

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

Pelham City Hall – Council Conference Room

May 12, 2014 – 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 May 12, 2014 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 6:05 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
Mayor Gary W. Waters

Councilmember Karyl Rice was absent due to illness.

Media Present: Molly Davidson, Shelby County Reporter; Martin Reed, The Birmingham News; 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 Scott to approve the April 21, 2014 regular council work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mercer and passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments

Mayor Waters told the council they had a packet from Pyro Productions, Inc. in their folders for their review. He said there would be a resolution on the May 19, 2014 council agenda for their consideration to approve \$10,000.00 for a fireworks display at Oak Mountain State Park for the planned July 4th celebration event.

Mayor Waters said he would like to appoint Mr. Russell Biciste to the Pelham Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Willard Payne. The mayor said he had spoken with Mr. Biciste and confirmed he was still interested in serving. The council requested that Mayor Waters invite Mr. Biciste to the May 19, 2014 council work session so they can meet with him.

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the council agenda for May 12, 2014:

- 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 May 12, 2014 City Council Agenda
- 2. Approval of the April 28, 2014 Special Called 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

- 1. Proclamation honoring Dr. Mike Shaw

I. Requests to Address the Council - None

J. Old Business - None

K. New Business

1. **Resolution 2014-05-12-01** for consideration to accept the second lowest bid of 152,844.00 from Ingram Equipment Company, LLC for a brush truck for the public works department, and to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Ingram Equipment Company, LLC for the purchase of said brush truck.

Mr. Eddy Jowers, Public Works Director, gave an explanation of why the bid award was going to the second lowest bidder, stating the equipment in the lowest bid did not meet all the specifications of the bid. The winning bidder, Mr. Wil Hovater with Ingram Equipment, was in attendance to answer any questions.

2. **Resolution 2014-05-12-02** for consideration to approve the Mayor's recommendation to fund a Dispatcher position for the Pelham Police Department.

Councilmember Scott emphasized his support for this resolution citing an increase of about 30% in the volume of calls now being channeled through the Pelham dispatch office.

3. **Resolution 2014-05-12-03** for consideration to return Ordinance #135-202 rezoning request to the Pelham Planning Commission for reconsideration due to significant changes made to the rezoning request.

President Hayes gave an overview of the changes made since the original plans came before the planning commission. There is a new developer and the acreage to be rezoned is less. The new plans call for fewer garden homes and include some traditional homes that would meet the current zoning requirements.

Engineer Jesse Jowers discussed the plans for detention ponds saying an increase in shallow ponds would work better than fewer larger ponds. Mr. Jowers said the revised plans showed a cut from over 60 lots to about 41 lots and included some walking trails.

L. Council and Public Comments

M. Public Announcements

1. The Special Olympics Torch Run will come through Pelham Friday, May 16, 2014 starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.
2. First Baptist Church Pelham will host a reception for Dr. Mike Shaw in honor of his May 31, 2014 retirement, having served as pastor and community leader for 35 years in the City of Pelham. The reception will be held at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on May 18, 2014.

N. Adjournment

(End of May 12, 2014 Agenda Review)

Old Business - None

New Business

1. Steve Mobley to discuss charges for enhanced water fees for builders in Ballantrae

Mr. Mobley stated that homebuilders in Ballantrae have been paying an additional \$500.00 water tap-on fee per house for the past ten years, and that no other homebuilders in any other areas of the city are required to pay this additional fee. Mobley recapped the history of how this fee originated in 2002 between a former mayor and former owners of the development as a way to pay for the infrastructure required to supply water to this new development in Pelham.

Mr. Mobley estimated there had been between 750 and 800 homes built in Ballantrae for which this additional water fee had been paid and estimated a total of 1.5 to two million dollars had been paid in tap-on fees. Mobley stated he thinks Ballantrae builders have more than paid their fair share for the necessary infrastructure and recommended the additional fee be eliminated.

Councilmember Scott recommended that a policy be put in place, that the amount of fees paid be determined and that the necessity to continue charging the additional fees be evaluated. Scott asked if this should be decided by the council or the water board.

Mayor Waters replied that he had spoken with city attorneys who determined this should be brokered by the city council.

President Hayes stated he would work with City Attorney Butch Ellis to see what needs to be done. Hayes asked Public Works Director Eddy Jowers to provide the council with numbers showing the amount of money collected over the years from these tap-on fees in Ballantrae.

2. Jody Trautwein, candidate for State House District 73

Mr. Trautwein thanked the council for allowing him to come and introduce himself as a candidate in the upcoming election. He shared information about his personal life and a few focus points of his platform.

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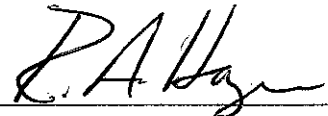
Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember McMillan and seconded by Councilmember Mercer. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

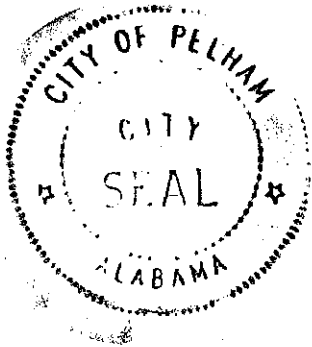
Respectfully submitted this 12th day of May 2014.



Marsha Yates, CMC, City Clerk



Rick Hayes, President of the Council



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