CITY OF PELHAM

Council Regular Work Session

Pelham City Hall – Council Conference Room
March 5, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Proper notice of the regular scheduled Pelham City Council Work Session was given at least 72 hours in advance of such public meeting and the notice remained posted through the scheduled meeting.

Members of the Pelham City Council met on March 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. The regular work session was held in the Council Conference Room in Pelham City Hall and was open to the public. The work session was called to order by Council President Nichols at 6:00 p.m.

The following elected officials were present:

Mayor Don Murphy
Council President Teresa Nichols
Councilmember Bill Meadows
Councilmember Steve Powell
Councilmember Karyl Rice

Media Present: None.

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Powell to approve the February 20, 2012 regular work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meadows and by voice vote the motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Murphy elected to hold his comments until council meeting.

Review of Council Agenda

Dr. Nichols reviewed the council agenda for March 5, 2012.

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 are 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 March 5, 2012 City Council Agenda.

2. Approval of the February 20, 2012 regular City Council meeting minutes.

3. Approval of the following non-budgeted expenses from restricted fund accounts. None

F. Public Hearing - None

G. Mayor's Comments

H. Proclamations

None

I. Requests to Address the Council

None

J. Old Business

None

K. New Business

1. Resolution 2012-03-05-01 for consideration of an ABC application for 010 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class 1 license for applicant KRL Holdings, Inc. operating under the trade name The Hawg Corral, located at 2781 A and B Pelham Parkway, Pelham, Alabama 35124.

2. Resolution 2012-03-05-02 for consideration of an ABC application for 032 – Club Liquor – Class II License for applicant M.K. Enterprises, Inc. operating under the trade name Pub 261, located at 9340 Helena Road, Suite B and C, Pelham, Alabama 35124.

3. Resolution 2012-03-05-03 for consideration to authorize the participation by the City of Pelham in the 2012 Sales Tax Holiday, August 3-5, 2012.

There were no council comments with regard to the March 5, 2012 council agenda.

Old Business – AS TIME PERMITS

1. Ice Rink Management

New Business – AS TIME PERMITS

1. Presentation by Court Administrator Mike Dickens regarding the court cost structure.

   Mr. Dickens noted the court costs charged by the Shelby County District Court were higher than Pelham. State law allows the city to charge the same as the District Court. He stated Pelham is leaving money on the table. Approximately 80% of court revenues are paid to outside agencies. Mr. Powell stated he verified with the Shelby County Court Clerk to the fees charged. A legislative act was passed in 2011 allowing for the increase, but the increase of $ 5 and $ 20 was earmarked for other agencies. Mr. Powell asked if Pelham can charge the increase and keep the additional court fees. Mr. Dickens stated the city is adhering to all mandated fees and allocating those fees appropriately. The money would be assessed and come back to the Municipal Corrections Fund if the increase is affirmed by the city council. Dr. Nichols asked Mr. Dickens about the fees. He said he verified the information with the District Attorney's office. Mr. Dickens noted the possible reasons for the decline in revenues while operational costs remain constant. Mr. Powell asked for additional information prior to moving forward. Dr. Nichols noted Mr. Dickens statement that this is a 6 year trend with regard to court expenses. Mr. Dickens explained the flow of money into the General Fund and Municipal Corrections Fund. Mr. Meadows thanked Mr. Dickens for his research. Mr. Meadows provided information from surrounding jurisdictions regarding court costs. He stated he did not want a perception of Pelham that the increase in court costs was to strictly generate income. Mr. Meadows recommended developing a plan that addresses the circumstances unique to Pelham. He further stated he was not in favor of raising court fees. Mrs. Rice asked where the court revenue goes each month. Mr. Dickens noted several of the agencies benefiting from the Pelham court revenues each month. Mayor Murphy stated it seems we are more concerned by the 70% of those receiving tickets not living in Pelham. We should be more concerned about the Pelham residents who might be safer if the fees were increased which would result in a better community to live in.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Meadows for the purpose of entering into executive session to discuss preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce. Said motion was seconded by Powell. There being no further discussion Council President Nichols asked the city clerk to call the roll on the motion to enter into executive session. The roll call votes were recorded as follows:

Teresa Nichols Council President	Yes
Bill Meadows Council Member	Yes
Steve Powell Council Member	Yes
Karyl Rice Council Member	Yes

Council President Nichols stated the City Council and Mayor Don Murphy would attend the executive session. The council moved into executive session at 6:29 pm. Council President Nichols stated the council would return from the executive session at approximately 6:45 p.m. and reconvene the work session. The council returned at 6:46 p.m. and Council President Nichols called the meeting back to order.

2. Presentation by Brian Snipes and Randal Gilliland for the purpose of providing a complete overview of findings and proposed solutions to maximize the city's existing computer network while reducing the amount of funds allocated to technology.

   They stated the city would see an approximate savings of $ 120,000 over a 3 year period, $ 3,300 per month. There would be a seamless transition to the new provider and equipment would be provided by the supplier. Mr. Meadows asked for an additional explanation with regard to the proposal. They stated there would be no change in the current network setup. Dr. Nichols asked Mr. Snipes and Mr. Gilliland to identify TW Telecom and asked IT Manager Dell Ann Holly her thoughts about the company. Mrs. Holly stated she was not familiar with the company. She further stated she wanted to check out the company and their reliability by calling TW Telecom. Mr. Powell stated he initially asked for a review of the city's connectivity, software and hardware. Mrs. Holly noted the quote from Inline was approximately one year old. Dr. Nichols asked Mrs. Holly to do follow up and get an updated quote from Inline. Mr. Meadows suggested putting together a Request for Proposal (RFP) Mrs. Rice mentioned Ingenuity, Inc. was working on separate issues and the city should allow them to complete their project. Mr. Meadows and Rick Hayes discussed the work Ingenuity was performing for the city.

Mr. Powell asked that the zoning for satellite dish antenna placement be placed on the March 19, 2012 work session agenda.

Announcements

Council President Nichols announced the April 16, 2012 council meeting would be moved to April 23, 2012 to accommodate Youth Government Day. There will be no Council Work Session on April 23, 2012.

Adjournment

Mr. Meadows 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 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of March 2012.

Tom Seale, CMC, City Clerk

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