

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

**Pelham City Hall – Conference Room
May 19, 2015 – 6:15 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 19, 2015 at 6:15 p.m. The regular work session was held in the 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 Hayes at 6:15 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: 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 Councilmember McMillan to approve the May 4, 2015 regular council work session minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scott and passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments

Mayor Waters introduced Heather Sellers with ABC 33/40 who gave a presentation on Hometown Focus, a segment of ABC 33/40 broadcasting that highlights local municipalities. She presented a 5-5 plan to highlight the tri-cities of Pelham, Helena and Alabaster. The three cities joining together would receive TV exposure for less cost than contracting with the station individually. The month of July is currently open for booking. Ms. Sellers will follow up with the council after June 1, 2015.

Review of Council Agenda

President Hayes noted there were both a proclamation and a request to address the council on the agenda. The council then reviewed items listed under New Business.

J. New Business

1. **Resolution 2015-05-19-01** for consideration to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Pyro Productions for an Independence Day fireworks program at Oak Mountain State Park on the evening of July 3, 2015

There was no discussion.

2. **Resolution 2015-05-19-02** for consideration to approve the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Annual Report for submission to ADEM

Mr. Eddy Jowers told the council the report was due to ADEM by June 1, 2015 and the report showed no actions were required by the city.

3. **Resolution 2015-05-19-03** for consideration to approve an ABC license application for Aldi Store 32 located at 200 Big Mountain Road, Pelham, AL

No members of the council or Police Chief Palmer had any concerns with approving the application.

4. **Resolution 2015-05-19-04** for consideration to modify the water department FY2015 budget to include the Water Building Build-out project

President Hayes chose to discuss this resolution along with the update report to be given under Old Business.

(End of May 19, 2015 Agenda Review)

Old Business

1. Water Administration Building build-out update

President Hayes reported the city will act as its own general contractor and project manager for the build-out. Hoar Program Management has offered to assist our building department if needed. The building plans have been given to the fire and building departments. Subcontractors for the build-out will be bid when necessary should the related costs exceed the limits under the Alabama bid laws. Finance Director Tom Seale has identified surpluses in the budget that can be reallocated for the build-out.

2. Discuss the moratorium on the issuance of new business licenses for certain businesses

Councilmember Ron Scott recommended the one-year moratorium passed last June be renewed as currently written. He stated the perception of the 31 corridor to commercial developers is negative and suggests a demographic view that would not support the type of retail and commercial businesses we are seeking to locate in Pelham. Mr. Scott said he had not heard any negative feedback from the citizens about the moratorium, but has received support from the community for what we are trying to accomplish through the moratorium.

The council discussed renewing the moratorium for another year versus making it permanent until such time the council decides to change it.

President Hayes said the renewed moratorium should address existing business relocations, and the city attorney should be consulted to insure the city has complied with all the requirements of the moratorium. He directed the clerk to prepare a draft resolution for the June 1 council meeting and said he would contact the city attorney.

New Business - None

Announcements

1. The Pelham High School graduation ceremony will be this Thursday, May 21st at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena at 7:00 p.m.
2. City offices will be closed Monday, May 25, 2015 for Memorial Day.
3. Mayor Waters announced the Memorial Day ceremony at the National Cemetery in Montevallo would start at 9:00 a.m. and encouraged everyone to attend.

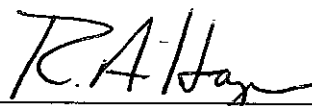
Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the work session 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 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of May, 2015,



Marsha Yates, CMC, City Clerk



Rick Hayes, President of the Council

