

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

**Pelham City Hall – Conference Room
November 16, 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 November 16, 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 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 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Scott to approve the November 2, 2015 regular council work session minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McMillan and passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments

The mayor reserved his comments for the council meeting.

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the November 16, 2015 council agenda.

J. Old Business

1. **Ordinance #464-01** (First Reading due to revisions) for consideration to amend Ordinance #464 regarding compliance with zoning and codes prior to obtaining utility service for a commercial facility or commercial user.

Mayor Waters and Eddy Jowers both agreed with the revisions, and there was no further discussion.

K. New Business

1. **Resolution 2015-11-16-01** for consideration to appoint members to the Pelham Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Councilmember McMillan said Michael Helms and Danny Barry bring a lot to the board and she recommended both be reappointed.

2. **Resolution 2015-11-16-02** for consideration to appoint members to the Pelham Planning Commission

There were no comments or discussion.

3. **Resolution 2015-11-16-03** for consideration to authorize the participation by the City of Pelham in the 2016 Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday

There were no comments or discussion.

4. **Resolution 2015-11-16-04** for consideration to approve the Barnette Wholesale Autos, Inc. application to convert from wholesale to both wholesale and retail sales

Councilmember Scott and Building Official Bob Miller looked at the location and neither had any issues with parking, particularly since sales are by appointment only.

5. **Resolution 2015-11-16-05** for consideration to vacate an easement in Keeneland Valley

Mr. Joe Schifano, Engineering Design Group, LLC, gave an update and details concerning the easement in the development. He also responded to Councilmember Scott that there were 42 lots in the development.

6. **Ordinance #469** (First Reading) for consideration to deannex two parcels of property owned by the City of Chelsea

Mayor Niven attended and shared a map showing the master plan for Chelsea's new community park. President Hayes reported the City of Chelsea agreed to complete The Highlands community so that all parcels in the neighborhood will be in one city.

7. **Ordinance #470** (First Reading) for consideration to approve the transfer of surplus real property and authorize the mayor to execute a Real Estate Exchange Contract between the City of Pelham and the Pelham Board of Education

President Hayes discussed the Valley Elementary School and proposed middle school (Belle Vista Mobile Home Park) land swap between the city and Pelham Board of Education. The VES property consists of about 22 acres and the new middle school property is about 10.82 acres. A school bus parking area will be deeded over to the school board once the area is defined in the final development plans.

Tom Seale reported 101 mobile homes have been moved to date, and there are 28 occupied homes remaining, but none of them are located on the proposed middle school property.

8. Ordinance #471 (First Reading) for consideration to approve the sale of surplus real property

Tom Seale reported the six lots in Oaklyn Hills sold for a total of \$96,000.00 and the sale should close in December.

(End of November 16, 2015 Agenda Review)

Old Business - None

New Business

1. Highway 261 Flood Mitigation Project Update

President Hayes discussed the bid and project with Jesse Jowers. The bids came in approximately \$378,000.00 higher than budgeted, and Mr. Jowers is working to determine why the bids were over the estimate. He told the council that Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood suggested the city ask for \$300,000.00 in additional funds. Mr. Jowers will update the figures and report back to the council at the next work session.

Mayor Waters asked Jesse Jowers about the Bearden Road sidewalk project and how it was progressing. Mr. Jowers reported that Gonzalez Strength Engineering was coordinating with Chris Cousins, Municipal Consultants, who is working with ALDOT, and said the utility portion needs to be worked out.

2. Upcoming Metropolitan Planning Organization Committee Meetings

President Hayes and Jesse Jowers discussed who would be attending the upcoming meetings: Citizens scheduled for November 18th, Advisory scheduled for November 19th and the MPO on December 9th. Mr. Jowers said he would be attending the meetings on November 19th and December 9th. President Hayes will also attend the same meetings representing Mayor Waters who is unable to attend.

Announcements

1. City of Pelham offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26-27, 2015 for the Thanksgiving holidays.

2. The annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Monday, November 30, 2015 at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena starting at 6:30 p.m.
3. The American Legion Matthew Blount Post 555 will meet Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pelham Senior Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the work session 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 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of November, 2015,



Marsha Yates, CMC, City Clerk



Rick Hayes, President of the Council

