

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

Pelham City Hall – Council Conference Room

April 22, 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 22, 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 6:02 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: Neal Wagner, Shelby County Reporter; Martin Reed, The Birmingham News; Rachel Crisson, Pelham City News

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Karyl Rice to approve the April 1, 2013 regular work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Beth McMillan and was passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments

Mayor Waters showed the new Pelham presentation folder produced by Me2graphics that will be used when promoting the City of Pelham to prospective businesses and investors.

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the council agenda for April 22, 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 22, 2013 City Council Agenda
- 2. Approval of the April 1, 2013 regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- 3. Approval of non-budgeted expenses from restricted fund accounts: None

- F. Public Hearing - None
- G. Mayor Waters' Comments
- H. Proclamations - None
- I. Requests to Address the Council - None
- J. Old 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.

There was no discussion.

- K. New Business

- 1. **Resolution 2013-04-22-01** for consideration to authorize the participation by the City of Pelham in the 2013 "Back to School" Sales Tax Holiday.

There was no discussion.

2. **Resolution 2013-04-22-02** for consideration to authorize a three-year agreement with RiverTree Systems, Inc. to provide tax auditing, examination and assessment services at a rate of \$65.00 an hour.

Mr. Jim Thomas, President of RiverTree Systems, Inc., was present to address questions from the council. Ron Scott asked if there was a cap on the number of audits performed in a year. Mr. Thomas stated there was no cap. However, the company only performs audits when authorized by the city and does not bill the city unless they can recover money owed to us. He said RiverTree has been auditing for 22 years, and their four largest clients are Shelby County, Pelham, Alabaster and Helena. In instances where RiverTree audits a business located in Pelham for both the City of Pelham and Shelby County, the city audit is done in conjunction with Shelby County and the city is billed on a prorated basis.

3. **Resolution 2013-04-22-03** for consideration to appoint Joseph Schifano, III to the Pelham Board of Adjustment for a three-year term.

There was no discussion.

L. Council and Public Comments

M. Public Announcements

1. The Pelham Business Council will meet Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Pelham Civic Complex and Ice Arena.
2. There will be a Pelham Water Board Meeting April 29, 2013 at 6:00 in the conference room at Pelham City Hall.
3. There will be a special called city council work session April 29, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at Pelham City Hall.
4. There will be a special called city council meeting April 29, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers at Pelham City Hall.
5. The May 20, 2013 Pelham City Council meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 21, 2013 due to the Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Conference.

N. Adjournment

(end of April 22, 2013 council meeting agenda)

Old Business

1. Lighting Retrofit RFP for the Pelham Civic Complex and Ice Arena

The council agreed to go forward with an RFP for retrofitting the lighting system at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena and asked the mayor to take the lead.

2. Storm Shelter Grant Discussion

Karyl Rice stated she had an issue with the city's match being increased by FEMA and with the locations where they would be installed, as required by FEMA. In her opinion, the city would lose several parking spaces at the complex and there wasn't a suitable place for a shelter at Pelham City Park.

Tom Seale reported FEMA would restore the 75% match as originally proposed and that the city could downsize the grant to install fewer shelters.

Ron Scott voiced that the park may be the best place for a shelter, but questioned where at the park to install one.

Beth McMillan visited the City of Columbiana's shelter and reported her concerns about the size, seating and maintenance of a storm shelter.

Mayor Waters stated, in his opinion, this was not a good use of the city's money. He questioned if people would drive to a shelter or stay home, since most of the shelter locations would require considerable travel to get to a shelter. Regulations require they be installed on city property; therefore they would not be located in residential areas.

Rick Hayes stated the general consensus was to decline the grant. Mayor Waters concurred and said the city should work on a plan to publicize an alternative shelter arrangement, such as using the first floor of the Pelham Police building and the basement of Pelham City Hall.

3. Streetlights in The Ledges subdivision update

Maurice Mercer reported he was meeting with the residents of The Ledges this week to share the latest information from Alabama Power Company.

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Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Maurice Mercer and seconded by Karyl Rice. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The Youth Government Day Work Session immediately followed.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of April, 2013.

Marsha Yates

Marsha Yates, CMC, City Clerk

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