

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

**Pelham City Hall – Conference Room
March 20, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Proper notice of the regularly scheduled Pelham City Council Work Session was given in advance of such public meeting and the notice remained posted throughout the scheduled meeting.

Members of the Pelham City Council met March 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 March 6, 2017 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 told the council that the ten-year beverage agreement with Coca-Cola will expire in September, and he doubts that beverage companies still contract for a ten-year term. He suggested that the council decide if they wish to enter into an all-inclusive agreement or have our various facilities negotiate stand-alone agreements.

Review of Council Agenda

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

K. New Business

1. **Resolution 2017-03-20-01** for consideration to approve a Water Resources, Conservation and Emergency Plan for the City of Pelham

President Hayes stated that he understood that Chris Cousins and Eddy Jowers were satisfied with the plan and asked Mr. Jowers for confirmation. Mr. Jowers confirmed that both he and Mr. Cousins had reviewed the plan and were comfortable with the updates. There were no questions or concerns from the council.

2. **Resolution 2017-03-20-02** for consideration to amend the City of Pelham Classification Pay Plan

The plan is being amended to include a budgeted 1.5% increase to all active steps with the exception of the entry level, non-certified classifications in the police and fire departments, which were both created after the last pay plan was approved. There were no questions or concerns from the council.

3. **Resolution 2017-03-20-03** for consideration to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Shelby County Water Services for use of the City's watermain along County Road 11

President Hayes stated that he understood Chris Cousins and Eddy Jowers had reviewed the agreement and were both satisfied with it. Mr. Jowers confirmed this. There were no questions or concerns from the council.

4. **Resolution 2017-03-20-04** for consideration to approve and accept a donation of equipment and supplies from Colonial Pipeline to the Pelham Fire Department

Chief Danny Ray briefed the council on the equipment and supplies being donated. These items were purchased by Colonial Pipeline to use in clean-up efforts related to two incidents with the pipeline last year. Items include approximately 6,800 gallons of K-500 foam, valued at over \$300,000, 2000 plus gallons of gasoline, storage tanks and pumps. Councilmember Scott asked where the foam was being stored and what the shelf life of the foam was. Chief Ray responded that they were currently being stored at Valley Elementary School and the shelf life was ten years.

Chief Ray concluded his comments by announcing his retirement on May 1, 2017.

5. **Resolution 2017-03-20-05** for consideration to approve the lowest bid of \$3,932,000.00 from Blalock Building Company for the construction of a new public library

Bob Gray of Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood discussed the low bid from Blalock Building Company and the eight related alternate bids that Blalock provided. He recommended that the city council approve Blalock's base bid and the six alternate bids that Mary Campbell suggested (alternates 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8). Ms. Campbell discussed the six alternate bids and why she recommended them. Mr. Gray said that Blalock would provide a significant credit related to Alternate 2 because of a subcontractor estimate error. He also said that work should be able to begin in about two weeks, assuming that the permits are approved, and that the project should be completed in about ten months. The steel framing, roof work, and much of the exterior work should be completed by the time Pelham Park Middle School opens this August.

6. **Resolution 2017-03-20-06** for consideration to oppose Senate Bill 31, also known as HB 58, and to request that our state legislators oppose these bills

Mayor Waters spoke on the prescription drug exemption bill currently before the State House and recently passed by the State Senate. He supports the council opposing these bills because they will take revenues from the city, and would likely set the precedent for other businesses to seek similar exemptions.

(End of March 20, 2017 Agenda Review)

Old Business

1. Update from Mr. Erik Hudson about the upcoming “Kraft Hockeyville 2017”

WBRC Fox 6 and Mr. Art Clarkson will co-sponsor the event, Hockey Night in Pelham. The goal is to fill the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena with 3,500 people for the filming of the video that will be submitted to Kraft for the competition. Fox 6 is donating seventy-five (75) prime time commercial spots, posting the event on their Facebook page and broadcasting “Good Day Alabama” from the complex on March 31st. Coach Nick Saban is scheduled to drop the puck at the youth hockey game that evening.

New Business

1. Update from Mr. Jonathan Hoffman related to his request for a business license

Mr. Hoffman was unable to attend due to a family emergency and requested that he be rescheduled for the April 3rd work session.

2. City Manager applications discussion

HR Director Ty Story provided the mayor and council with a spreadsheet listing the 202 applicants who had applied. Ten of these applicants listed having city management experience.

President Hayes recommended that the job posting be extended and the council agreed. The extended deadline to submit applications was set for Monday, April 3rd.

3. CDA applicants review

The council discussed having received three applications or letters of interest for appointment or re-appointment to the Commercial Development Authority. Councilmember Scott asked if the current CDA members were aware that they needed to reapply if they were interested in being reappointed and he asked Mr. Lenny Glynn to inform the members of the need to reapply. The deadline to apply was extended one week until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27th.

In other discussion, the council noted that the upcoming appointment to the Pelham Board of Education Place 4 needed to be done before the end of April based on the applicable state law. Councilmember McMillan commented on the business license moratorium saying the council needs to decide exactly what they want for the city; Councilmember Scott inquired about the roadwork being done on Huntley Parkway; and President Hayes commented about the number of trains that have been stopped on the tracks blocking County Road 52 West recently.

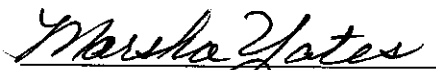
Announcements

1. The Pelham Civic Complex and Ice Arena will host "Kraft Hockeyville 2017" on March 31st at 7:00 p.m. There will be a free youth hockey game, a raffle for prizes and intermission entertainment. This is all part of a special event to "Pack the PCC" as the City of Pelham competes for the Kraft Hockeyville prize of \$150,000 in arena upgrades and a NHL preseason hockey game! Come out and be a part of the excitement and help Pelham win the title of "Kraft Hockeyville 2017."
2. The UAB Hockey Team will play MSU at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 1st at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.
3. The Pelham City Council is accepting letters of interest and resumes from those who would like to be appointed to the Pelham Board of Education Place 4 through April 3, 2017 at noon. Please submit all letters and resumes to Pelham City Clerk Marsha Yates.

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 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of March 2017,


Marsha Yates, MMC City Clerk


Rick Hayes, Council President

