

**City of Pelham
City Council Work Session**

September 21, 2009

MINUTES

Members of the Pelham City Council met on September 21, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. with Council President Mike Dickens presiding. The meeting was held in the council chambers of Pelham City Hall and open to the public.

The following elected officials were present:

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

Media Present: Marienne Thomas-Ogle

Others present: Tom Seale, Chief Danny Ray, Gary Waters, Butch Byrd, Jerry Nolen, Janis Parks, Barbara Roberts, Mike Morgan, Willard Payne, Dinah Scott, Chief Tommy Thomas, Eva Shepherd, Sue Hebert, Chaney Mills, Barbara Atkinson, Robert Finnerty, Mignon Bowers, other employees and members of the public.

The council work session was called to order by Council President Dickens at 5:37 pm. All elected officials were present.

A motion was made by Councilmember Nichols to approve the September 14, 2009 and September 17, 2009 work session minutes as modified and accepted. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Meadows. Mayor Murphy asked that the record show he was absent from the last meeting due to illness. The motion passed unanimously.

The council discussed items on the agenda and other general business concerning the city.

Resolution 2009-09-21-01 Education Committee - Steve Powell nominated Blair Sides as the City Council's appointment to the Education Committee. Karyl Rice moved to close nominations, and Bill Meadows seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Teresa Nichols will serve as Chairperson of the Education Committee and was encouraged by President Dickens to call a meeting as soon as possible.

Resolution 2009-09-21-02 - Mignon Bowers, The Center for Municipal Solutions, addressed the council and stated that CMS recommends approval of the collocation to the tower at 2000 Bearden Road.

Mayor's comments - Mayor Murphy stated that he did not feel the budget before the council was his budget any longer, since so many items had been changed. He cited specifically, the decision by the council of no new hires and the clerk's salary being deleted from administration salaries. Mike Dickens stated this was an oversight and instructed Tom Seale

to add the salary back into the budget. Mayor Murphy also noted the total amount of reserves to be used to balance the budget is now at \$4,523,318 due to taking the sewer rate increase out of the budget - \$1,070,883. Through discussion, it was determined that Eddy Jowers, Director of Public Works, recently asked Finance Director Tom Seale to add the following projects to the budget: Water - \$709,000 Highway 11/Bent Rail Water Line Project and Sewer - \$2,000,000 Chemical Feed Building. That brings the total deficit in Water and Sewer to \$3,403,063. After discussion the Finance Director was told the council only wanted to consider the General Fund budget, not water and sewer at this time. With that said, the deficit is \$1,020,255 for the General Fund Budget.

Public Works Director Eddy Jowers reported that unencumbered fund balances for water and sewer are 8.5 Million. In addition to the \$709,000 Highway 11/Bent Rail joint project with Alabaster and Shelby County, the following water projects are pending.

Shelby County Highway 11 to SCH 33	1.5 Million estimate
SCH 33 to MMI Tank	.5 Million
MMI to Indian Springs School Line	1.4 – 2 Million
	Cost depends on boring under I-65

Other items that had been changed in the budget included adding \$18,000 Park grant match that may be needed, \$85,000 for the salary study to the HR budget, deletion of salary increases for Tom Seale and Eva Shepherd.

Steve Powell moved to remove Resolution 2009-09-21-03 from the agenda, and Karyl Rice seconded the motion. It passed four to one with Teresa Nichols voting nay.

Steve Powell stated that it needed to be clear the council did not take action to create a \$4,523,318 deficit.

Steve Powell moved to adjourn, and Bill Meadows seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Donna Treslar, CMC
City Clerk