

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

**Pelham City Hall – Council Conference Room
April 1, 2013 –6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

Members of the Pelham City Council met April 1, 2013 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.

Call to Order

The work session was called to order by Council President Rick Hayes at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The City Clerk called the roll and the following elected officials were present:

Mayor Gary W. Waters
Council President Rick Hayes
Councilmember Ron Scott
Councilmember Beth McMillan
Councilmember Maurice Mercer
Councilmember Karyl Rice

Media Present: Amy Jones, Shelby County Reporter

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Maurice Mercer to approve the March 25, 2013 regular work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Ron Scott and was passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments

Mayor Waters discussed the two resolutions pertaining to the schools in Pelham that were on last week's council agenda, 1) the donations from the city and 2) the feasibility study for a city school system. Waters said he had wanted to address added security at the schools in conjunction with the school donations. He also asked about the history of giving the schools an annual donation. Regarding the feasibility study, Waters asked what the rationale was for wanting to establish a separate school system.

Karyl Rice explained the donations originated with in-kind services provided to the schools by the City of Pelham, such as supplying crossing guards, water and sewer, landscaping and other maintenance work at no charge. However, the Shelby County Board of Education estimated the value of these services and began cutting the operating budgets of the schools in Pelham by this amount. At this point, the City of Pelham began charging the schools for water and sewer services throughout the year, then giving a donation at the end of the fiscal year based upon the amount each school had paid for water and sewer.

Mayor Waters stated he would like the principals of the schools to meet with the mayor and council each year before any donations are given to discuss their requests for funding from the city. The city department heads must account for capital expenditure requests, and Waters thinks the schools should be held to the same level of accountability. Ron Scott agreed.

Ron Scott addressed the point of a separate school system and stated he doesn't think the City of Pelham can work well with the Shelby County Board of Education based on comments made by the superintendent during a meeting between the superintendent and two city officials last year. In Mr. Scott's opinion, the needs of the schools in the City of Pelham are not being addressed properly.

Rick Hayes added that many Pelham students must board a bus shortly after 6:00 a.m. and travel through Hoover to get to Riverchase, which is only one of many issues facing Pelham students. He emphasized that the schools are a key component in city growth, and Pelham should do all that we can to improve our schools.

Mayor Waters concluded his comments saying he thinks school donations should be discussed at the end of the fiscal year when the city knows if and how much money is left in the budget.

Rick Hayes stressed that it was important to plan for all expenses in a budget so that every item can be prioritized in relation to everything else.

Mayor Waters asked for a 20 minute Water Board meeting at the earliest convenience of the council for the purpose of reviewing the latest revision to the sewer ordinance.

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the council agenda for April 1, 2013.

- 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 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 the April 1, 2013 City Council Agenda.
2. Approval of the March 25, 2013 regular City Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Approval of non-budgeted expenses from restricted fund accounts: None

F. Public Hearing

Rezoning of property located at 1955 Highway 33, Pelham, AL from A-1 Agricultural District to B-2 General Business District. Applicants are David and Diane Harrington.

G. Mayor Waters' Comments

H. School Donations Presentation

Presentation of school donation checks to the principals of Valley Elementary School, Valley Intermediate School, Riverchase Middle School, Pelham High School and Linda Nolen Learning Center

I. Proclamations

Proclamation supporting organ donation proclaiming April as "Donate Life Month"

Proclamation supporting parental alienation prevention proclaiming April 21 through April 27, 2013 as "Parental Alienation Prevention Week"

J. Requests to Address the Council – None

K. Old Business – None

L. New Business

1. **Ordinance 135-197** Rezoning of property located at 1955 Highway 33, Pelham, AL from A-1 Agricultural District to B-2 General Business District. Applicant: David and Diane Harrington. **First Reading**

Rick Hayes stated that he understood that there was no urgency to consider this rezoning and recommended the council not suspend the rule for immediate consideration. Karyl Rice stated the B-2 zoning was consistent with the B-2 zoning across the street and recommended the council approve the rezoning request.

2. **Resolution 2013-04-01-01** for consideration to approve a Special Use Permit to T-Mobile for modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 7700 Helena Road, Pelham, AL to provide enhanced wireless services essentially within the corporate limits and police jurisdiction of the City of Pelham.

There were no comments.

