

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

**Pelham City Hall – Council Conference Room
September 17, 2012 – 6 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 September 17, 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 Riddle at 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

The following elected officials were present:

Mayor Don Murphy
Council President Teresa Riddle
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 September 10, 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 the regular council meeting.

Review of Council Agenda

Dr. Riddle reviewed the council agenda for September 17, 2012.

A. Call to Order

B. Invocation

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Roll Call

E. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the September 17, 2012 City Council Agenda.
2. Approval of the September 10, 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

Designating September 17-23, 2012 as Constitution Week in the City of Pelham.

I. Requests to Address the Council

Casey Ramey, Muscular Dystrophy Association of Central Alabama.

J. Old Business

1. Resolution 2012-09-10-01 for consideration to approve the low base bid from Haren Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$ 1,132,000.00 for the renovation of Sewer Lift Station "M" subject to city attorney approval of the contract documents and further authorizing the mayor to sign such contract on behalf of the City of Pelham. The Sewer Lift Station "M" Project will be included in the Sewer Department's FY2013 capital improvements budget. Resolution 2012-09-10-01 was removed from the September 10, 2012 agenda by council action. Stuckey Godfrey, Municipal Consultants, Inc. was present to answer council questions. Mr. Powell stated \$ 900,000 was approved in the FY2012 budget and there were concerns about the difference of \$ 232,000. Mr. Godfrey stated additional pipe; upgrades to the pumping station and mixer were added to the project costs. Mr. Powell said it was necessary to bid the project in order to get an accurate cost of the project. He further stated electrical panels and other modifications

were required resulting in the additional cost. Mr. Powell said he was comfortable with Mr. Godfrey's comments and the additional cost associated with the Lift Station M project. Mrs. Rice asked when the project would begin. Mr. Godfrey stated construction would begin in approximately 60 days.

K. New Business

1. Resolution 2012-09-17-01 for consideration to affirm and approve the monthly residential and recycling rate increase of 1.70% (\$.17) effective October 1, 2012 commencing with the monthly utility billing statements dated November 1, 2012 and thereafter. Eric Kolb, Municipal Marketing Manager for Republic Services explained fuel, parts, equipment and labor costs where the reasons for the slight increase, Mr. Powell thanked Finance Director Tom Seale for working with Mr. Kolb and bringing the requested increase to the council for consideration. Mr. Powell further noted the contract allows for an annual increase if requested by the contractor.
2. Resolution 2012-09-17-02 for consideration to adopt the city of Pelham's FY2012 operating budgets for FY2013. Mr. Powell noted the changes in the original resolution now include revenue and expense projections. He stated a bare bones operating budget to support the city's day-to-day operations was prepared for FY2013, allowing the new mayor and council to prepared and adopt a new budget. Mr. Powell further stated the FY2013 budget mirrors the FY2012 with no capital projects, reduced travel and advertising costs.
3. Mr. Meadows asked that Resolution 2012-09-17-03 be added to tonight's agenda supporting the constitution vote on September 18, 2012 to transfer \$ 437 million dollars from the Alabama Trust Fund to the Alabama General Fund. Mr. Meadows stated it is a critical time for Alabama. Mr. Meadows moved to add Resolution 2012-09-17-03 to the agenda. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Powell. There was additional discussion by the mayor and members of the council. Mrs. Rice stated she had spoken to Senator Cam Ward about the repayment of the money to the Trust Fund. Senator Ward stated there was no legislation to repay the funds at this time. Mayor Murphy spoke in favor of approving the amendment. There being no further discussion the vote to add Resolution 2012-09-17-03 was approved by a margin of 3-0-2, with Mrs. Rice and Mr. Scott abstaining. Resolution 2012-09-17-03 was added to the September 17, 2012 agenda.

L. Council and Public Comments

M. Public Announcements

1. Pelham Municipal Runoff Election: Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at the Pelham Civic Complex. The polls with be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

N. Adjournment

Old Business – AS TIME PERMITS

1. Review of Board Vacancies and Applications

Dr. Riddle suggested allowing the new council to consider the board applications submitted. The council agreed with Dr. Riddle.

2. Lift Station “M” Odor Problems Report – Stuckey Godfrey, Municipal Consultants

Stuckey Godfrey outlined several options to address the odor problem at Lift Station M. Scrubbers, chemicals and “perfumes” were discussed. Mr. Godfrey recommended a combination of scrubbers and chemicals. He stated the cost of the scrubbers was approximately \$ 300,000 to \$ 500,000 with an addition annual expense of \$ 10,000 to \$ 20,000 in operational costs. Mayor Murphy suggested the new council review Mr. Godfrey’s recommendations. Dr. Riddle thanked Mr. Godfrey for the quick response to the council’s request for recommendations regarding the odor problem.

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Adjournment

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 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of September 2012.



Tom Seale, CMC, City Clerk

