

City of Pelham
City Council Work Session
June 21, 2010

MINUTES

Members of the Pelham City Council met on June 21, 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
Councilmember Karyl Rice

Media Present: None

Others present: Tom Seale, Eddy Jowers, Roy Lambert, Butch Byrd, Gary Waters, Lt. Pete Folmar, Mike Morgan, Chief Danny Ray, Janis Parks, Jesse Jowers, Chris Cousins, John Beasley, Roberto Rodriguez, Andy Payant and other city employees and members of the public.

The council work session was called to order by Council President Mike Dickens at 6:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Teresa Nichols to approve the June 7, 2010 work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bill Meadows and by voice vote the motion passed unanimously by all members present.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Murphy elected to hold his comments until council meeting.

Review of Council Agenda

Mr. Dickens reviewed the council agenda for June 21, 2010 and noted other council business would be addressed in the work session as time permits.

Resolution 2010-06-21-01 for consideration to approve the ABC Application (corrected) for 040-Retail Beer (On or Off Premises) and 060-Retail Table Wine (On or Off Premises) for applicant JCD, Inc., trade name Chicago Pizza Company, 3221 Highway 52 E., Pelham, AL. There was no additional discussion.

Resolution 2010-06-21-02 for consideration to accept the low bid of \$ 118,672.70 from Burnett Civil Contracting, LLC for Federal Aid Project STMAA-TE09 (974) for the City Park Sidewalk Project to be paid with 100% Federal Stimulus Funds and authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Burnett Civil Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$ 118,672.70. Mr. Meadows questioned the cost of engineering and the total amount of the approved grant application. City Engineer Jesse Jowers explained the total grant was \$ 272,000, of which \$ 27,557.60 was for engineering services. The low bid for the city park sidewalk project was \$ 118,672.70, considerably under the bracket estimate. Mr. Meadows asked if the funds left in the project could be used for additional sidewalk projects. Mr. Jowers said he would investigate the excess funds question. Mayor Murphy explained the process of having the grant approved after originally denied. Mr. Dickens stated the city should not leave grant money on the table if possible. Dr. Nichols said she would like to see sidewalks on Highway 105 (Bearden Road) toward Pelham High School. Mayor Murphy said sidewalks to Pelham High School was Phase 2 of the project.

Old Business

MERCER SALARY STUDY Dr. Nichols requested a work session for the purpose of discussing the Mercer Salary Study. Mr. Dickens stated he would like a period of time for the council to review the details of the salary study prior to calling a work session. He further commented on the overall presentation of the report and the recommendations. The council instructed the city clerk to release the complete study to the department heads after consulting with city attorney, Butch Ellis. (The report was released to the department heads on Monday, June 28, 2010 following discussions with the city attorney.)

New Business

GARBAGE BID SPECIFICATIONS The desire to bid the city's garbage contract was discussed. Mr. Powell explained the process of requesting bid proposals and the confusion resulting over e-mails between the city and Advanced Disposal. Mr. Powell stated it was important to clarify the bid specifications. Mr. Dickens requested input from each councilmember regarding items they would like to see included in the bid specifications. Those items discussed included: new garbage and recycling containers, new vehicles (age to be determined), large recycling containers with lids, safe/operable equipment, neat and clean appearance, homeowners to have the option to select the size of their garbage container, services to be provided, frequency of service, serviceable container, uniform color of containers, back door service, service to city-owned facilities, billing customers, hours and days of operation,

administrative fee credit, expanding recycling items, liability to the homeowner for the garbage container, maintenance of garbage container, free pick-up day, e-recycling day, manual or mechanical collection process and whether apartments, townhouses and condominium would be included in the contract. John Beasley (Waste Management) and Roberto Rodriquez (Advanced Disposal Systems) addressed the council work session.

With so many garbage contract items under discussion, the council requested a called work session. Mr. Dickens called a special work session for Monday, June 28, 2010, at 6 p.m. in the Council Conference Room for the purpose of discussing the proposed bid specifications for the garbage contract. Other business would be discussed as time permits.

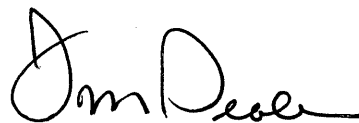
SEWER CHEMICAL FEED BUILDING Public Works Director Eddy Jowers requested the council's input with regard to the Sewer Department's proposed Chemical Feed Building. Chris Cousins, Municipal Consultants, was in attendance. The council instructed Mr. Jowers to move forward with bids for construction to begin after October 1, 2010 in the FY2011 budget.

Adjournment

Without any further business before the council work session, Mrs. Rice made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Meadows. The motion passed unanimously by all those present and the work session was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,




Tom Seale, Finance Director/City Clerk