

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

**Pelham City Hall – Conference Room
October 17, 2016 – 5:45 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 October 17, 2016 at 5:45 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 5:48 p.m.

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: Briana Harris, Shelby County Reporter; Fox 6 News reporter
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 October 3, 2016 regular council work session minutes and the October 10, 2016 special called council work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rice and passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments

Mayor Waters reserved his comments for the council meeting due to time constraints.

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the October 17, 2016 council agenda noting there was a request to address the council on the agenda from Grebel Dance to pass the wig to the new Mother Ginger.

K. New Business

1. **Resolution 2016-10-17-01** for consideration to approve the continued use of the mobile trailer located behind Valley Elementary School by the Pelham City Schools for the ESL Adult Literacy program

Councilmember Rice asked Dr. Coefield how long the trailer would remain at Valley. Dr. Coefield said the trailer would remain at least until the end of this school year. Then they will evaluate the needs of the ESL program and decide how they will proceed.

2. **Resolution 2016-10-17-02** for consideration to approve the inspection, testing, purchasing and transporting of an ADECA surplus generator

Mr. Chris Cousins told the council this is a large generator housed in a container and mounted on a trailer designed to be semi-mobile. Additional equipment would be needed. The initial plan was to place it in use at Lift Station M near the park and new school. If the city stores the unit, the sewer plant would be the best location.

3. **Resolution 2016-10-17-03** for consideration to accept the lone bid from Yamaha Golf Car Company for golf, beverage and utility carts for Ballantrae Golf Club

Hal Brown told the council the bid proposal met all requirements and has a GPS system. The bid total came in about \$5,000.00 under budget and he recommended council approval.

4. **Ordinance # 478** (First Reading) for consideration to sale city-owned property located at 3080 Lee Street, Pelham, Alabama

President Hayes said the property was appraised last year and that Swift Straw was anxious to move forward with the purchase. Summer Classics Properties, LLC has ten days to exercise their First Right of Refusal on the property.

(End of October 17, 2016 Agenda Review)

Old Business

1. Discuss the city's garbage and recycle bid

Councilmember Scott asked if the city could compensate Roberto Rodriguez for any expenses incurred from extending the agreement. Mayor Waters said we could not, but that he told Roberto not to buy any additional carts or other equipment during the three month extension, and there should not be any additional expenses. The city clerk reported that Mr. Rodriguez had not returned a signed agreement to extend the contract for an additional three months.

2. FY2017 Budget Review

President Hayes moved this item to the end of the work session, and asked if everyone would be agreeable to recessing the work session and reconvening after the council meeting if more time was needed. Everyone agreed.

3. Review dog park, dog shelter and additional athletic fields opportunities

President Hayes told the council Billy Crandall had received a very rough estimate of approximately \$1 million to build out additional fields on the property being considered and that did not include the cost of the property. He also mentioned that the property owner may want to lease the land to the city. There has not been any engineering work completed on this and it is not included in the budget yet.

Councilmember McMillan asked how much it would cost to maintain the fields. President Hayes said that Billy Crandall did not know at this time.

President Hayes said that Two by Two Animal Rescue would like to build their shelter on the property and take over the animal control for the city. Based on feedback from the mayor and council, he asked Mayor Waters to have Billy Crandall follow up on this and to move forward with discussion on this proposal.

New Business

1. Update on Pelham City Schools' policy regarding background checks from BOE President Rick Rhoades

Dr. Scott Coefield gave a brief report on the school system's performance related to the ACT Aspire scores and said it showed Pelham schools above the target growth. He reported that the open house at Pelham Ridge Elementary went smoothly with 1,000+ people attending. Also, the first day at the new school went very well with only one negative – not enough parking, which he will address.

Rick Rhoades told the council that the Pelham Board of Education was unanimous on the background check policy. He said it was not ill-advised, not discriminatory and kept confidentiality on the records. Mr. Rhoades said the forms were revised and not as cumbersome as before. The board is looking at other vendors and options to make the policy the best and most cost effective it can be.

Councilmember Mercer asked what the disqualifiers are and said that Alabaster scanned the visitor's driver's license for security.

Councilmember Rice said they must be sure they don't set up a barrier between parents and grandparents and the schools. Some think the school board doesn't want them in the schools.

Dr. Coefield said he and the board are looking at all the options.

2. Schedule a work session and special called city council meeting related to the FY2017 budget and potential sale of city property

The council decided the special called work session and council meeting would be scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th. The work session will start at 6:00 p.m. and the council meeting at 8:00 p.m.

3. Discuss the November 7, 2016 organizational meeting

President Hayes suggested a thirty minute work session prior to the organizational meeting. The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

FY2017 Budget Review

Finance Director Tom Seale and the city council reviewed updated revenue numbers. Budget items discussed included the fireworks budget and the possibility of getting a corporate sponsor, selling city properties (Lee Street, Summer Classics outparcels and the City Center 31-frontage property), and funding the CDA director from the lodging tax revenues.

Recess

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

The council reconvened at 8:11 p.m.

Continued FY2017 Budget Review

The council and Tom Seale reviewed capital expenditure items and other budget items including the newsletter, telephone system upgrade, library line items, security entrance update for city hall, the trails project, sewer line items, weather sirens and replacing the benches with chairs in the council chamber.

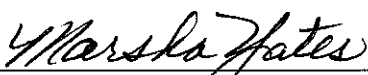
Announcements

1. The City of Pelham will host the quarterly business council on Tuesday, October 18th at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena at 11:00 a.m.
2. The City of Pelham will host a Town Hall meeting at Pelham High School on Monday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m. Congressman Gary Palmer will be the guest speaker. Items to be discussed during the Town Hall include city manager and smoking restriction alternatives.
3. The Pelham City Council is accepting letters of interest from those interested in being appointed to the Commercial Development Authority. These letters and related resumes will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on November 21st. Please submit all letters and resumes to Pelham's city clerk.
4. The newly elected Pelham City Council will hold their swearing in ceremony and organizational meeting on November 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the work session was made by Councilmember McMillan and seconded by Councilmember Scott. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of October 2016,



Marsha Yates, MMC, City Clerk



Rick Hayes, President of the Council

