

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

Pelham City Hall – Conference Room

July 16, 2018 – 6:15 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 16, 2018 at 6:15 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 6:20 p.m.

Record of Attendance

The following elected officials were present:

Council President Rick Hayes
Councilmember Beth McMillan
Councilmember Maurice Mercer
Mayor Gary Waters

Not Present: Councilmember Ron Scott
Councilmember Mildred Lanier

Media Present: None

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 July 2, 2018 Regular Council Work Session Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mercer and passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments - None

City Manager's Comments

City Manager Gretchen DiFante made the following remarks:

- The parking lot in Pelham City Park, located by the football and baseball fields, is almost complete. Paint striping and final inspections are set to take place over the next few weeks.
- 60 kids attended the youth hockey camp at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. She said the event was held in-house this year and they had a great response from the community.

- The Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena is hosting a “Learn to Skate” event for ages three and up.
- The Birmingham Bulls held a hockey camp and exhibition last week.
- The Pelham Police Department is hosting a National Night Out event on October 2, 2018 at the Publix Shopping Center on Huntley Parkway from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- The two week process of reviewing all departmental budgets started today. She stated by asking questions she is able to learn much more about each department, which aids in the budgeting process. She stated the city council has tasked the staff to create a budget centered around building a new fire station as well as beginning to rebuild the financial reserves. She said she is looking forward to the process.

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the July 16, 2018 city council agenda.

F. Public Hearing

1. The Pelham City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the revocation of the business licenses of Reneau, Inc. D/B/A Subway located at 317 Huntley Parkway and 2181 Pelham Parkway for failure to file and pay applicable sales, use and liquor taxes to the City of Pelham.

H. Proclamations

1. Declaring July 22, 2018 as “Parent’s Day” in the City of Pelham

J. Requests to Address the Council - None

K. Old Business / Resolutions / Ordinances / Orders and Other Business

1. **Ordinance No. 491** for consideration to vacate a portion of a 20-foot utility easement located in Griffin Park at Eagle Point. **First Reading was on July 2, 2018**

The city’s engineering consultant, Chris Cousins, stated he has no concerns recommending the approval of this Ordinance.

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

1. **Resolution 2018-07-16-01** for consideration to accept the lowest qualified bid for protective clothing for the Pelham Fire Department

Fire Chief Tim Honeycutt stated there were two exceptions to the low bid which were not disclosed to the Fire Department. He is recommending approval of the lowest responsible bid. He added he sees no other outstanding issues.

2. **Resolution 2018-07-16-02** for consideration to approve an ABC License application for 050-Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 70-Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for applicant AIZA, LLC operating under the trade name Riverchase Exxon located at 2030 Old Montgomery Highway, Pelham Parkway, Pelham, Alabama 35124

Council President Hayes said he spoke with Mr. Virani, who is currently out of town and not able to attend tonight's meeting, about the Responsible Vendor Program. A representative from AIZA, LLC stated they plan to complete the program with their employees. Police Chief Larry Palmer stated the background report had been completed and he has no concerns.

3. **Resolution 2018-07-16-03** for consideration to declare a moratorium on the issuance of new City of Pelham business licenses for certain business types

Council President Hayes said this moratorium coincides with the Comprehensive Planning the city is currently undertaking. He mentioned the city's attorneys have been working on this moratorium and they feel comfortable moving forward. He noted this moratorium includes certain landscaping businesses. He further noted massage parlors were given a considerable amount of attention. He said he wanted to ensure the language was clear and precise so as to not create any unnecessary confusion. He stated the council could remove massage parlors from the resolution while still maintaining the right to regulate the businesses.

City Manager Gretchen DiFante agreed the conversation with the city's attorneys was beneficial and having their recommendation was a key part of the process.

Councilmember Mercer stated he would like to take this resolution up again once Councilmembers Scott and Lanier return. He also stated he would like to have additional conversations with the businesses engaged in this line of work.

Council President Hayes said he discussed this matter with Councilmember Scott on a previous occasion.

Council President Hayes discussed the need to review the zoning in certain areas of the community.

Further discussion followed about the gateways into the city and the city's opportunity to improve these areas.

Council President Hayes stated the city council has an opportunity to do the right thing for the city by addressing the concerns regarding the businesses outlined in this resolution.

Councilmember McMillan moved to remove massage parlors from Resolution 2018-07-16-03 and Council President Hayes seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to remove massage parlors from Resolution 2018-07-16-03 passed by majority vote of those members present, with Councilmember Mercer dissenting. The council president declared the same passed by majority vote.

4. **Resolution 2018-07-16-04** for consideration to revoke the business licenses of Reneau, Inc., D/B/A Subway for failure to file and pay applicable sales, use and liquor taxes to the City of Pelham

Council President Hayes discussed the delinquency of the business. Building Official Bob Miller stated the owner had been notified by in-person contact, telephone calls, and certified mail. Council President Hayes stated he dislikes seeing this type of issue in Pelham but understands the process and the course of action needed.

(End of July 16, 2018 Agenda Review)

Councilmember McMillan discussed the sponsorships of neighboring city's events. She asked for the city to look into bringing in sponsorships for Pelham's community events. City Manager DiFante discussed various city events and the civic organizations which run the events. Councilmember McMillan mentioned she had gathered additional information on splash pads, previously discussed at the last work session. She provided photographs for the city council to review.

Councilmember McMillan stated she received a concern from a citizen about the use of consumer fireworks in the city. A discussion followed about consumer fireworks, which are illegal in Pelham, and how to better regulate their use. Councilmember Mercer mentioned the Police Department had a notice on their Facebook page stating the use of fireworks within the City of Pelham is illegal.

Councilmember McMillan received a concern regarding the traffic on Highway 261. A discussion followed about ways to improve traffic flow near Church of the Highlands.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the work session was made by Councilmember Mercer and seconded by Councilmember McMillan. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of July 2018,



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Rick Hayes, Council President

