

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

**Pelham City Hall – Conference Room
January 17, 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 17, 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 6:04 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 Lanier to approve the January 3, 2017 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

Mayor Waters shared an ALDOT survey related to trails and bike trails with the council giving them an opportunity to provide feedback to ALDOT.

The mayor announced that he had made an offer to John Tyler Story for HR Director for the city. Mr. Story earlier in his career served as the HR Director for the City of Prattville for eight years.

Chief Palmer shared a confidential packet of information related to two Pelham businesses with the mayor and city council.

Danny Tate reported that the ice was up and ready on the main rink at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the January 17, 2017 council agenda noting there was a public hearing scheduled to discuss water rates and a traffic study for the new middle school and city center.

K. New Business

1. **Resolution 2017-01-17-01** for consideration to appoint Dr. Frederick Hamilton to the City of Pelham Commercial Development Authority

Councilmembers McMillan and Scott said that Dr. Hamilton was an outstanding applicant to fill the position. Councilmembers Lanier and Mercer concurred, and there were no questions or concerns raised regarding the appointment of Dr. Hamilton.

President Hayes said that Pelham was very fortunate to have multiple excellent candidates for the CDA, but Dr. Hamilton's skillset and experience would fill a particular need on the CDA team created when Thomas Martin relocated to Colorado. President Hayes also pointed out there are three CDA places that come up for appointment or reappointment in three months.

2. **Resolution 2017-01-17-02** for consideration to approve additional street lights in the High Ridge Subdivision of the City of Pelham

Building Official Bob Miller gave a brief summary of the request for the streetlight upgrades and recommended the council approve the request.

(End of January 17, 2017 Agenda Review)

Old Business

1. Confirm the date and time for the next City of Pelham Water Board meeting

The mayor and council confirmed the Pelham Water Board will meet Monday, January 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of Pelham City Hall. The city clerk will post notice at city hall and on the city website. The board will discuss water rates and water lines.

2. Discuss the business license moratorium

The council asked Mayor Waters to contact the Alabama League of Municipalities and our city attorney to inquire about the legality of a permanent moratorium and to ask questions such as, has it been done before and does it require local legislation to give the city the authority to enact the moratorium. The mayor was asked to report back to the council at the next work session.

Members of the council brought up several points related to the moratorium. Following are some of the points: it would be important to work with the CDA and Planning Commission and to have their input and support; what other businesses might be added to the moratorium; statistics would be needed to support the logic behind the moratorium; poll residents and other businesses to obtain their input; look at other cities again to see how they are addressing similar issues; study complaints from some businesses that have wanted to relocate or add business lines, but were unable to related to the moratorium.

Councilmember Mercer complimented the police department and Tom Seale for shutting down used car sales at a Pelham gas station.

3. Update on council chamber renovations

Paula Holly asked the council about chair pad colors and the proposed smart board. It was agreed that the smart board would be addressed separately from the current renovation. Paula said everything else was in place for the work to start tomorrow.

4. Newsletter and marketing for the city

The council agreed that it would be best to hold a special work session to discuss the direction the city wishes to take related to marketing and the communication of city information.

5. Update on the proposed professional hockey team

Hockey Director Eric Hudson shared that there are ongoing issues related to the proposal, but they are progressing. He said the league is working to add more southern teams.

President Hayes said he would forward an email to Eric suggesting proposal options for consideration.

6. Councilmember McMillan said she would like to discuss the following topics at future work sessions: the sign ordinance; car dealerships leaving their cars in the ROW; the status of the current sidewalk project; a decision on the city manager; trails timeline; and radio water meters

New Business

1. Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Program presentation - Jon Seale of Cardiac Solutions

Mr. Jon Seale, CEO of Cardiac Solutions, gave a presentation about his company's defibrillator management program whereby they would provide the equipment, software, training and maintenance for an eight year program at a cost of \$134,000. He told the council he had worked with Police Chief Palmer and Park and Recreation Director Billy Crandall to determine the defibrillator needs of the city.

The city clerk asked if other cities went through the bid process when entering into an agreement with Cardiac Solutions. Mr. Seale said some cities bid it out while others did not. He said Cardiac Solutions was the only company in Alabama that provided this specialized program and this particular line of AEDs.

Announcements

1. The Alabama Hockey Team plays Auburn this Friday and Saturday nights at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. The Friday night game starts at 8:00 and the Saturday night game starts at 7:00. Admission is \$10.00.
2. The City of Pelham Water Board will meet Monday, January 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of Pelham City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

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 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of January 2017,



Marsha Yates, MMC, City Clerk



Rick Hayes, Council Member

