

**City of Pelham
City Council Work Session**

March 2, 2009

MINUTES

Members of the Pelham City Council met on March 2, 2009 at 6:00 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
Steve Powell, Councilmember

Media Present: None

Others present: Chief Danny Endress, Tom Seale, Jerry Nolen, Janis Parks, Dewitt Marcum, Ricky King, Ron Scott, David Ladewig, Mignon Bowers – Center for Municipal Solutions, Andy Rotenstreick – Haskell Slaughter

Steve Powell moved to approve the February 16, 2009 work session minutes as written, and Teresa Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The following changes were made to the agenda:

Resolution 2009-03-02-03 revising two administrative policies, Travel and Business Expense Reimbursement and Policy for Computer Use was removed from the agenda. Bill Meadows moved to lay the resolution aside, Teresa Nichols seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Additional information will be provided by Human Resources.

Resolution 2009-03-02-04 asking the Shelby County Legislative Delegation to oppose Senate Bill 69 and House Bill 187 concerning permitting and approval of cell phone or wireless communication towers was presented by Bill Meadows. Mr. Meadows moved to add the resolution to the agenda. Teresa Nichols seconded the motion. During discussion it was noted that four cities have been excluded from the legislation- Birmingham, Huntsville, Montgomery and Mobile. Andy Rotenstreick, a lobbyist for the wireless industry employed by Haskell Slaughter wrote the bill and commented on it. The motion to add the resolution to the agenda carried four to one with Steve Powell voting no.

Resolution 2009-03-23-01 deleting the position of Deputy Chief from the Fire Department pay scale was submitted by Mayor Murphy to be added to the agenda as a first reading.

Additional discussion:

Mignon Bowers from The Center for Municipal Solutions was available to answer any questions the council had about proposed revisions to the city's wireless ordinance. The recommended changes incorporate the cities current ordinance with additions recommended by CMS to improve the ordinance. One addition includes an application fee of \$2,500 giving the city revenue to compensate for administrative duties related to wireless tower applications. Ms. Bowers invited the council to call her if they have questions.

The council discussed the paperwork on the Alabama Green Initiative, Inc. During discussion several questions were raised. Is any of the cost associated with The Green Initiative, Inc. duplicated in the Bradley Arant agreement? The city does not wish to duplicate cost for the same services. Bill Meadows moved to leave the question on the table until Mayor Murphy could contact Bradley Arant to clarify if the services Green Initiative, Inc. will provide duplicate any services we are paying Bradley Arant to perform. Teresa Nichols seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Steve Powell discussed his proposed legislation dealing with documentation to accompany bid resolutions. A discussion followed. Bill Meadows moved to lay it on the table until Mayor Murphy, President Dickens, Steve Powell and City Attorney Butch Ellis could meet on the matter to review proposed legislation. Karyl Rice seconded the motion. Mayor Murphy stated that he would be happy to meet with the group. During discussion Bill Meadows called for a point of order. The motion carried three to two. Those voting for a meeting with the city attorney were Bill Meadows, Karyl Rice and Mike Dickens; those opposed – Steve Powell and Teresa Nichols.

Bill Meadows mentioned receiving several calls from a resident relating to a parking problem in his cul-d-sac. He stated that he would be forwarding the information to Marsha Yates for the Mayor's review to see if there is anything the city can do to alleviate the problem.

Bill Meadows 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, City Clerk