

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION
Pelham City Hall – Conference Room
December 18, 2017 – 6:30 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 December 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. The regular work session was held in the Council 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 6:30 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 Mildred Lanier
Mayor Gary Waters

Media Present: None

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 December 4, 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 - None

City Manager's Comments - None

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the December 18, 2017 city council agenda.

H. Proclamations - None

J. Requests to Address the Council

Tommy Barberini, Oak Mountain Lanes, 2018 AHSAA State Bowling Tournament

K. Old Business – Resolutions – Ordinances – Orders and Other Business - None

L. New Business – Resolutions – Ordinances – Orders and Other Business

1. **Resolution 2017-12-18-01** for consideration to approve or deny a business license application for new business Johnathan Motors, LLC

Building Official Bob Miller stated Johnathan Motors, LLC has been in business in Pelham about five years. He further stated the business has never had a Pelham business license nor paid sales and use taxes. Mr. Miller said the business owner thought his business was actually located in Hoover. However, Mr. Miller said Johnathan Motors has recently paid five years of delinquent business licenses and have set up payments for their past due sales taxes.

Mr. Miller presented Johnathan Motors' landscape plan to the city council for review to address several issues with the property. Mr. Miller said he recommended approval of the business license request and the related landscape plan. However, he also said that he would explain to the owner that the business would have to ensure that the property is improved to meet the Corridor Overlay District requirements on an ongoing basis.

Councilmember Scott asked what happens if the business does not comply with the agreed upon terms and conditions. Council President Hayes said the property in question is in the city's Corridor Overlay District, requiring specific standards to be met. Council President Hayes further stated this area of Valleydale Road and Highway 31 is the "front door" to the City of Pelham and he would like to see something else in this location eventually. Mayor Waters stated Johnathan Motors, LLC is not a "buy here, pay here" business and said that if it were, he would not support a business license for it. Council President Hayes said although he and the members of the CDA had expressed concerns, he would support granting the business license with reservations since this should lead to the property being significantly improved very soon.

2. **Resolution 2017-12-18-02** for consideration to accept the bid and authorize the purchase from Jim House and Associates, the lowest responsive bidder, Alternate 3 - a natural gas engine, stationary dry prime pump for Sewer Lift Station F

Public Works Director Eddy Jowers explained the need for the dry prime pump was due to the inflow and infiltration problems within the sewer collection system in this area. The city's consulting engineers have said this should be a permanent solution to the problem. They further stated the natural gas dry prime pump is a better alternative to diesel or gasoline. Councilmember McMillan asked Mr. Jowers if the bid for the dry prime pump came in under budget. Mr. Jowers said it did.

3. **Resolution 2017-12-18-03** for consideration to grant a special use permit to T-Mobile for modifications of equipment to the existing wireless telecommunications facility located at 198 Parkview Drive

David Aymett with the Center for Municipal Solutions (CMS), the city's telecommunications consultant, stated T-Mobile's application was for an upgrade to this site. He explained this site currently has a 150-foot monopole with 9 antennas. T-Mobile plans to remove six antennas and three remote radio units (RRUs) and replace with six antennas and three new RRUs. There will be no significant visual changes to the tower site. Mr. Aymett further stated the upgrade to the existing tower is due to a change in technology. He said CMS recommends approval of the application.

Council President Hayes asked if there were any outstanding issues with previously approved applications authorizing tower modifications. Mr. Aymett said there were none.

(End of December 18, 2017 Agenda Review)

Old Business - NONE

New Business

1. Reschedule the January 15th council meeting and work session

Council President Hayes restated the January 2018 council work sessions and council meetings fall on federal holidays, New Year's Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The January 1st meeting has previously been moved to Thursday, January 4. Suggestions had included moving the January 15th meeting to Thursday, January 18th or Monday, January 22nd. Councilmember Mercer had stated he would be out of town and unavailable on January 22nd. The city council agreed to move the January 15th meeting to January 18th.

2. Recreation Center Update

Park and Recreation Director Billy Crandall updated the city council on the construction progress of the Recreation Center. He said the contractor is working through the punch list with an anticipated "soft" opening date of January 4, 2018. Mr. Crandall said all part-time employees and instructors have been hired and trained. Mr. Crandall said several issues remain, but he hoped to have the grand opening on or about January 12, 2018. Councilmember McMillan stated she would definitely like to see a time and date set for a grand opening and ribbon cutting.

Mr. Crandall made the following announcements:

- a. Memberships: \$10 Single/Monthly, \$20 Family/Monthly or \$100 Single/Annual and \$200 Family/Annual. Monthly billing for membership dues is not currently set up.
- b. Memberships will be free during the month of January 2018 to encourage everyone who is eligible for a membership to come see the Recreation Center and try it out.
- c. All city and school board employees will be allowed to use the Recreation Center at no charge. However, this will not apply to elected officials, and employees will have to pay the regular family rates if they would like to have a family membership.
- d. The concrete median along Pelham Park Blvd. was discussed.
- e. Clearing for the outdoor basketball/volleyball courts and pavilion has begun and court construction is scheduled to begin the first week of January 2018.

3. Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena Update

Council President Hayes said all the seats have been installed except for a few additional ones that Seating Solutions has agreed to install and that the construction related to new Bulls locker room should be completed very soon.

4. Citywide Alcohol Sales

Council President Hayes asked the city council to consider an ordinance setting the times where alcohol can and cannot be served in Pelham. Councilmember McMillan said it was a good idea to be proactive before the issue comes up again. Mayor Waters suggested a cutoff time of 2:00 a.m.

5. Traffic Cameras

Mayor Waters asked the city council to look at how traffic cameras had been installed and are being used in Tuscaloosa. He said local legislation permitting traffic cameras in Shelby County would be required to make them legal in Pelham.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the work session was made by Councilmember Scott and seconded by Councilmember Mercer. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 7:01p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of December 2017,



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Rick Hayes, Council President

