

City of Pelham
City Council Work Session
October 18, 2010

MINUTES

Members of the Pelham City Council met on October 18, 2010 at 6 p.m. 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: Neal Wagner, Shelby County Reporter

Others present: City department heads, city employees and members of the public.

The council work session was called to order by Council President Mike Dickens at 6 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Meadows to approve the October 4, 2010 work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powell 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

Resolution 2010-10-18-01 authorizing Alabama Power Co. to begin monthly billing for one streetlight to the City of Pelham at 24 Oak Ridge Lane, Pelham, Alabama currently being paid by a resident. Mr. Powell questioned the process on procedures requesting the installation of street lights. Mayor Murphy stated the Building Department reviews the request and either approves or denies based on established guidelines. The request is then forwarded to the Mayor for a recommendation to the City Council. Mr. Powell and Mr. Dickens requested the city clerk change the Resolution 2010-10-18-01 to read "transfer" instead of "installation" since the street light was already in place.

Resolution 2010-10-18-02 authorizing Alabama Power Co. to install one streetlight on Aaron Road and invoice the City of Pelham. There were no comments from the City Council.

Resolution 2010-10-18-03 Approving a special use permit for Verizon Wireless, 2000 Bearden Road, Pelham Alabama for modification of existing cell tower facility. After questions from the City Council, a representative from The Center for Municipal Solutions (CMS), the city's cell tower consultant, explained Verizon Wireless is requesting to be allowed to update the tower from 3G to 4G technology. Mr. Meadows inquired about the construction process and any changes to the tower site. The CMS representative further explained the average citizen of Pelham would not notice any changes to the tower site and they would be using the same antenna. Building permits are required prior the start of construction.

Resolution 2010-10-18-04 Approving a special use permit for Verizon Wireless, 5050 Beabout Drive, Pelham Alabama for modification of existing cell tower facility. There were no comments from the City Council.

Executive Session

Mr. Meadows, citing the Open Meetings Act, "to discuss the consideration the government body is willing to offer or accept when considering the purchase, sale, exchange, lease or market value of real estate", requested the council enter into executive session. Mr. Meadows moved for the council to recess into executive session. Said motion was seconded by Dr. Nichols and there being no further discussion and by voice vote, the motion passed unanimously by those members present. The council recessed into executive session at 6:20 p.m. and announced they would return at approximately 6:35 p.m. Those attending the executive session were: Mayor Don Murphy, Council President Mike Dickens, Councilmembers Teresa Nichols, Bill Meadows, Steve Powell, Karyl Rice and Finance Director / City Clerk Tom Seale. Following the executive session the council reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

Old Business

Resolution 2010-10-04-04 Approving the capital budget for the City of Pelham's Water Department for FY2011. Mrs. Rice asked if funding the water projects was necessary and were there any alternatives. It was noted the 2005 water study and subsequent rate increase was intended to fund the system improvements. Public Works Director Eddy Jowers explained the process and plans to upgrade and improve the water supply through line extensions. He further noted the cross city water line would be a backup supply line and would allow for 2.5 – 3 millions gallons of water per day to be purchased from the Shelby County system. Mr. Powell asked that the council be provided a diagram of the proposed water line extensions and how the improvements would be paid for. Mr. Dickens asked Mr. Jowers to provide details, information and an outline of the water projects. Mayor Murphy noted the water line projects were initiated by the previous administration.

Council Comments

Mr. Meadows requested Mayor Murphy send Parks Director Billy Crandall to a Land Water Grant meeting on Tuesday in Clanton, Alabama. Mr. Meadows further stated he would be attending a national trails symposium in Chattanooga, Tennessee in November 2010 on behalf of the City. He will be bringing back information on the availability of grant funding.

Adjournment

Mr. Meadows moved to adjourn the work session and said motion was seconded by Mr. Powell. The motion passed unanimously by those present and the work session was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Seale, Finance Director/City Clerk

