

**City of Pelham
City Council Work Session**

July 6, 2009

MINUTES

Members of the Pelham City Council met on July 6, 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: Birmingham News – Marienne Thomas-Ogle

Others present: Chief Endress, Gary Waters, Lynn Waters, Jesse Jowers, Eddy Jowers, Butch Byrd, Barbara Roberts, Roy Jowers, Janis Parks, Jerry Nolen, Reggie Holloway, Chad Scroggins, Lynn Ray, Rhonda Steciuk

Karyl Rice moved to approve the June 15, 2009 work session minutes. Bill Meadows seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The council discussed the proposed agenda and general business matters.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Bill Meadows asked the city engineer about minimum standards for streets and if the city required third party geo tech testing. The engineer explained the city requires testing when there is substantial fill in the road. Mr. Meadows would like a recommendation from city engineer on requiring geo tech study from developers. Mr. Meadows will forward his research information to Jesse Jowers for review.

A brief discussion occurred regarding the draft ordinance replacing current Post Employee Benefit Ordinance dealing with health insurance for retirees. Jerry Nolen presented research on retiree benefits from other cities for comparison purposes. Steve Powell asked for a copy of the handbook on Local Government Health Insurance standards. Additional discussion will take place at the next work session.

Jerry Nolen was asked to contact the auditors to ask that the procedural audit be completed by the next council meeting.

Rhonda Steciuk, Executive Director of the Shelby County Humane Society, addressed the council concerning the need for contributions from municipalities in Shelby County.

She gave an overview of the problems the shelter faces and stated it cost \$70 per animal to provide services. She will provide a model ordinance for council consideration. Teresa Nichols will work with the Humane Society and report to council.

With no other business before the council, Steve Powell moved to adjourn, and Teresa Nichols seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. with the understanding that the council would reconvene after the council meeting at the request of Bill Meadows.

The work session reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

The council agreed to allow Pelham residents a discount rate of \$36.00 for 18 holes of golf at Ballantrae Golf Club, Monday-Thursday beginning at Noon.

Bill Meadows discussed the grant process and asked how the city can work smarter to leverage the most from grants and accomplish more. Mayor Murphy will consult Bill Meadows on grants for which department heads wish to apply.

Bill Meadows moved to adjourn, and Steve Powell seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Donna Treslar, City Clerk