

**City of Pelham
City Council Work Session**

March 23, 2009

MINUTES

Members of the Pelham City Council met on March 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. with President Mike Dickens presiding. The meeting was held in the council chambers 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, Marsha Yates, Lynn Waters, Randy Rigsby, Greg England, Bob & Ann Sullivan, Barbara Roberts, Capt. Palmer, Chief Thomas, Jesse Jowers, Eva Shepherd, Eddy Jowers, Chief Danny Ray, Robin Ray, O.C. Ray, Findley Frazer

Teresa Nichols moved to approve the March 2, 2009 work session minutes as written, and Bill Meadows seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mayor's comments: Mayor Murphy asked Tom Seale to give each council member a copy of the FY2008 Financial Statements received by the auditors. He asked the council to meet at 5:30 p.m. on April 6 to allow a presentation to the council. Mayor Murphy stated that the city has received information concerning the State sales tax holiday August 7-9. He requested that it be placed on the April 20 council agenda. The council requested the past two years experience from Revenue Director. Mayor Murphy mentioned that he has been asked to travel to Washington to meet with our consultants and Congressman Bachus and Senator Sessions. He mentioned that the council has a resolution on the agenda to appoint Danny Ray as Pelham Fire Chief. He asked for the council's support and commented that he believes Danny Ray is the best man for the job.

Changes to the agenda – The council added resolution 2009-04-06-03 as first reading to authorize contract with Goodwyn, Mills, & Cawood, Inc. to engineer drainage for a portion of Highway 261 corridor in order to meet FEMA deadline for grant. Steve Powell moved to approve the addition to the agenda, and Bill Meadows seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Bill Meadows mentioned the funding request from Shelby County DHR. He will request Mayor Murphy write a letter to them suggesting they partner with State Community Services to serve the people of our area.

Resolution 2009-03-23-02 Steve Powell wanted clarification on Travel Pre-Authorization Form. He asked why the Mayor had to approve travel. The council and mayor agreed the Mayor would approve out of state travel. A change to \$59 for daily meal expense was noted.

Resolution 2009-03-23-05 Chief Ray was invited to share his philosophy on running the department. A summary of comments included the fire department currently operating on a very high level of service and he would build on it. He will be looking at ways to improve service, looking at more stations and new equipment in order to make it a better department.

Resolution 2009-04-06-02 Teresa Nichols commented on various meetings she has had to reach conclusion that Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Inc. has the capacity to take us through expanding our comprehensive plan with broad planning for major arterials as step one. Their work would augment Pelham's current comprehensive plan.

Bill Meadows suggested the council recess and resume after the council meeting. Steve Powell moved to recess the work session and resume immediately following the council meeting. Bill Meadows seconded the motion and the meeting recessed at 6:55 p.m.

The work session reconvened at 7:55 p.m. following the city council meeting.

Randy Rigsby and Greg England presented information about their proposed resolution – 2009 Resolution on the Spending of Federal Economic Renewal Grants. The resolution originated at the national office of the United Steel Workers of America. It promotes both union and non-union workers and products. They are asking the city to commit to purchasing only products and services that are made or performed in the United States of America whenever and wherever possible with any economic recovery monies provided to our city by the American taxpayers. Bill Meadows supports their efforts. He stated that he will place a resolution on the next agenda stating the following, "I move that the Pelham City Council continues to use its "best efforts" to buy goods and services that are Pelham and American made when spending money that the City receives from all revenue sources. Should the City receive funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the City of Pelham would spend the funds in accordance with this resolution." Everyone understood that city must continue to follow the bid law regarding purchases.

Steve Powell said he would be bringing a resolution for council consideration concerning bids.

Bill Meadows moved to adjourn, and Teresa Nichols seconded the motion. It passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Donna Treslar, City Clerk