

City of Pelham
City Council Work Session
November 1, 2010

MINUTES

Members of the Pelham City Council met on November 1, 2010 at 6:00 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 6:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Powell to approve the October 18, 2010 work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meadows and by voice vote the motion passed unanimously by all members present.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Murphy commented on Park and Recreation's Robert Finnerty's son severely injured in an automobile accident in Sacramento, California on Sunday. Mayor Murphy asked everyone to keep the family in your prayers. Mayor Murphy elected to hold additional comments until council meeting.

Review of Council Agenda

Resolution 2010-11-01-01 and Resolution 2010-11-01-02 regarding the acceptance of bids and authorizing the paving of streets in the Oaklyn Hills sub-division. Mrs. Rice questioned whether any additional development would be occurring in the Oaklyn Hills subdivision and if the City could keep construction vehicles off the streets if the city assumes the maintenance. Mayor Murphy explained the process of paving by developers. He suggested hiring an inspector to approve the streets, storm drains and pipes. Mr. Dickens suggested hiring a 3rd party inspector paid by the developer or an additional city employee. NOTE: Add discussion of a city inspector to a future work session agenda. Mr. Meadows asked how long Norris Paving and

Asphalt, Inc. had been in business and where they were located. City Engineer Jesse Jowers stated Norris was located in Gardendale and had been in business many years. Mr. Meadows questioned Mr. Jowers on the bidding process. Mr. Powell pointed out this was a first reading of the resolutions, per the council's own rules. Mr. Powell raised several questions. Mayor Murphy said the City needed to move forward with the Oaklyn Hills paving project before bad weather begins this winter. Mr. Powell requested Resolution 2010-11-01-02 specifically state the proceeds from the sale of the eight lots would reimburse the City's Capital Improvement Fund. Mr. Powell further requested the market value of the lots be included in the Resolution. According to Mr. Jowers, the Norris Paving and Asphalt bid contained a one year warranty on the seal coat. Mr. Powell asked Mr. Jowers if he was comfortable moving forward with Norris doing the work. Mayor Murphy stated there was no way an engineer could guarantee the work. Mr. Meadows made comments about the seal coat and underlying base. Mr. Meadows asked if the city has a long range plan to maintain existing streets. Mr. Jowers stated the city does not have a formal, written plan to maintain the city's streets. He further stated he would not have written the Oaklyn Hills paving memorandum to the council if he was not comfortable moving forward with the project. Public Works Director Eddy Jowers stated there is a priority list of streets to be paved in Pelham.

Ordinance 288-8 A revision to the City of Pelham's business license ordinance. Revenue Director Mike Morgan stated the original section of this Ordinance based the business license fee on gross compensation of the employees, which was not correct. He further stated the ordinance revision establishes a flat rate business license of \$ 200. Mr. Meadows asked how this change would affect the Pelham businesses. Mr. Morgan replied the change would affect only 4 or 5 corporate offices, none operating on gross receipts.

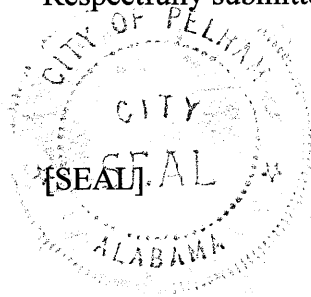
Ordinance 387-1 A revision to the Alabama Beverage Control (ABC) licensing application procedures in the City of Pelham. Mr. Powell stated his concerns that (1) the application process appeared to be out of sequence and would like to see the ABC application and the certificate of occupancy be applied for concurrently and (2) the ordinance revision appeared to redefine the certificate of occupancy requirements. Mr. Powell moved to remove Ordinance 387-1 from the November 1, 2010 agenda. Motion was seconded by Mr. Meadows and said motion was unanimously approved by a vote of all members present.

Old Business - None

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 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Seale, Finance Director/City Clerk