CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

Pelham City Hall – Council Conference Room
April 2, 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 April 2, 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
Councilmember Ron Scott

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. Powell to approve the March 19, 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 April 2, 2012.

A. Call to Order

B. Invocation

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Council President's Comments

1. Official announcement and introduction of Ron Scott, Councilmember, Place 2.

2. Oath of Office, Ron Scott, Councilmember, Place 2.

E. Roll Call

F. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the April 2, 2012 City Council Agenda.

2. Approval of the March 19, 2012 regular City Council meeting minutes.

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

G. Public Hearing - None

H. Mayor's Comments

I. Proclamations

Proclaiming April 2012 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the City of Pelham.

J. Requests to Address the Council

Dr. David Nichols with questions regarding ethics and legal issues within the City of Pelham.

K. Old Business - None

L. New Business

1. Resolution 2012-04-02-01 for consideration to accept the sole bid from Inline Solutions for the purchase of a 28 terabyte video storage unit for the Pelham Police Department in the amount of $ 33,870.88 plus $ 150.00 per hour for installation. (This expenditure was approved in the FY2012 Capital Improvement Budget in the amount of $ 42,083.22.) There were no questions from the council.

2. Resolution 2012-04-02-02 for consideration to accept the sole bid from Transportation South for the purchase of a new 2010 Starcraft Allstar 25 passenger bus for the Pelham Senior Center in the amount of $ 53,500.00. (This expenditure was partially funded in FY2012 Library Budget in the amount of $ 7,000.00) Mrs. Rice asked for an explanation of the sources of funding for the Senior Center bus. Mr. Meadows explained the $ 7,000.00 from the city was coming from reimbursement of in-kind services provided by various city departments in support of the Oak Mountain State Park bridge project.

3. Resolution 2012-04-02-03 for consideration to repeal Resolution 2012-03-05-01 and to reapprove an ABC application for 010 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class 1 license for applicant KLR Holdings, Inc. operating under the trade name The Hawg Corral, located at 2781 A and B Pelham Parkway, Pelham, Alabama 35124. (Note: Resolution 2012-03-05-01 was approved by the council containing an error in the corporate name of the applicant.) Mr. Powell explained there were no changes in the approval of the ABC license. The resolution merely corrected a clerical error in the approval of the original resolution.

4. Resolution 2012-04-02-04 for consideration to cancel by mutual consent the final year of the State Volleyball Tournament agreement between the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) and the City of Pelham. Mr. Powell asked Mayor Murphy to clarify the letter from the Alabama High School Athletic Association and their request to cancel the final year of the contract. Mayor Murphy explained the AHSAA had made arrangements to move the tournament to Montgomery if Pelham approved their cancellation request. He further explained the loss to the city in sponsoring the event in 2011. Mrs. Rice asked about the economic impact to the city.

<u>Old Business</u> – AS TIME PERMITS

Mr. Powell requested the moratorium on the Information Technology (computers) hardware purchases be lifted. Mr. Powell moved to lift the freeze on the budgets and remove the administrative order. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Meadows. There being no additional discussion said motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

1. Ice Rink Management – No update.

<u>New Business</u> – AS TIME PERMITS

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

   Revenue Director Mike Morgan stated the proposed blight ordinance bleeds over into four current ordinances on the books. He said the city attorney advised dovetailing the existing ordinances with the proposed blight ordinance. Mr. Powell concurred with Mr. Morgan's comments. Mr. Powell suggested adding the word "blight" into the ordinance, reviewing the definitions and referencing the Code in the ordinances. He further stated minor changes would result in a stronger ordinance. Pelham citizen Mildred Lanier stated the proposed blight ordinance referenced the current Pelham ordinances and those from surrounding cities. Definitions were also reviewed. She suggested merging the ordinances to make it easier to reference and understand. Ms. Lanier said definitions and penalties are important to comprehend. Mr. Powell volunteered to work with Ms. Lanier and Mr. Morgan to bring everything together for a presentation to the council.

2. Memorial Obelisk in the City Park

   Mrs. Rice stated there are no established guidelines for the memorial obelisk. She further stated the original intent was for a memorial obelisk and requested the council consider establishing guidelines. Mrs. Rice moved to add Resolution 2012-04-02-05 to the April 2, 2012 agenda. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Meadows seconded. Mr. Powell said the city should proceed with the guidelines. There being no further discussion the motion passed unanimously by a vote of those members present and Resolution 2012-04-02-05 was added to the council agenda.

3. Mr. Meadows questioned Mr. Morgan regarding the sales tax report for February 2012. Mr. Morgan stated the city is $ 187,000 ahead in its budget revenue projections. He further stated the economy is improving, but slowly.

Public Announcements

Rescheduling of the April 16, 2012 council meeting to April 23, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. to accommodate Youth Government Day. There will be no Council Work Session.

Rescheduling of the May 21, 2012 council meeting to May 14, 2012 at 7 p.m. due to the annual Alabama League of Municipalities Convention in Birmingham, May 19-22, 2012.

Adjournment

Mrs. Rice moved to adjourn the work session and said motion was seconded by Mr. Meadows. The motion passed unanimously by those present and the work session was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of April 2012.

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Tom Seale, CMC, City Clerk