

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

**Pelham City Hall – Conference Room
February 20, 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 February 20, 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 6:00 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 Scott to approve the February 6, 2017 regular council work session minutes and the February 13, 2017 special called council work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lanier and passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments

1. City Engineer Jesse Jowers received prices for work to remove the flashing lights at Valley Elementary School and to potentially install flashing lights at other schools. Mayor Waters said this work was not budgeted and the council will need to discuss if they wish to proceed with it now.
2. Mayor Waters attended the legislative update session in Montgomery last week and he invited the council to attend the "Eggs and Issues" with Representative Gary Palmer tomorrow morning at the Wynfrey Hotel.
3. The annual Polar Plunge is scheduled for March 4th this year.

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the February 20, 2017 council agenda.

J. Old Business

1. **Ordinance #091-02** (First Reading) for consideration to adjust water rates for residential and commercial customers

The ordinance was amended to add the rates for residents whose only household income is Social Security, and for this reason the ordinance will be presented again as a first reading. The council agreed to waive the rule of procedure in order to vote on the ordinance tonight.

2. **Resolution 2017-02-20-01** for consideration to approve the establishment of a city manager position for Pelham and authorizing the hiring of a Pelham City Manager

Councilmember Mercer moved to add a resolution to go along with the city manager resolution to appoint Marsha Yates as city clerk. The motion failed for lack of a second.

K. New Business

1. **Resolution 2017-02-20-02** for consideration to authorize an agreement between the City of Pelham and ADECA for federal RTP funding for the Pelham Trails and Greenways Project

President Hayes said this was an \$80,000 federal grant and will be used for a pavilion and water stations along with other amenities along the trail starting at the trail head.

2. **Resolution 2017-02-20-03** for consideration to enter into a lease agreement with Bham Hockey Club, LLC for the use of the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena for the operation and games of a professional hockey team upon final approval of the city attorney

President Hayes said that team representatives related to both the Federal Hockey League (FHL) and the Southern Professional Hockey League (SPHL) had been in contact with the city about bringing a hockey team to Pelham. He shared that the FHL averages an attendance of about 750 per game and the SPHL averages an attendance of about 3,000 per game. Also, most teams in the SPHL are located in the south, much closer to Pelham which should bring more people to Pelham for the games. He discussed early drawings of proposed upgrades to the complex to add additional seating, locker rooms and offices. President Hayes said he had received positive feedback about the SPHL. Erik Hudson spoke well of the league from the perspective of a former hockey player.

President Hayes introduced Mr. Art Clarkson, who shared his excitement about the opportunity to bring a new professional hockey team to Pelham.

Danny Tate told the council that adding seating to the complex would allow the facility to draw in other events, including national skating competitions.

(End of February 20, 2017 Agenda Review)

Old Business

1. Set a date for a second public hearing to discuss the options and recommendations from the Phrase Two Traffic Study for Pelham Park Middle School and the City Center

The council decided to schedule the public hearing during the next city council meeting on March 6th.

2. Discuss the business license revocation recommendations from Police Chief Palmer

Chief Palmer reported on ongoing issues related to two Pelham businesses. President Hayes asked Mayor Waters or Tom Seale to contact our attorney to get a legal perspective on the city's options. Mr. Seale was asked to check to see if these two businesses were current on their taxes and business licenses. Councilmember Scott also asked Mr. Seale to check the business license records to see if any other business in Pelham is owned or operated by these same individuals.

New Business

1. Set a date for a town hall meeting to gather input from Pelham residents related to a city newsletter, the city's social media content and management, and to discuss other interests and concerns of the residents

Councilmember Mercer presented the council with several open dates from which to choose. The town hall meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.

2. Update on the Bearden Road Sidewalk Project and the 261 Flood Mitigation Project

Related to the sidewalk project, Engineer Jesse Jowers reported that buffers, retaining walls and approximately 2200 feet of concrete curbing have been poured. He expects to see the sidewalk poured by the end of March and the project completed in three to four months.

Mr. Jowers reported that the contracted completion time for the flood mitigation project was the end of June but there is a possibility it could be completed in May. The detention ponds are 90% graded. There is an issue with a utility relocation that is being addressed with Alabama Power Company. There will be a detour for about one week along Aaron Road while a pipe is replaced.

Announcements

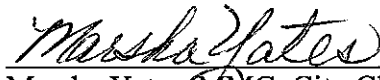
1. The University of Alabama vs. UAB Hockey Game will be played this Friday, February 24th at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena at 8:00 p.m.
2. The 2017 Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday will commence at 12:01 a.m. this Friday, February 24th and end at midnight on Sunday, February 26th. During this time, certain covered severe weather preparedness items will be exempt from state and municipal sales tax.
3. The Pelham Public Library will host a Mardi Gras Family Event complete with snacks and crafts on February 28th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

4. Tickets are on sale for the annual Taste of Pelham, which is scheduled for March 7th. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door and may be purchased at the Pelham Public Library, Iberia Bank or online through EventBright.com.

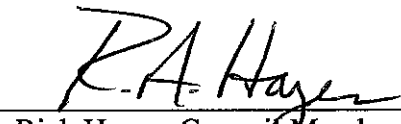
Adjournment

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 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of February 2017,



Marsha Yates, MMC, City Clerk



Rick Hayes, Council Member

