CITY OF PELHAM

Council Work Session
Pelham City Hall - Council Conference Room
January 17, 2011 – 6 p.m.

MINUTES

Members of the Pelham City Council met on January 17, 2011 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 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Powell to approve the December 20, 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 elected to hold his comments until regular council meeting.

Review of Council Agenda

A. Call to Order

B. Invocation

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Roll Call

E. Consent Agenda

(A consent agenda is presented by the Council President at the beginning of a council meeting. Items presented on the consent agenda are considered routine and non-controversial and are organized apart from the rest of the agenda and is adopted by general consent without debate. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any one member. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda is approved or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the Council President and City Council.)

1. Approval of January 17, 2011 City Council Agenda.

2. Approval of the December 20, 2010 regular City Council meeting minutes.

3. Approval of the following non-budgeted expenses from restricted fund accounts:

   a. 7 Cent Gas Tax Fund – Current Balance: $ 5,924.66

      1. Stone and Sons Electrical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of $ 1,553.28 for traffic signal repairs and authorizing the expenditure of an additional $ 5,000 for repairs for the remainder of FY2011. (Police Department)

      2. G&C Supply Company in the amount of $ 36.64 for street signs and authorizing the expenditure of an additional $ 2,000 for the remainder of FY2011. (Street Department)

      NOTE: Deposits in the amount of approximately $ 4,000 are received monthly into the 7 Cent Gas Tax Fund.

   b. Municipal Corrections Fund – Current Balance: $ 63,490.12

      1. Cintas Document Management in the amount of $ 101.21 for document shredding services. (Police Department)

      2. Bob Barker Inc. in the amount of $ 383.70 for latex gloves, shipping and handling charges for the Pelham City Jail. (Police Department)

   c. 911 Fund – Current Balance: $ 48,263.54

      1. Request to purchase a wireless headset base unit in the amount of $ 363.34 plus shipping and handling charges for the Dispatch Unit. (Police Department)

   d. Federal Forfeiture Fund – Current Balance: $ 75,837.01

      1. Allcomm Wireless, Inc. in the amount of $ 1,526.00 for lights and sirens for the Police Department's 2007 GMC Yukon and 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe.

2. All Pro Distributing Company in the amount of $ 746.86 for a bed liner for the Police Department's 2011 Chevrolet Silverado Pick-Up Truck.

3. Fleet Safety Equipment, Inc. in the amount of $ 5,559.86 for safety equipment for the Police Department's 2011 Chevrolet Silverado Pick-Up Truck.

Mr. Meadows asked Police Chief Tommy Thomas to explain the 2011 Chevrolet pick-up truck. Chief Thomas explained the US Marshal Service gave the truck to the City of Pelham and $ 5,000 for equipping the truck and $ 3,000 per year for fuel.

F. Public Hearing – None

G. Mayor's Comments

1. Presentation of Pelham Beautification Board Awards for Christmas Decorations 2010

H. Proclamations – None

I. Requests to Address the Council

1. Billy Crandall, Director of Pelham Parks and Recreation, regarding sewer problems at City Park Concession Stand/Restrooms. With baseball starting in a couple of weeks Mr. Crandall requested direction from the council on what to do with the sewer problems at the City Park bathrooms and concession stand. Options include hooking onto the city sewer system, installing a septic tank, installing a holding tank or renting portable toilets. Mrs. Rice asked about the cost of each option. Mr. Crandall stated installing lines to hook onto the city system would cost approximately $70 per linear foot for boring or $ 100 per linear foot if rock was encountered resulting in an estimated cost of $ 100,000. A septic system would cost approximately $ 8,600. Public Works Director Eddy Jowers commented on the cost and repairs to the park and concrete if sewer lines were installed. The installation of a holding tank would require emptying weekly as would renting portable toilets. Of the four options, Mr. Crandall recommended either the septic or sewer systems. Mr. Powell inquired about the cost per linear foot if sewer lines were installed above ground and the lines were bermed. Mr. Jowers said the lines would still require a pumping system to access the city's sewer system. Mr. Jowers noted problems with an above ground line. Mr. Powell stated all alternatives need to be explored and suggested employing creative ideas to solve the problem. Mr. Dickens noted the obvious solution is the septic system. Dr. Nichols concurred with other members of the council in asking Mr. Crandall to bring recommendations to the council. Mayor Murphy said any septic tank system must be approved by the Shelby County Health Department and would require the amending of the city sewer ordinance. Additional comments regarding the current sewer ordinance were made. Mr. Powell stated the legal opinion from the city attorney was the city cannot replace the septic system. Mrs. Rice said it would be difficult to change the ordinance and would not be fair to the citizens. Mr. Powell recommended using portable toilets if necessary for a temporary solution. Mr. Crandall said if there was no sewer system the concession stand could not be opened this spring. Mayor Murphy said the council needs to make a decision as soon as possible. Mr. Jowers reminded the council there was an exception in the current ordinance for only single family residents. Mr. Dickens said the city must abide by its

own ordinance and asked Mr. Crandall to research all available options and be prepared to make recommendations to the city council on January 24, 2011.

J. Old Business - None

K. New Business

1. Resolution 2011-01-17-01 Accepting the bid and authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract for the leasing of a golf car fleet at Ballantrae Golf Club (budgeted FY2011) from Yamaha Golf-Car Company. Butch Byrd, Director of Golf, explained this was the last year of a four year golf car contract. Maintenance issues and battery problems have become a major concern. Mr. Byrd recommended replacing the entire golf car fleet. During year one, due to the equity in the current fleet, there would be no lease payments. Ballantrae plans to increase rental by $1 per seat in FY2012 to cover the cost of the leased fleet. Mr. Powell inquired as to the trade in value of the current fleet. Mr. Byrd responded the current fleet is valued at $ 102,000 resulting in a remaining cost to the city of $ 129,000. He further explained that at the end of the lease the leasing company would own the cars. Mr. Byrd further stated Ballantrae Golf Club must remain competitive. Mr. Powell questioned whether there would be any value to the City of Pelham at the end of the lease. Mr. Byrd said there would be no value to the city at the end of the lease. Mr. Byrd explained the Yamaha bid was lower by approximately $ 27,000. There was additional discussion among the members of the council regarding the fleet.

2. Resolution 2011-01-17-02 Requesting an additional method of annexation within the City of Pelham. Mayor Murphy explained the process in requesting our legislators in sponsoring a local bill. Revenue Director Mike Morgan explained the area along Highway 11 has the most "islands". Mr. Meadows asked if any city in Shelby County had island annexation authority. Mayor Murphy stated there was no city in Shelby County with this authority. Mr. Powell stated the proposed legislation would give the city council the authority, by ordinance, to annex these islands and it was not automatic.

3. Resolution 2011-01-17-03 Accepting the bid and authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract for radio equipment related to the Fire Department's Regional Communications Grant (budgeted FY2011) from Sullivan Communications, Inc. Mr. Powell complimented Fire Department Chief Danny Ray and his department's efforts in securing the grant to upgrade the radios per the 2013 Federal mandate.

4. Resolution 2011-01-17-04 Authorizing proposals for the financing of seven new vehicles for the Pelham Police Department included in the FY2011 budget. There were no council comments.

L. Council and Public Comments

M. Public Announcements

N. Adjournment

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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 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Seale, Finance Director/City Clerk

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