CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

Pelham City Hall – Conference Room
January 3, 2017 – 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 January 3, 2017 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.

Call to Order

The work session was called to order by Council President Hayes at 6:01 p.m.

Record of Attendance

The following elected officials were present:

Councilmember Rick Hayes
Councilmember Ron Scott
Councilmember Beth McMillan
Councilmember Maurice Mercer
Councilmember Mildred Lanier
Mayor Gary Waters

Media Present: Briana Harris, Shelby County 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 December 19, 2016 regular council work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lanier and passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments

Mayor Waters said he would reserve his comments for the council meeting.

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the January 3, 2017 council agenda.

J. Old Business

1. Resolution 2016-12-19-01 for consideration to authorize a lease/purchase agreement with Motorola Solutions for the P25 Digital Trunking Radio System

Chief Palmer updated the mayor and council with the latest information he received this afternoon which answered previous questions about the project. He explained the difference in pricing was due to the installation of two additional channels being installed, and he confirmed that the city would not jeopardize the grant money for which the county had applied by moving forward with the updated lease/purchase agreement that Motorola provided to Pelham. The implementation of this system is expected to take about ten months to complete, and the costs for the project will not affect the approved FY2017 budget since the lease payments will not start for one year.

K. New Business

1. Resolution 2017-01-03-01 for consideration to approve an ABC license application for Beverage City, LLC

Councilmember Scott introduced Mr. Manar Baroody, the business owner, who explained the nature of his business and why he was relocating to Pelham. Councilmember Scott stated he was comfortable with Mr. Baroody's knowledge and experience with alcohol sales and recommended council approval.

(End of January 3, 2017 Agenda Review)

Old Business

1. Discuss an appointment to the Pelham Commercial Development Authority

The council members discussed the different qualities each candidate would bring to the board and they planned to make the appointment at the January 17th council meeting.

2. Discuss water rates, a related public hearing, and the next Pelham Water Board meeting

The council discussed the order of progression for any rate changes and determined they would hold a public hearing at the January 17th council meeting. January 23rd and January 24th were discussed as potential dates for the next Pelham Water Board meeting. The council agreed they would like to have a three-year plan to present at the public hearing.

3. Review updates to the Council Chambers renovations plan

Paula Holly showed new floor, chair and color samples to the council for their consideration. The council agreed to do all of the renovations at one time rather than divide it into phases and asked Mrs. Holly to get complete prices and time frames on all the deliveries and installations. The council would like to consider approval at the next council meeting.

New Business

1. Review the initial draft of the Skipper Consulting Traffic Study related to the City Center

Keith Strickland with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood and Scott Skipper with Skipper Consulting presented a draft of the traffic study Phase 2 related to secondary roads accessing the city center. Phase 1 covers improvements to U.S. 31, which must have ALDOT approval. Phase 2 covers local road access to the city center. Three Phase 2 options were presented for consideration and discussed.

Mr. Strickland told the council timing was an issue and a decision would need to be made soon for the work to be completed by the time school starts next year. He said that once they receive the city's comments, they will be able to complete the Traffic Study for Phase 2.

President Hayes recommended a public hearing to get input from city residents and suggested that the public hearing be held on January 17th in conjunction with the next city council meeting since the related engineering work needs to start soon.

2. Discuss the purchase of property on Kings Crest in Weatherly for a communications site (Ord. 479)

Public Works Director Eddy Jowers and Mr. Chris Cousins with Municipal Consultants recommended that the city not purchase the land saying it would not be necessary. The city council accepted the recommendation and decided not to move forward with the land purchase.

Announcements

1. The American Legion Matthew Blount Post 555 will meet this Thursday evening at 7:00 at the Pelham Senior Center. The public is invited.

2. The Alabama Hockey Team plays Oklahoma this Friday and Saturday nights at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. The Friday night game starts at 9:15 and the Saturday night game starts at 10:30. Admission is $10.00. The following weekend, January 13-14, Alabama Hockey will play Liberty University at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. The Friday night game starts at 9:30 and the Saturday night game starts at 10:00.

3. The Pelham Library Guild will meet Tuesday, January 10th at 4:30 p.m. at the Pelham Iberia Bank.

4. Pelham City Offices will be closed Monday, January 16th for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

5. The next Pelham City Council meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, January 17th.

6. The Pelham Business Council will hold their quarterly luncheon/meeting on January 17th at 11:00 a.m. at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the work session was made by Councilmember Lanier and seconded by Councilmember McMillan. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of January 2017,

Marsha Yates, MMC, City Clerk

Rick Hayes, Council Member

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