

**City of Pelham
City Council Work Session
October 19, 2009**

MINUTES

Members of the Pelham City Council met on October 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. with Council 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:

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

Absent: Teresa Nichols was out of town attending a conference.

Media Present: none

Others present: Tom Seale, Chief Danny Ray, Capt. Dewitt Marcum, Gary Waters, Roy Lambert, Eddy Jowers, Bob Miller, Mike Morgan, Lt. Pete Folmar and Roy Jowers.

The council work session was called to order by Council President Dickens at 6:03 pm. All elected officials except Teresa Nichols were present.

A motion was made by Steve Powell to approve the October 5, 2009 work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Bill Meadows, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Murphy shared a gift basket received from Valley Elementary School in appreciation for the city's part in bringing the Alabama Symphony to the school. The basket contained cookies, candy and cards from the students and teachers.

He also informed the council of the death of Lindsay Datema, wife of golf employee Jared Datema, and thanked everyone for the prayer and support shown to the family.

Copies of a salary study given to the mayor for the council by Condrey & Associates, Inc. were distributed.

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

Bill Meadows raised a question about passing an ordinance to allow golf carts on the streets in Ballantrae. Steve Powell requested that the ordinance question be given to the police to research, and Lt. Pete Folmar agreed to look into it.

Resolution 2009-10-19-02 - repairs to storm drainage system on Stonehaven Trail. Mayor Murphy discussed changes needed to protect the city from more incidences where drainage systems were not installed properly. He suggested the city pass a resolution to hire someone experienced in this area or contract an engineer experienced in this area so the city could check behind developers before signing off on subdivision streets.

Bill Meadows recommended a resolution to have a third party engineer working off a check list sign off on the work before bonds are released.

Mike Morgan told the council the city inspectors only inspect from the footings up, and only inspect buildings. Storm drains and infra-structures require engineers with specialized training.

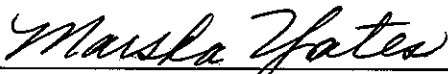
Resolution 2009-10-19-03 - school donations. Mike Dickens reported that most of the principals preferred using teacher units as the donation basis. Bill Meadows moved to use teacher units, and Karyl Rice seconded the motion. In discussion, Steve Powell voiced a concern about the teachers making the decision on how the money would be spent. With no further discussion, the motion to base the donations on teacher units was approved.

Resolution 2009-10-19-05 - grant application for Pelham Fire Department. Fire Chief Danny Ray spoke about the resolution, and there were no questions from the council.

Bill Meadows inquired about an on-going issue between two residents in Deer Ridge. Lt. Pete Folmar, Mike Morgan and Bob Miller summarized the situation for Mr. Meadows.

Steve Powell asked Mayor Murphy for an update on the Oaklyn Hills' lawsuit. He asked Eddy Jowers to follow up with a resident on Aaron Road, and asked if the data he received was legitimate.

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


Marsha Yates, CMC
Deputy City Clerk