

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

**Pelham City Hall – Conference Room
September 8, 2015 – 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 September 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The regular work session was held in the Conference Room in Pelham City Hall and was open to the public.

Record of Attendance

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: Jessa Pease, Shelby County Reporter

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

Call to Order

The work session was called to order by Council President Hayes at 6:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

President Hayes asked that the August 17, 2015 Regular Council Work Session Minutes, the August 20, 2015 Special Called Council Work Session Amended Minutes and the August 24, 2015 Special Called Council Work Session Minutes be approved with a single vote of the council. A motion was made by Councilmember McMillan to approve the minutes of the three work sessions as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scott and passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments

Mayor Waters distributed a proposal to the council members regarding the Lee House and asked that they review the information for discussion at a later time. He cautioned them that part of his proposal was confidential as it pertained to real estate.

Mayor Waters announced he would be passing the Pelham-Thompson Football Trophy to Thompson High School at their next pep rally.

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the September 8, 2015 council agenda noting there were two proclamations to be presented. The council moved on to items of new business on tonight's agenda.

K. New Business

1. **Resolution 2015-09-08-01** for consideration to declare a certain item as surplus property and authorize the disposal of same

Chief Larry Palmer told the council that the bicycle had been in evidence for two years and the police department had the authority to dispose of it. He recommended giving it to a very deserving Pelham resident and the council agreed.

2. **Resolution 2015-09-08-02** for consideration to declare certain items as surplus property and authorize the disposal of same

Tom Seale gave a brief summary of the surplus items - miscellaneous office furnishings

3. **Resolution 2015-09-08-03** for consideration to declare a certain item as surplus property and authorize the disposal of same

Tom Seale distributed photos of the mobile home and said he intended to sale it.

4. **Resolution 2015-09-08-04** for consideration to accept the bid of \$129,500.00 from Covenant Renovations & Roofing, LLC for the purchase and application of a polyurethane foam and high solid silicone coating for the roof of the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena

Danny Tate reported one issue had been raised by another bidder and it was resolved to his satisfaction. He recommended the council approve the bid award to Covenant Renovations.

5. **Resolution 2015-09-08-05** for consideration to accept the bid of \$132,000.00 from Byrd Contractors, Inc. for upgrades to Sewer Lift Station I

Eddy Jowers gave a summary of the bid and scope of work and stated the funds for this project would need to be approved in the FY2016 budget.

6. **Resolution 2015-09-08-06** for consideration to appoint Mr. D. Allan Wade to Place 4 on the Pelham Commercial Development Authority

Councilmember Scott asked if the resumes of the three board applicant finalists had been circulated, and the other council members confirmed they had been circulated.

7. **Resolution 2015-09-08-07** for consideration to approve a Supplement to Easement Agreement with Summer Classics Properties, LLC and to authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement on behalf of the City of Pelham

President Hayes explained issues resulting in the supplement to the original easement agreement. Some of the curbing was poured on city property and the cost sharing items were clarified.

(End of September 8, 2015 Agenda Review)

Old Business

1. APPLE Program – Trails and Greenway Study Findings and Funding Options - Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

Mr. Kaczorowski was unable to attend the work session.

2. FY2016 Budget Discussion

The council discussed various aspects of the FY2016 proposed budget and agreed the city would not be able to get all requested projects done in one fiscal year, but could get started on some and complete them in phases.

The city's cash reserves, debt and the option of taking on more debt while the rates are low were discussed. The council agreed to be cautious of anything that would impact the city's AAA rating or decrease the reserves substantially.

The council discussed the mayor's request for a 2% COLA, absorbing the health insurance increase and a vacation buy-back in December. The city has an estimated \$2 million on the books in accumulated vacation days. Mayor Waters said it would be beneficial for the employees and the city to budget for the vacation buy-back.

Health insurance and changing the way family coverage is calculated was discussed. It was suggested we check with other municipalities to inquire how they address health insurance coverage.

The council called for a special work session on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to continue working on the FY2016 budget.

Councilmember Scott asked Tom Seale to provide him with insight on two businesses in Pelham.

New Business - None

Announcements

1. City of Pelham offices will be closed Friday, September 11 in observance of Patriot Day.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the work session was made by Councilmember Rice and seconded by Councilmember Mercer. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of September, 2015,


Marsha Yates, CMC, City Clerk


Rick Hayes, President of the Council

