

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

**Pelham City Hall – Conference Room
December 7, 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 December 7, 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.

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: None

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 6:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Mercer to approve the November 16, 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 December 7, 2015 council agenda.

J. Old Business

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

There were no questions or discussion.

2. **Ordinance #469** for consideration to deannex two parcels of property owned by the City of Chelsea

President Hayes shared information on future actions to be taken by the City of Chelsea and additional developments in the vicinity of these parcels.

3. **Ordinance #470** 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 told the council that the Real Estate Exchange Contract was modified to address insurance coverage. Councilman Scott requested that the mayor provide a topographical map of the VES property, and President Hayes offered to forward a map that he already has.

4. **Ordinance #471** for consideration to approve the sale of surplus real property

There were no questions or discussion.

K. New Business

1. **Resolution 2015-12-07-01** for consideration to reappoint a member to the Pelham Beautification Board – Ashley Anderson

There were no questions or discussion.

2. **Resolution 2015-12-07-02** for consideration to reappoint a member to the Pelham Storm Water Regulations Board – Chad Hester

There were no questions or discussion.

3. **Resolution 2015-12-07-03** for consideration to approve funding for new police and fire department classifications for non-certified personnel

Chief Larry Palmer spoke to the need for the new classification and answered questions.

4. **Resolution 2015-12-07-04** for consideration to award The Highlands Community Elevated Steel Water Storage Tank Bid to Phoenix Fabricators and Erectors, Inc. for the lowest bid amount of \$583,155.00 with an alternate deduction of \$14,000.00

Eddy Jowers briefed the council on several outstanding issues surrounding this project.

(End of December 7, 2015 Agenda Review)

Old Business

1. Highway 261 Flood Mitigation Project Update – Dodd Branch Drainage Project Bid

Mr. Finley Frazier with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. reported one reason the bids were over the original estimate. The pipes under the roads had to be upgraded, and while this improves the project, it also increases the cost.

GMC recommends the city request additional funding from FEMA. To do so will require an updated benefit/cost analysis to be filed in Atlanta. The revised project cost is about \$412K over what was approved. If additional grant money is awarded, the city's 25% would be about \$103K.

GMC said additional grant money is available, but all they have from the state and FEMA is a non-binding, verbal "maybe". It is not known if the city will receive additional grant money until we apply. The city must complete the proposed project for which the grant money we have already received covered.

The contractor with the lowest bid will hold the bid price for ninety (90) days.

New Business - None

Announcements

1. The Alabama Department of Transportation will host an Open House for the public to review project information and maps about Project #STPBH-5915(250) Intersection Improvements on State Park Road from Amphitheater Drive to John Findley Drive to include the Addition of Bike Lanes. The Open House will be this Thursday, December 10th, at Oak Mountain State Park from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
2. The Pelham Ice Skating School will present "Christmas at the Movies" at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena this weekend - December 11th at 7:00 p.m., December 12th at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and December 13th at 3:00 p.m.
3. The Steven Grebel Dance Studio will perform their annual presentation of "The Nutcracker" December 19th at 7:00 p.m. and December 20th at 2:30 p.m. in the Chelsea High School Theatre.
4. The City of Pelham offices will be closed December 24th and 25th for Christmas holidays.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the work session was made by Councilmember Scott and seconded by Councilmember Rice. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of December, 2015,



Marsha Yates, CMC, City Clerk



Rick Hayes, President of the Council

