

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

**Pelham City Hall – Council Conference Room
October 7, 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 October 7, 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 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

The city clerk called the roll and the following elected officials were present:

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

Media Present: Neal Wagner, Shelby County Reporter, Martin Reed, Birmingham News and Rachel Crisson, Pelham City 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 October 1, 2013 special called work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scott and passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments

Mayor Gary Waters welcomed everyone in attendance and announced the proposed 2014 dates for the Pelham Business Council luncheons to be held at the Pelham Civic Complex. The dates are January 22, April 22, July 22 and October 21.

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the council agenda for October 7, 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 October 7, 2013 City Council Agenda
- 2. Approval of the September 16, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- 4. Approval of non-budgeted expenses from restricted fund accounts: None

F. Public Hearing

The hearing to consider Ordinance #135-198 re-zoning property at 1200 Martin Street from O & I Office & Institutional to R-1 Single Family Residential will be held at the conclusion of the city council meeting.

G. Mayor Waters' Comments

H. Proclamations - None

I. Requests to Address the Council

- 1. Stacey Ayotte regarding speeding on Ballantrae Club Drive

2. Deborah Grebel to announce the 2013 Mother Ginger

J. Old Business - None

K. New Business

1. **Ordinance #135-201 (first reading)** for consideration to amend the Sign Ordinance for off-premise signs regarding Digital, Rotoboard and Variable Changeable Electronic LED signs.

Mayor Waters stated the Sign Ordinance was last amended in 2007 and needed to be updated to embrace new technology being used today. By amending our Sign Ordinance the city will be able to participate in Amber Alerts by allowing the new technology to be used in the city.

2. **Ordinance #135-198 (first reading)** for consideration to re-zone property located at 1200 Martin Street from O & I Office & Institutional to R-1 Single Family Residential. Applicant: Madison Earl Development, LLC.

No discussion

3. **Resolution 2013-10-07-01** for consideration to appoint Mr. Norman K. Patty and Mrs. Lynn Armistead to the Pelham Library Board for 4-year terms, both ending September 30, 2017.

Library Director Barbara Roberts spoke in favor of these appointments.

2. **Resolution 2013-10-07-02** for consideration to reappoint Mr. Andrew A. Burell to the Pelham Board of Adjustments & Appeals for a 4-year term ending September 30, 2017.

No discussion

L. Council and Public Comments

M. Public Announcements

N. Adjournment

(end of October 7, 2013 council agenda)

New Business

1. City of Pelham Board of Education Applications and Selection Process

President Hayes announced the city had received over twenty applications thus far and that any additional applications received the remainder of the evening, up until midnight, would be forwarded to the council members tomorrow morning.

The council agreed that the interview process should start as soon as possible and that the interviews would be open to the public. However, possible interview dates were not discussed or set during the meeting.

Old Business

1. FY 2014 Budget

The city council agreed to hold a special called work session to continue budget discussions on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Questions concerning budget items were discussed as follows:

New 311 system – GIS Director Josh Osborne and IT Manager Dell Ann Holly

Sewer budget items – Public Works Director Eddy Jowers

New plan room for storing maps and blueprints – Fire Chief Danny Ray and Josh Osborne

Capital improvement funds – Finance Director Tom Seale

President Hayes suggested the engineering department submit a draft resolution for the plan room and storage.

Hayes suggested if the council has specific questions about a department's budget that the department head(s) be invited to the next budget meeting to address those questions.

In other old business, Hayes reported that work on the AL 261 Flood Mitigation project was making progress and property owners were being contacted.

Councilmember Scott asked if the Pelham Water Board would meet before the end of the year.

Mayor Waters answered in the affirmative; the water board would schedule a meeting.

Announcements

1. The Pelham Library Guild will host "The Taste of Pelham" Tuesday, October 8, 2013 from 6-8:00 p.m. at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. Tickets are \$25 advance and \$30 at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Pelham Library Building Fund.
2. The Pelham Business Council will meet at 11:00 a.m. on October 22, 2013 at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.

3. The public hearing for Ordinance #135-198 rezoning request will commence immediately following tonight's city council meeting.

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 7th day of October 2013.



Marsha Yates, CMC, City Clerk

