

**City of Pelham
City Council Work Session**

June 15, 2009

MINUTES

Members of the Pelham City Council met on June 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. with President Mike Dickens presiding. The meeting was held in the conference room of Pelham City Hall and open to the public.

The following elected officials were present:

Mayor Don Murphy
Mike Dickens, Council President
Bill Meadows, Councilmember
Teresa Nichols, Councilmember
Steve Powell, Councilmember
Karyl Rice, Councilmember

Media Present: None

Others present: Tom Seale, Chief Ray, Chief Endress, Gary Waters, Lynn Waters, Jesse Jowers, Eddy Jowers, Aimee Reese

Steve Powell moved to approve the June 1, 2009 work session minutes. Teresa Nichols seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The council discussed the proposed agenda and general business matters.

Resolution 2009-06-15-04 – The letter of intent from Valley Elementary School was discussed. The list of needs and proposed expenditures exceeded the city's contribution. Bill Meadows moved to lay it on the table, and Teresa Nichols seconded the motion. Discussion continued. The vote to lay it on the table failed four to one with the following vote recorded: Yea - Teresa Nichols; nays- Bill Meadows, Karyl Rice, Steve Powell and Mike Dickens.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Tom Seale presented a draft ordinance replacing current Post Employee Benefit Ordinance dealing with health insurance for retirees. The new ordinance

- 1) Clears ambiguity regarding insurance premiums paid by employees retiring prior to age 60 and then subsequently reaching age 60.
- 2) Clears ambiguity regarding employment of retirees in the private sector.
- 3) Eliminates post retirement health insurance benefits for employees hired after August 1, 2009.
- 4) Eliminates yearly IRS 1040 reporting by retirees to the City Clerk.
- 5) The changes will not affect current full-time employees' retirement benefits.

The following requests were made.

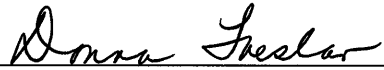
- 1) Bill Meadows asked the Mayor to have Jesse Jowers email him the engineering and administrative cost for the sidewalk grant.
- 2) The council asked the Mayor to have Jerry Nolen attend the next work session on July 6, 2009 to answer questions about the retiree health insurance ordinance. Steve Powell would also like an update on the audits being performed by accountants.
- 3) Bill Meadows asked for information on how Pelham compared to other organizations providing retiree insurance benefits. The Mayor will ask HR to provide information.

Jesse Jowers gave an update on the 261 drainage study.

Teresa Nichols announced dates for meetings to get public comments on a new design concept for Pelham - July 14 & 15 at Valley Intermediate School. Dates and times will be publicized in the Pelham Magazine.

Mayor Murphy made brief comments and gave the council a FY2010 budget schedule. His comments included a meeting with ALDOT concerning the TOPICS project. He said the state agreed to pay the 20% match for federal funding and he is hopeful the additional lanes will go to Walgreen Pharmacy south of city hall.

Bill Meadows moved to adjourn, and Steve Powell seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



Donna Treslar, City Clerk