

## **CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION**

**Pelham City Hall – Council Conference Room  
June 17, 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 June 17, 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 6:04 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, various TV reporters/cameramen

Others present: City department heads, city employees, Chelsea Mayor Earl Niven and other members of the public.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Councilmember Rice to approve the June 3, 2013 regular work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mercer and passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

#### **Mayor Waters' Comments**

Mayor Gary Waters welcomed those in attendance and directed the council's attention to a presentation in their folders from ClearWater Solutions. This company operates two sewer systems in the Hoover area and compiled an analysis stating they could operate the City of Pelham's sewer system more economically.

Mayor Waters stated he attended a City of Alabaster city council work session on June 11, 2013. He noted that Alabaster held their work sessions separately from the city council meetings and

recommended the City of Pelham try this approach on a trial basis. Waters likes this arrangement because it would give the council more time which he thinks would provide for better communication and more efficient meetings. Holding the work session just prior to the city council meeting does not allow time for the council members to go home from work before rushing to city hall nor time to discuss issues in great detail when needed.

Both Councilmembers Scott and Mercer said they liked the idea and would like to try this on a trial basis.

### Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the council agenda for June 17, 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 June 17, 2013 City Council Agenda
- 2. Approval of the June 3, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- 3. Approval of non-budgeted expenses from restricted fund accounts: None

### F. Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held tonight immediately following the city council meeting to discuss the issues and opportunities related to a potential Pelham City School System.

### G. Mayor Waters' Comments

### H. Proclamations - None

### I. Requests to Address the Council

Pelham Fire Explorer Post 2611 and Chelsea Fire Explorer Post 31

J. Old Business - None

K. New Business

1. **Resolution 2013-06-17-01** for consideration to approve a revised job description and classification for the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena Director of Hockey.

Councilmembers Mercer and McMillan questioned the salary range, noting it was higher than what was listed on the job description. Danny Tate justified the increase and confirmed the Pelham Personnel Board had approved the new salary.

2. **Resolution 2013-06-17-02** for consideration to accept the FY2012 Independent Audits prepared by Moses, Phillips, Young, Brannon and Henninger, LLP.

No further discussion

3. **Resolution 2013-06-17-03** for consideration to declare certain city property as surplus and approve of its disposal.

No further discussion

4. **Resolution 2013-06-17-04** for consideration to accept the bid of \$50,727.21 from Continental Roofing for roof replacements to the Pelham Library, Water and Street Department buildings.

President Hayes verified with the city clerk that the bid met all the specifications.

L. Council and Public Comments

M. Public Announcements

1. There will be a public hearing tonight to discuss the issues and opportunities related to a potential Pelham City School System. It will be held immediately following the city council meeting in the Municipal Court Room.
2. The Pelham City Council will host a Town Hall meeting Monday, July 8, 2013 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.

N. Adjournment

*(end of June 17, 2013 council meeting agenda)*

Old Business

1. Flood Mitigation Project Update  
Engineer D. J. Strickland with Goodwyn Mills Cawood gave a status report saying he had interviewed residents, inspected pipes and talked with FEMA and was about 90% ready

to make a recommendation to the city. His research has led to a better solution and he would like to wrap it up by the end of June. He must get approval from ADEM first.

2. Bond Refinancing Update and Alternatives

Council President Rick Hayes suggested the council move quickly on a decision due to rising interest rates. Councilmember Mercer requested presentations from the financial institutions making proposals to the city. Hayes and Finance Director Tom Seale will work together to present the various options and hope to have them for the July 1 agenda.

New Business

1. FY 2012 Audit Presentation by Lee Willoughby and Jenny Gray

Lee Willoughby and Jenny Gray explained several slides showing the financial status of the city. In summary Willoughby stated the city's sales tax collection is up almost to the 2008 income level. Pelham has a good balance sheet and is on sound ground with the cash position remaining strong.

2. Recommended Changes to the Garbage Specifications to be Bid

Changes recommended were to have larger recycle carts or go to a weekly recycle pickup. The clerk was asked to prepare a draft ITB for the council to review.

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Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Rice and seconded by Councilmember McMillan. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013,

*Marsha Yates*

Marsha Yates, CMC, City Clerk