M. Council and Public Comments

N. Public Announcements

1. Spring Clean-up Day is Saturday, April 6. Check the website for items acceptable for pick up curbside. From 8:00 a.m. until noon at Pelham City Hall, Cintas will offer free shredding for Pelham residents (six box limit) and Technical Knockout will offer electronic recycling drop off (no TVs). Fees will be waived at the Shelby County landfill April 6.
2. Opening Day Celebration at Pelham City Park will be April 6, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.
3. Notices for Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment and Pelham City Council public hearings pertaining to re-zoning applications and variances will no longer be published in the Shelby County Reporter. Notices will be posted in four public places in the City of Pelham: City Hall, Library, City Park and Water Works as well as the city website www.pelhamonline.com.
4. The April 15, 2013 Pelham City Council meeting has been rescheduled to April 22, 2013 for Youth Government Day.

O. Adjournment

(end of April 1, 2013 council meeting agenda)

Old Business

1. Ecoefficient presentation related to a potential lighting retrofit for the Pelham Civic Complex and Ice Arena funded via an ADECA 0% loan program to be repaid by related energy savings

A proposal was presented by Mr. Rob Pittman and Ms. Kristi McWhirter representing Ecoefficient. Among the suggestions proposed were changing the lighting and controls to allow more options in lighting, including instant on/off, dual switching and using a different type of bulbs. Ms. McWhirter stated the proposed changes would make the civic complex lighting operate more efficiently and the money saved in operational costs would pay for the project.

Rick Hayes said the project, if approved, would have to be bid out, and an energy audit would be required at an additional expense in order to qualify for the recommended Local Government Energy Loan Program.

Beth McMillan asked how long it would take to build it out. Ms. McWhirter replied it would depend on the number of workers and the event schedule at the complex. The work would have to be done around scheduled events.

2. Flood Mitigation Grant status, issues and next steps

Rick Hayes, Mayor Waters and D. J. Strickland, an engineer with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, updated the council on the grant status.

Mayor Waters shared the price for two houses in Saddle Run and the Doyle property totaled \$680,900.00.

Mr. Strickland confirmed the city has met the timing stipulations of the grant and has up to three years to complete the work. Once the grant project is completed, the objective to have a 100-year flood protection status would be obtained.

Rick Hayes stated some alternatives to purchasing the Doyle property are being considered. Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood is running the related numbers and gathering information for comparison.

3. The Ledges/Oxford Way streetlight alternatives

Maurice Mercer reported he has worked diligently for approximately 60 days with the residents, McKay Management Company, the builder and HOA regarding the street light issues on Oxford Way in The Ledges subdivision and is negotiating an extension of the price quote for street lights with Alabama Power Company.

Mr. Mercer called on Mr. Clifford Beach, a resident of Oxford Way, to update the council on the latest proposal from the residents. Mr. Beach stated the need for street lights was a safety issue and reported some of the events that have taken place in the unlit areas of Oxford Way. He reported the residents, along with a match from the builder, had raised about 25% of the quoted cost to install the requested street lights.

Rick Hayes said he is working with Alabama Power, reviewing the numbers along with some options, and Mr. Mercer or he would get back with the HOA to discuss the options so that the HOA with the homeowners can decide which option they would prefer.

4. Proposed local legislation related to the recouping of certain Pelham Municipal Court Costs

Time did not allow the council to discuss this item.

New Business

1. Update on Storm Shelter Grant

Finance Director Tom Seale gave an update on the approved FEMA grant to install five storm shelters at designated locations in the city: two at Pelham City Park, and one each at the Pelham Senior Center, Fungo Holler Park and the Pelham Civic Complex and Ice Arena. The approved grant amount increased from \$650,000.00 with a 25% city match of \$162,500.00 to a final total of \$802,510.00 with a 39% city match of \$312,979.00.

Maurice Mercer, on behalf of the Beautification Board, asked the council if they would provide financial support for the Pelhambration celebration planned for July, should the board come up short in raising money through sponsor donations. The council agreed they will approve finances for the celebration if needed.

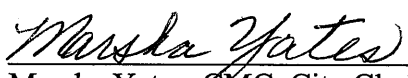
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Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Maurice Mercer and seconded by Beth McMillan. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of April, 2013.


Marsha Yates, CMC, City Clerk

