

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

**Pelham City Hall – Council Conference Room
August 5, 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 August 5, 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: Rachel Crisson, Pelham City News magazine; Neal Wagner, Shelby County Reporter; Martin Reed, Birmingham News

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Rice to approve the July 25, 2013 special called 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 reported the roofs had been replaced on both the water building and street department office building over the weekend, the pedestrian bridge between the Pelham Civic Complex and Ice Arena and the Live Nation Amphitheater was completed and that work to replace the sidewalk, ramp and railing at the library rear entrance would be done during the coming week.

Parks Director Billy Crandall and Mayor Waters met with local Boy Scout leaders to tour the vacant building adjacent to City Park and formerly occupied by John Deere which is being considered as a meeting place for the local Boy Scout troops.

Mayor Waters told the council that ABC 33/40 will attend the August 19, 2013 work session to make a presentation to the council. He gave each council member a packet from ABC 33/40.

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the council agenda for August 5, 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 August 5, 2013 City Council Agenda
- 2. Approval of the July 25, 2013 Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes
- 3. Approval of non-budgeted expenses from restricted fund accounts:

\$6050.00 from the State Forfeiture Account to purchase four (4) moving radar units for police patrol and traffic vehicles

- F. Public Hearing

The public hearing is being held to discuss the new Classification Pay Plan for the City of Pelham.

Jim Collins, personnel board member, told the council the entry level labor positions in the various city departments can be refined as needed after the pay plan is adopted.

- G. Mayor Waters' Comments

H. Proclamations

A proclamation will be presented to the Pelham Fire Department by Mayor Waters and Ms. Terri Wilson, Executive Director of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of North Central Alabama.

I. Requests to Address the Council

Ivy Wilson, resident of Windstone sub-division

J. Old Business - None

K. New Business

1. **Ordinance No. 455** for consideration to approve Warrants 2013-A, 2013-B, 2013-C and 2013-D related to the refinancing of existing debt in order to significantly reduce the applicable interest rates and use the savings to fund capital improvements. **First Reading**

Financial advisor Rory Hartley told the council the city successfully negotiated a good interest rate for 2001, 2003, 2004, and 2005 warrants for a savings of about \$1.5 million in interest. The average interest rate on the refinanced warrants is 2.28% through Compass Bank.

Rod Kanter, serving as the city's bond counsel, echoed Mr. Hartley in saying the city had a very good rate on the warrants and stated, although the city cannot close on the 2005 warrants at this time, Compass Bank will hold the interest rate open until closing.

2. **Resolution 2013-08-05-01** for consideration to accept the new City of Pelham Classification Pay Plan as presented from the Pelham Personnel Board with the effective implementation date of August 17, 2013.

The council unanimously agreed on the August 17, 2013 implementation date of the new pay plan.

3. **Resolution 2013-08-05-02** for consideration to award the bid for the Collection of Residential Garbage and Recycling Service to _____ in the amount of _____, with services to begin October 1, 2013, and to authorize the mayor to execute an agreement with _____ on behalf of the City of Pelham for these services.

President Hayes recommended the council reject all bids and re-bid based on advice of City Attorney Butch Ellis. The council discussed recycling service and decided to bid

out weekly recycle service. They also determined container sizes to be uniform throughout the city – 95 gallon for garbage and 65 gallon for recycle.

Councilmember Rice moved to table Resolution 2013-08-05-02 and re-bid for the garbage and recycle service. Councilmember McMillan seconded the motion to table and the motion passed unanimously by the council.

4. **Resolution 2013-08-05-03** for consideration to reject all bids for garbage and recycle services that were received and opened on July 30, 2013 and to re-bid the garbage and recycle services for the city.

L. Council and Public Comments

M. Public Announcements - None

N. Adjournment

(end of August 5, 2013 council meeting agenda)

Old Business

1. Presentation by Retail Strategies to update the council on their progress in growing economic development for the City of Pelham

Chuck Branch and Robert Jolly of Retail Strategies gave a Power Point presentation to the council identifying retail gaps in Pelham where consumer dollars are being lost to businesses outside the city in an estimated amount of \$167 million.

Mr. Jolly reported that the City of Pelham had been marketed at a shopping center trade show in Las Vegas, and they have plans to attend three more ICSC conferences this year in which they will continue to market Pelham to national retailers.

2. Garbage Bid

President Hayes distributed Resolution 2013-08-05-03 to reject all bids and re-bid the garbage and recycling services and asked for a motion to add it to the council agenda. Councilmember Mercer moved to add Resolution 2013-08-05-03 to the August 5, 2013 council agenda. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion and the council approved unanimously.

New Business

1. Discuss a resolution needed to approve a park development on property located behind Chelsea High School and owned by the City of Chelsea which lies in the City of Pelham.

Mayor Waters gave President Hayes an email from City of Chelsea Mayor Earl Niven requesting the Pelham City Council pass a resolution giving Chelsea permission to move

forward on developing a park on recently purchased land which lies in the city limits of Pelham.

This is a requirement from Regions Bank who is financing a \$6 million loan to the City of Chelsea for the park development.

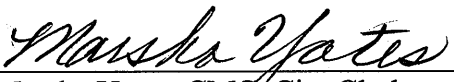
President Hayes suggested Mayor Waters and the city council meet with Mayor Niven to discuss the details and plans for the park development, including obtaining a legal description of the land.

Announcements - None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember McMillan and seconded by Councilmember Scott. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of August 2013,



Marsha Yates, CMC, City Clerk

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