CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

Pelham City Hall – Conference Room
July 2, 2018 – 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 July 2, 2018 at 6:00 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 6:02 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: Brianna Harris, Shelby County Reporter
Others Present: City manager, city department heads, city employees, and members of the public

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember McMillan to approve the June 18, 2018 Regular Council Work Session and the June 26, 2018 Special Council Work Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lanier and passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments

Mayor Waters wished everyone a Happy Independence Day. He stated Fire on the Water was a fantastic event this year with a great fireworks display.

City Manager's Comments – None

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the July 2, 2018 city council agenda.

F. Public Hearing – None

H. Proclamations - None

J. Requests to Address the Council – None

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

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

1. **Resolution 2018-07-02-01** for consideration to renew the Line of Credit for the City of Pelham Commercial Development Authority

Council President Hayes explained this resolution was a measure to ensure funding for the Commercial Development Authority (CDA) for another year. CDA Chairman Lenny Glenn recommended approval of the resolution by the city council. Council President Hayes noted the CDA has been reducing the balance on the Line of Credit (LOC) over the past year. He further stated he sees no outstanding issues which would cause concern in renewing the LOC.

2. **Resolution 2018-07-02-02** for consideration to approve a business license for International Auto Wholesalers, LLC

Council President Hayes stated the business license applicant had recently appeared before the Commercial Development Authority at a public hearing. He stated the CDA recommended approval of the business license. CDA Chairman Lenny Glenn stated the applicant has a successful business in Midfield and wants to open a second location on Pelham's "Motor Mile." Councilmember Scott asked where the new business would be located. It was clarified the new business would be in the southern part of Pelham, where the former Highway 31 Auto Sales was located. Councilmember Scott asked how many vehicles the car lot would have in their inventory. Building Official Bob Miller said the business intends to have 50-60 cars. He further stated this is not a "Buy Here, Pay Here" used car business. Councilmember Lanier asked if there was any concern from the public. Mr. Glenn stated no one opposed the business license application.

Council President Hayes discussed business license applicant Stallions Auto Sales, LLC, which is not on the July 2nd agenda. He noted there are numerous issues with the property which needs to be resolved before bringing the application before the council for consideration for approval. Council President Hayes said the city is working closely with the city attorneys to ensure the correct procedures are being followed. Councilmember Scott asked if the city was satisfied with the renovations made to the property. Building Official Bob Miller said the city is satisfied. Councilmember Scott inquired about the septic tank problems. Mr. Miller said the septic tank has been tested by the city's engineering consultant and there are no leaks or issues. Councilmember Mercer asked what questions were raised by the Commercial Development Authority. Council President Hayes said those questions would be addressed with the city attorneys.

3. **Ordinance No. 491** for consideration to vacate a portion of a 20-foot utility easement located in Griffin Park at Eagle Point. **FIRST READING**

Council President Hayes said Chris Cousins, the city's engineering consultant, recommends approval of the resolution. The city attorneys also have no issues. The original site was for a water tank with

easements. The property was never developed by the city and there is a request by Eagle Point to vacate a portion of the easement.

(End of July 2, 2018 Agenda Review)

Old Business - None

New Business

1. Annexation Request – Michael and Sadie Wilcox, Shelby Co Highway 332E

Building Official Bob Miller explained the purpose of the annexation request was for the construction of a barn. Councilmember Scott asked about the size of the property. Mr. Miller stated the property is three acres. Council President Hayes asked Chuck Kitchens if he owned the property. He said no, the property was under contract. Council President Hayes asked what zoning Mr. Kitchens was seeking. Mr. Kitchens said A-1. David Willingham, Director of Development Services and Public Works, inquired about the access to the property. Mr. Kitchens said Highway 332 would provide the best access for the property, but that he is hoping to get access via Radburn Road. He said the property was illegally split; therefore, Shelby County has refused to permit any building on the property. The county requested Mr. Kitchens improve Highway 332 related to the desired development and related access. Mr. Willingham stated he had additional questions regarding the access to the property. Council President Hayes asked Mr. Willingham to follow up with Shelby County.

Mayor Waters said he met with representatives from Mi Pueblo Supermarket regarding their ABC license request which will come before the council in the next few weeks. He said their annual event is well managed and off duty police officers would be used, again, as security. He told the council he recommended the approval of the resolution when the time comes.

Councilmember McMillan explained she recently learned of a grant opportunity for a splash pad. She stated the maximum amount of grant funding is $350,000. She stated the project could be divided over the next few budget years. She said children up to the age of 12 enjoy a splash pad, but the more fitting age is up to around 7. Councilmember Scott said it sounds like something we could offer for families to enjoy in Pelham. Additional discussion followed regarding cities in our area who have a splash pad. Park and Recreation Director Billy Crandall mentioned the operating costs associated with a splash pad. Council President Hayes suggested Mr. Crandall follow up with further investigation and report back to the city council. Additional discussion followed on whether to move forward with the project in the FY2019 budget.

Councilmember McMillan mentioned there was confusion with the Fire on the Water's $5 discount coupon. She also mentioned there was miscommunication between Pelham officials and Oak Mountain State Park officials in regards to the process of emptying the parking lot following Fire on the Water. She commended the Police Department and their video which offered detailed instructions for exiting Oak Mountain State Park. Chief Palmer stated there was approximately 14,000 people in attendance and the parking lots were emptied in 43 minutes following the event.

Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena Administrator Danny Tate said the Pelham-based group, Magic City Theatre on Ice, won first place at the 2018 National Theatre on Ice Competition in Geneva, Illinois this past weekend.

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 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of July 2018,

Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer

Rick Hayes, Council President

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