CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

Pelham City Hall – Conference Room
May 2, 2016 – 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 2, 2016 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 (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)
Councilmember Beth McMillan
Councilmember Maurice Mercer
Mayor Gary Waters

Absent: Councilmember Karyl Rice

Media Present: Jessa Pease, Shelby County Reporter, and Rachel Crisson, Pelham City News
Others present: VIS Youth Government students, 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 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Scott to approve the April 16, 2016 special called council work session minutes and the April 18, 2016 regular council work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McMillan and passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments

1. All five of the city purchased houses in the Saddle Run subdivision have been demolished and the lots cleared. The next step is to address the foundations and slabs of these houses.

2. The Patriots Rummage Sale held April 16th- 17th in Pelham raised over $14,000.

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the May 2, 2016 council agenda.

K. New Business

1. **Resolution 2016-05-02-01** for consideration to participate in the 2016 "Back-to-School" Sales Tax Holiday the weekend of August 5-7, 2016

There were no questions or comments.

2. **Resolution 2016-05-02-02** for consideration to approve a special use permit to AT&T for modifications to a wireless tower located at 5000 Oak Mountain Drive

CMS Representative David Aymett described the modification as replacing three old antennae with three newer model antennae at the top of the 150 foot monopole. The modification will not increase the height or have any visual impact on the tower.

3. **Resolution 2016-05-02-03** for consideration to approve a special use permit to AT&T for modifications to a wireless tower located at 2000 Bearden Road

CMS Representative David Aymett described the modification as replacing antennae with newer model antennae at a 120 foot height on this 150 foot self-supporting tower. The modification will not increase the height or have any visual impact on the tower.

4. **Resolution 2016-05-02-04** for consideration to reject the single bid for renovations to Fire Station One and authorize the mayor and fire chief to negotiate for a lower price with the single bidder not to exceed the amount budgeted for this work or direct this work to be completed via force account under the city's direction and control with the total cost not to exceed the amount budgeted for this work

Fire Chief Danny Ray told the council the bid was about $50K over the approved budget.

5. **Resolution 2016-05-02-05** for consideration to reject all bids for a commercial mower for the Public Works Department

Public Works Director Eddy Jowers reported that we received four bids and that none of the proposals entirely met the bid specifications.

6. **Resolution 2016-05-02-06** for consideration to authorize an agreement with ALDOT for resurfacing US 31 from Bishop Creek Bridge to the Shelby/Jefferson County Line

President Hayes confirmed with Engineer Jesse Jowers that ALDOT had approved the change made to this agreement clarifying that Pelham would only be responsible for intersection maintenance on crossroads, service drives or relocated roads for city roadways in regard to this project (none that are designated as federal, state or county roads).

7. **Resolution 2016-05-02-07** for consideration to support and authorize the ADECA Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant applications for trails and greenways funding for the City of Pelham

This grant, if approved for Pelham, will give the city additional funding up to $80K for the parks and trails project. The funds could be applied towards a pavilion, water fountains, benches, parking, etc.

(End of May 2, 2016 Agenda Review)

Old Business

1. Discuss preliminary design concepts and alternatives for a new library – Library Director Mary Campbell

Director Campbell shared qualification documents received from Lathan Associates, Davis Architect and Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, the three architectural firms being considered for the design of the proposed library. She has received estimates for the construction costs between $175 and $200 per square foot. A 14,000 square foot building is estimated to cost $2.8 million and an 18,000 square foot building will be about $3.4 million.

Many existing furnishings can be moved once the new library is built, including shelving and office staff furniture, but additional seating would need to be purchased. The current circulation desks are built in and cannot be moved. She prefers to have one entrance/exit at the new library and she could work with a one level or two level library building. Director Campbell is ready for the city council to decide on an architect and move forward, working with the library staff and library board on design options.

The city council members discussed options for the design, and all agreed to build a new library with enough square footage to have the library we want for the city now and in the future. The current library has 13,350 square feet and everyone agree that it would be important to have the ability to expand the library in the future.

President Hayes brought up the grant opportunities that are being considered for the new library, and Director Campbell reviewed several grants that the she and her team are evaluating to help with the funding. She also mentioned that she was currently working on one large grant application. The library is intended to be part of the new city development around Pelham City Park. The city's objective is to have the recreation center and at least the outside construction portion of the new library completed when Pelham Park Middle School opens so that no heavy construction work will be in progress by the beginning of the 2017 school year.

New Business - None

Announcements

1. The American Legion Matthew Blount Post 555 will meet this Thursday at the Pelham Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.

2. There will be a Children's Hospital fundraiser on May 16th starting at 11:30 in the ballroom area of the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Area. The keynote speaker will be Coach Dabo Swinney. For information on attending and sponsorships, please contact Miss Shelby County, Hayley Barber, at hayley.barber@ymail.com.

3. Family Night Dinner at Ballantrae Golf Club is scheduled from 6pm until 8pm on Tuesday, May 17th. Reservations are needed by Friday, May 13th.

4. Pelham High School will host an Alumni Football Game at 6:00 p.m. on May 17th at Ned Bearden Stadium. Admission will be $5 and you can sign up to play via the Pelham Alumni Facebook Page.

5. Worship in the Park, a community family event hosted by the City of Pelham and local churches will be held at Pelham City Park on May 29th starting at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the work session was made by Councilmember Mercer and seconded by Councilmember Scott. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of May 2016,

Marsha Yates, MMC, City Clerk

Rick Hayes, President of the Council

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