

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

**Pelham City Hall – Council Conference Room
March 19, 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 19, 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: Neal Wagner, Shelby County Reporter.

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Meadows to approve the March 5, 2012 regular work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powell 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 19, 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 19, 2012 City Council Agenda.
2. Approval of the March 5, 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

Proclaiming March 2012 as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" in the City of Pelham.

I. Requests to Address the Council

Patrick McCoy regarding the placement of additional stop signs at the intersection of Village Drive and Village Place. Discussion occurred between Mayor Murphy and the Council regarding the proper procedures when requesting changes to the intersection.

J. Old Business

None

K. New Business

1. Resolution 2012-03-19-01 for consideration to appoint Mike Kelley to the City of Pelham's Personnel Board with the term ending on January 31, 2016.

Mrs. Rice stated she had not seen a resume or qualifications on Mr. Kelley. Dr. Nichols stated she had met with Mr. Kelley and in her opinion he would be a good candidate for the position on the Personnel Board. Mrs. Rice stated there were more in depth issues involved in city personnel issues than a small business owner may be familiar with. Mrs. Rice nominated Greg Darnell for the position on the Personnel Board. Mr. Powell stated he had not met or been given a copy of Mr. Kelley's resume. He further stated Mr. Kelley has not been present at any meetings of the council and that he is therefore

unaware of Mr. Kelley's qualifications or experience. Mr. Powell stated in his opinion it was necessary for an individual to have the ability to take testimony, investigate and do due diligence on all personnel matters. Mr. Powell further stated the Civil Service Handbook is a 70+ page technical document. Mr. Powell said it is important someone on the board apply the facts of an issue to the law. Mr. Meadows said he would support Mr. Darnell if the vote was unanimous among the members of the council. Mr. Powell stated he could support Mr. Darrell for the position. Mr. Powell read excerpts from Mr. Darnell's resume. Mr. Darnell said he would be willing to serve the city in any way. Mayor Murphy reviewed the qualifications and civic minded accomplishments of Mr. Kelley. Mrs. Rice stated she was of the opinion Mr. Kelley should have sought out the members of the council if he was truly interested in the Personnel Board position. She further stated the council should seek the best possible candidate. Dr. Nichols stated the council was still not in agreement on the nominee. Mr. Meadows stated he wanted the council to support the nominee unanimously. Dr. Nichols said she supported Mr. Kelley but would support Mr. Darnell in order to make the nomination unanimous.

2. Resolution 2012-03-19-02 for consideration to amend the Sewer Department's "Repair and Maintenance – Machine and Equipment" expense budget line item 406034 in the amount of \$ 50,000.00 due to emergency repairs to the dewatering centrifuge.

Public Works Director Eddy Jowers stated the dewatering centrifuge had to be shipped to West Virginia for repairs. The sewer system is currently running on a back-up centrifuge. The centrifuge under discussion is twelve years old. Dr. Nichols requested Mr. Jowers update the council on the water and sewer projects at a future work session.

Old Business – AS TIME PERMITS

1. Ice Rink Management

New Business – AS TIME PERMITS

1. Zoning for satellite dish antenna placement. (Mr. Powell)

Mr. Powell stated a citizen had approached him regarding the placement of satellite antennas in the front yard of homes. Dr. Nichols stated there were homeowner's association rules governing the placement of the dish antennas. Mr. Powell read from Section 10 of the City's zoning regulations. He stated in his opinion the zoning regulations do not allow any antennas in the front yard. Mr. Powell stated he would contact the resident and if there were any additional questions he would refer him to the Mayor's Office.

2. Selection of the voting delegates from the Council for the 2012 Alabama League of Municipalities Convention, May 19 – May 22, 2012, Birmingham, Alabama. (Mayor Murphy)

Mrs. Rice recommended Mayor Murphy as the voting delegate, with Dr. Nichols as first alternate and herself as the second alternate. There was no additional discussion among the members of the council.

3. Appointment of the Personnel Board member. (Dr. Nichols)

See comments above under “New Business”.

4. Discussion of the proposed blight ordinance. (Dr. Nichols)

Mayor Murphy recommended the proposed blight ordinance be reviewed by the city’s attorney. Mrs. Rice stated in her opinion the blight ordinance would put the entire city under requirements similar to those of a homeowner’s association. Mr. Powell stated he was not convinced the proposed ordinance was in the best interest of the entire city. He further stated Pelham is a community with diverse housing opportunities. Mr. Powell recommended the proposed ordinance be reviewed by the building department to determine any conflicts or redundancy with existing law. Mr. Meadows suggested having the Pelham Homeowner’s Association review the proposed blight ordinance. Mr. Meadows further suggested the public comment on the document. Dr. Nichols asked that the blight ordinance be placed on the on the April 2, 2012 work session agenda.

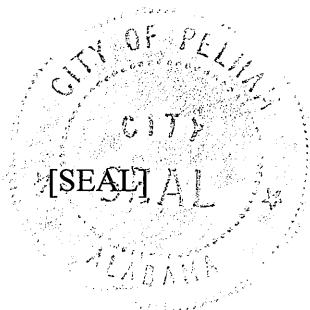
Announcements

Council President Nichols announced the April 16, 2012 council meeting would be moved to April 23, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. 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 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of March 2012.



Tom Seale, CMC, City Clerk