

City of Pelham
City Council Work Session
November 15, 2010

MINUTES

Members of the Pelham City Council met on November 15, 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:

Council President Mike Dickens
Councilmember Teresa Nichols
Councilmember Steve Powell
Councilmember Karyl Rice

Mayor Don Murphy was representing the City of Pelham at a Salvation Army Banquet at the Pelham Civic Complex and was not present. Councilmember Bill Meadows was attending a conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee and was not present.

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 6:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Rice to approve the November 1, 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 - None

Review of Council Agenda

Old Business

Ordinance 288-8 Amending the City Of Pelham's Business License Ordinance Number 288-6, Section 28, License Fee Schedule BB. There were no comments from the council.

Resolution 2010-11-15-01 Approving a 5% incentive pay for Sous Chef John (A.J.) Slusser for his Associate Degree in Applied Science in Food Production Management from Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke, PA on May 26, 2005. Dr. Nichols stated the educational incentive had been met and the documentation was in order. Human Resources Director Jerry Nolen explained he was waiting for Mr. Slusser to provide the required documentation prior to

submission to the Education Committee. Dr. Nichols noted the committee unanimously approved the recommendation.

Resolution 2010-11-15-02 Approving the eligibility of Firefighter/Paramedics Mitchell Hicks, Mitchell Beasley and John Meredith for Associate and Bachelor Degrees in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University, Orange Beach, AL. Dr. Nichols stated all Fire Department employees were beginning the quest for their degrees. Degrees were reviewed and are related to their job. Dr. Nichols further stated the Committee unanimously approved the future pay increases upon completion of the degrees.

Resolution 2010-11-15-03 Approving donations to the Pelham public schools. Mr. Dickens noted the donations were approved in the FY2011 budget. He further stated if the donations were approved tonight a school representative would be in attendance on December 6, 2010 for Mayor Murphy to present the checks. Dr. Nichols asked if each school had provided the city with receipts from the 2010 donations. City Clerk Tom Seale said he would contact the schools and have them provide the information to the council. There were no further comments by the council.

Resolution 2010-11-15-04 Approving Land and Water Conservation Fund Program Grant LWCF Project 10-LW-948 for City of Pelham Park Improvements. Dr. Nichols stated the city's match would be in-kind services and there would be no monetary cost to city. The grant is related to the City-County Park 2010 Grant received in FY2010 for tennis court improvements.

Resolution 2010-11-15-05 Consideration of an ABC license 050-Retail Beer, (Off Premises Only) and 070-Retail Wine (Off Premises Only) for applicant Alina LLC, doing business as Helena Chevron, located at 7921 Helena Road, Pelham, Alabama. Mr. Dickens stated a background check had been completed and there were no police issues. There were no additional comments by the council.

Resolution 2010-11-15-06 Request to amend the Fire Department budget by transferring budgeted funds from the Grant line item to Repairs and Maintenance line item in the amount of \$ 3,417.00. (1st Reading) Fire Chief Danny Ray stated a FEMA grant had been applied for in May 2010 and funds had been set aside in the FY2011 budget for matching grant funds. The FEMA grant was denied freeing the match money for other purposes per the council's approval. Chief Ray stated the roof on Fire Station 2 was in bad need of replacement due to age and hail damage. The estimate was approximately \$ 12,000.00, of which insurance would cover \$ 4,900.00. The Repair and Maintenance Budget for FY2011 is \$ 15,000. Mr. Dickens stated the Repair and Maintenance account would make up the difference. Mrs. Rice suggested using the Capital Improvement Fund to make the necessary repairs. Chief Ray stated this repair was not included as a capital project for the FY2011 budget. Mr. Powell stated he considered this project similar to the sewer project at the ballpark. A motion was made by Mr. Powell to amend the resolution and to take funds from the Capital Improvement Fund to repair Station 2's roof.

Said motion was seconded by Mrs. Rice and was approved by a unanimous vote of those council members present. Mr. Dickens stated the budget was very lean and it was unfair to ask any department head to absorb unforeseen and unexpected expenses. He further stated unbudgeted expenses should come to the council for approval and going forward we need to be consistent with use of the Capital Improvement Fund. There was no further discussion by the council.

Resolution 2010-11-15-07 Authorization to approve the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$ 10,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the replacement of the septic tank and field lines at the City Park Small Concession Stand/Bathrooms. (1st Reading) There were no comments by the council.

Ordinance 387-1 Amending the City Of Pelham's Ordinance providing for a current Certificate of Occupancy before a City Alcohol Beverage Sales License will be considered. (1st Reading) Mr. Powell noted he was responsible for removing the Ordinance from the November 1, 2010 agenda and stated the Ordinance should have been tabled. Mr. Powell requested to revisit the wording of the ordinance. He stated he had talked to the ABC office and that a letter could be issued to the applicant giving conditional approval of the ABC application pending the certificate of occupancy being furnished to the city clerk within the allotted time frame. There is a window of 120 days from application to issuing the license. Mr. Powell said he will bring proposed changes to the council for consideration. Mr. Dickens said he would allow a first reading of the ordinance to occur tonight as not to slow down the approval process. Police Chief Thomas stated he recommended the council approve the ABC license revisions. Both Mr. Dickens and Mr. Powell stated they do not want to appear to be unfriendly to the business community. Mr. Dickens commended everyone, including department heads, for providing backup documentation to the council when items are placed on the agenda for consideration.

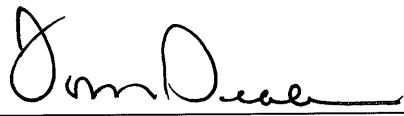
Announcements

1. City Hall will be closed November 25-26, 2010 in observance of Thanksgiving.
2. Christmas Tree Lighting - November 29, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pelham Civic Complex.

Adjournment

Mr. Powell moved to adjourn the work session and said motion was seconded by Mrs. Rice. The motion passed unanimously by those present and the work session was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Tom Seale, Finance Director/City Clerk

