

**City of Pelham
City Council Work Session**

August 17, 2009

MINUTES

Members of the Pelham City Council met on August 17, 2009 at 5:45 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 – Marianne Thomas-Ogle

Others present: City Attorney Butch Ellis, Tom Seale, Chief Ray, Danny Endress, Gary Waters, Lynn Waters, Zack Waters, Eddy Jowers, Butch Byrd, Jerry Nolen, Janis Parks, Barbara Roberts, Mike Morgan, Marsha Yates, Chris Holler, Willard Payne, John Beasley - Waste Management, Mr. Rodriguez – Advance Disposal and others

Karyl Rice moved to approve the August 3, 2009 work session minutes with the following additions: Teresa Nichols was absent due to parathyroid surgery and the council president asked for information to be provided for bidding garbage service. Steve Powell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mike Dickens began the meeting by taking responsibility and apologizing for lack of direction. He asked the members to keep their comments short due to length of agenda. He mentioned that Charles Smith, Principal of Riverchase Middle School, contacted him about using a \$30,000 contribution originally designated for resurfacing basketball courts to now be used for classroom needs created due to pro-ration. The council agreed to add the item to the agenda for a council vote.

Mayor Murphy made brief comments about two items on the agenda:

- 1) Resolution 2009-08-03-07 – he recommended renewal of Waste Management contract to insure residents had garbage service on October 1.
- 2) He asked the council to approve Resolution 2009-08-17-05 committing matching funds for a park and recreation grant and asked Councilor Meadows to assist with getting the matching funds, which Councilor Meadows agreed to do.

The council discussed the proposed agenda and general business matters.

Action taken:

Ordinance 257-3 – After discussion concerning the additional paramedic education incentive pay, Steve Powell presented a new edition of Ordinance 257-3 with all references to paramedics deleted.

Councilor Nichols moved to table Resolution 2009-08-03-07 renewing the Waste Management contract. Councilor Powell seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded: Yea – Powell, Nichols; Nay– Meadows, Rice, Dickens. President Dickens declared the motion failed.

Mignon Bowers, The Center for Municipal Solutions, addressed the council concerning Resolution 2009-08-17-01 tower application for special use permit for ValuPower Resources, Inc. (AL Power Company). Ms. Bowers stated the plans are in order and CMS recommends approval.

Ordinance 247-5 Steve Powell requested copies of all past health insurance ordinances for review. Councilor Powell moved to table Ordinance 247-5, and Councilor Meadows seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Resolution 2009-08-17-03 authorizing back pay for firemen was discussed. Butch Ellis recommended using Resolution 2009-08-17-04 due to Supreme Court ruling language included in the resolution. Councilor Meadows agreed to withdraw his resolution from the agenda. Resolution 2009-08-17-04 was edited to include, “retroactive to March 26, 2009.”

Resolution 2009-08-17-05 accepting Shelby County Park & Recreation Grant for \$18,000 with a 50% match: Councilor Meadows asked that Barbara Roberts be allowed to facilitate grant applications and work with him on federal and state grants for matching funds. Mayor Murphy agreed. The resolution was edited striking the following text, “to be included in the FY2010 budget, revenue account 3820, expense account 411503.”

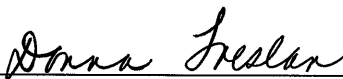
Riverchase Middle School – Karyl Rice moved to add Riverchase Middle School request to the agenda. Steve Powell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Nichols moved to bid garbage service immediately in lieu of Resolution 2009-08-03-07 renewing the Waste Management contract. It failed due to the lack of a second. She commented that she would be pursuing grants to help educate school children and residents in an effort to increase recycling participation in Pelham.

The following changes were made to the agenda.

- 1) Ordinance 257-3 education incentive – Steve Powell presented a new ordinance reflecting the deletion of any reference to additional paramedic incentive pay.
- 2) Ordinance 247-5 dealing with Retiree Health Insurance was tabled.
- 3) Resolution 2009-08-17-03 reinstating education incentive pay for fire department employees and authorizing reimbursement of lost wages was withdrawn by Councilor Meadows
- 4) Riverchase Middle School request for use of prior donation was added to the agenda.
- 5) Changes to the text of Resolution 2009-08-17-04 and Resolution 2009-08-17-05 were noted by President Dickens.

With no other business before the council, Bill Meadows moved to adjourn, and Steve Powell seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Donna Treslar, CMC
City Clerk