

City of Pelham
City Council Work Session
February 15, 2010

MINUTES

Members of the Pelham City Council met on February 15, 2010. The work session was held in the conference room of Pelham City Hall and was open to the public.

The following elected officials were present:

Mayor Don Murphy
Council President Mike Dickens
Councilmember Teresa Nichols
Councilmember Bill Meadows
Councilmember Steve Powell (Present at 6:04 pm)
Councilmember Karyl Rice (Present at 5:37 pm)

Media Present: None

Others present: Tom Seale, Eddy Jowers, Officer Pat Cheatwood, Johnny Busby, Mike Morgan, Roy Lambert, Butch Byrd, Chief Tommy Thomas, Josh Osborne, Lt. Pete Folmar, Marsha Yates, Jesse Jowers, other city employees and members of the public.

The council work session was called to order by Council President Mike Dickens at 5:32 pm.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Teresa Nichols to approve the February 1, 2010 work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bill Meadows and by voice vote the motion passed unanimously by all members present.

New Business

Larry Watts, representing Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, presented the final report on the City of Pelham's Strategic Design and Development Plan. (See Exhibit A) Mr. Watts explained the process in developing the plan, next steps and follow ups. Mr. Meadows commented it was vital the city, county and state work together on a common goal to solve the highway issues in Pelham. Dr. Nichols suggested the City begin resolving some of the issues discussed in the Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood report. Mr. Dickens, Mr. Meadows and Dr. Nichols each discussed the need for input from key players, community buy-in and proceeding to the next step.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Murphy elected to hold his comments to the regular council meeting.

Review of Council Agenda

Mr. Dickens reviewed the council agenda for February 15, 2010 and noted other council business would be addressed in the work session as time permits.

Resolution 2010-02-15-01 authorizing eligibility of a 10% education pay incentive for Fire Department employee Wesley Greene upon completion of a B.S. degree in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University.

No Comments

Resolution 2010-02-15-02 authorizing a 10% education pay incentive for Police Department employee Amanda McMahon, B.A. degree in Foreign Languages with a concentration in Spanish, University of Montevallo, December 2009.

Dr. Nichols made a motion for the council to go into executive session to discuss the good name and character of an employee and said motion was seconded by Mr. Meadows. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously by all members present. The council requested Mayor Murphy to be present in the executive session. The council went into executive session at 6:37 pm. The work session was called back to order by Mr. Dickens a 6:46 pm following the executive session. By council action, Resolution 2010-02-15-02 was tabled.

Resolution 2010-02-15-03 authorizing the Mayor to sign a statement of work with Ingenuity, Inc. for power and telecommunications expense management services. Dr. Nichols moved to table the resolution which was seconded by Mr. Meadows. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously by all members present and said resolution was tabled. The Mayor was asked to bring back a recommendation to the council on this issue.

Resolution 2010-02-15-04 authorizing payment of COBRA health and vision insurance premiums for Officer Philip M. Davis' surviving wife and two children for March 2010 through September 2010.

Following comments by Police Chief Tommy Thomas a motion was made by Dr. Nichols to remove Resolution 2010-02-15-04 from the agenda. Mr. Meadows seconded the motion and by voice vote the motion passed unanimously by all members present and the resolution was removed from the February 15, 2010 council agenda.

Ordinance 442 an annexation request by Bryan and Michelle Shanahan, 635 Dickerson Road, Pelham, Alabama. (1st Reading)

Mr. Meadows asked why annex into the city? Several council members noted the advantages of police and fire protection and a reduction in homeowner's insurance premiums.

Old Business

None

New Business – Continued

Josh Osborne, GIS Director, presented the council with a proposal for mapping Pelham's sewer system. He explained the history of the GIS program in Pelham and the need to complete this project in a timely manner. Due to time constraints, Mr. Meadows moved to recess the work session until after tonight's council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powell and by voice vote the motion passed unanimously by all members present. The work session recessed at 6:58 pm.

Mr. Dickens reconvened the work session at 7:46 pm. Mr. Osborne continued and mentioned improvement needs within the sewer system and the GASB 34 accounting requirements the GIS sewer mapping would address. Discussion followed among the council on sewer needs versus costs. The cost of the GIS mapping would be \$ 71,000 and could be completed within six weeks. Mr. Osborne noted the company contacted to do the mapping had completed the Pelham water system mapping several years ago and was in the process of finishing a project in Cullman. Mr. Powell stated in his opinion the sewer mapping was not critical at this time and he would like to see this proposal as a recommendation in the FY2011 budget. Dr. Nichols said the need was timely and the window of opportunity to complete this project was open. Mr. Meadows noted that all our departments must work together. Mike Morgan, Revenue Director, said the GIS mapping of our infrastructure was a critical need and this is an excellent time to get it done. Mr. Dickens instructed the city clerk to prepare a resolution with regard to the GIS mapping contract for a first reading for the March 1, 2010 council agenda.

Adjournment

Mr. Powell made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dr. Nichols. The motion passed unanimously by all those present and the work session was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Seale", written over a horizontal line.

Tom Seale
Finance Director / City Clerk