification and posted on the website on Thursday prior to each council meeting. The clerk stated that city attorney Butch Ellis approved the wording of the ordinance.

Steve Powell moved to adjourn the work session, Teresa Nichols seconded the motion. All agreed and the work session adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Donna Treslar

Donna Treslar, City Clerk