



**WORK SESSION**  
**Pelham Police & Court Building**  
**February 17, 2020 – 6:15 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Proper notice of the regularly scheduled work session of the Pelham City Council 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 17, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. The regular work session was held in the Pelham Police & Court Building and was open to the public.

**Call to Order**

The work session was called to order by Council President Hayes at 6:15 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 February 3, 2020 Special and Regular Council Work Session Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lanier and passed by unanimous voice vote of those members present.

**Review of Council Agenda**

Council President Hayes reviewed the February 17, 2020 city council agenda.

F. Public Hearing - None

H. Proclamations by the Mayor - None

J. Requests to Address the Council

1. Director of Parks & Recreation D. Tyrell McGirt recognizing fall and winter Park volunteers

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

1. **Ordinance No. 070-04** for consideration to adopt the City of Pelham's Flood and Damage Prevention Plan and repealing Ordinance No. 070-03 in its entirety. First Reading was on February 3, 2020.

City Engineer Chris Cousins stated the changes primarily consist of adding definitions to the current Ordinance.

2. **Ordinance No. 135-228** an amendment to the zone district boundaries of the City of Pelham changing the present zoning A-1 (Agricultural District) to B-2 (General Business District). The subject property is located at 135 Winslett Road in Pelham, Alabama. The applicant is Jamie Lumpkin. First Reading was on February 3, 2020.

Council President Hayes noted the city has experienced flooding in multiple locations throughout the city. He said the city has worked to address the flooding issues and cited the success related to the Highway 261 Mitigation Project which was completed several years ago. He further stated this is a rezoning issue and he does not have a problem moving forward with approving Ordinance No. 135-228. Councilmember Scott concurred with Council President Hayes' comments. Councilmember McMillan asked if this zoning change would make the flooding problem worse. City Engineer Chris Cousins stated the zoning change will basically have a neutral effect on flooding in this area or maybe a marginal improvement. Councilmember Lanier asked if the Walmart detention ponds would be addressed. City Engineer Cousins said those detention ponds would be reviewed as a part of the recommended solutions for the Winslett Road flooding.

1. **Resolution 2020-02-17-01** for consideration to enter into an engineering design agreement with EEFS Company, PC to correct the intersection alignment at Village Place and Bearden Road

City Engineer Chris Cousins stated the engineering and design would address the realignment of the intersection at Village Place and Bearden Road.

2. **Resolution 2020-02-17-02** for consideration to enter into an agreement with 1 Call Contractors to provide installation of wiring and electrical fixtures and appliances (labor only) for the new Street Department Building

City Engineer Chris Cousins stated this is a continuation of the upgrades to the Street Department Building. He said the expense is for labor only since the city will purchase the materials directly to save money. He further stated much of the construction has been completed in-house by city staff.

3. **Resolution 2020-02-17-03** for consideration to approve a construction change order related to additional costs not identified during the engineering design phase of the Chandalar Well Control Upgrades Project

City Engineer Chris Cousins said this will add security lighting and provide an electrical ground related to the equipment upgrades.

4. **Resolution 2020-02-17-04** for consideration to declare certain personal property as surplus and no longer needed for public or municipal purposes and to donate said surplus personal property to the Corner Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Chief Tim Honeycutt stated the Fire Department has several pieces of equipment no longer needed. He said due to the equipment's age and certification status there is little or no resale value. He further stated Corner Volunteer Fire Department is in great need of this type of equipment.

*(End of February 17, 2020 Agenda Review)*

### Old Business

1. Update - Winslett Road

Director of Development Services & Public Works Andre' Bittas stated the city is in the evaluation and assessment stage with regard to Winslett Road. He said this project is independent of the PrintsWell, Inc. project. He further stated there needs to be an understanding of the situation in order to report back to the city council with a plan and recommendations. Mr. Bittas thanked Ralph Dewberry for his financial commitment to assist the city with this project. Council President Hayes noted the improvements that had been made related to the Highway 261 Flood Mitigation Project and asked Mr. Bittas if grant funding might be available to help with the Winslett Road issue. Mr. Bittas said he would investigate.

2. Update - Discuss Actuarial Review for Retiree Healthcare Benefits

Human Resources Director Tracy Hill stated the city has requested actuarial studies and that they are due on Friday.

3. Discussion – Additional Voting Location in Pelham for Municipal Elections

Council President Hayes noted his concerns regarding zoning residents of certain areas along Highway 119, State Park Road, and County Road 35 to vote in a new location that would be significantly more inconvenience for most of these residents. GIS Director Josh Osborne stated after studying the census map he suggested registered voters on the east side of I-65 residing in and north of High Hampton should vote at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena and those living south of High Hampton would vote at the Pelham Senior Center. Councilmember Scott stated he had no problems making slight or minor adjustments for the convenience of the voters. Council President Hayes stated the last thing the city council wants to do is to confuse the voting public, but that using High Hampton as a delineation point probably makes the most sense. Councilmember Mercer asked that communication to the Pelham voters be at the highest level. Councilmember Scott suggested waiting until after the upcoming state and county elections before notifying voters of any changes to their voting locations for the Pelham municipal elections. Council President Hayes suggested a first reading of Ordinance No. 267-05 on March 2, 2020 and a vote on March 16, 2020. Councilmember Lanier asked the city council to be kept informed on how the changes would be communicated to the public.

## New Business

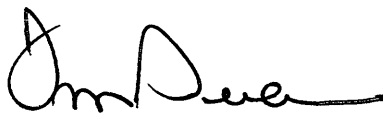
### 1. Update - Weatherly Tank Painting Project

City Engineer Chris Cousins stated having received three bids, with the lowest responsible bid by Tank Pro in the amount of \$259,055.00. He stated the bids were opened last Thursday which did not give enough time to get a resolution for approval on the February 17, 2020 agenda. Mr. Cousins said the bid should be awarded at the next council meeting with a start date for the project in early April.

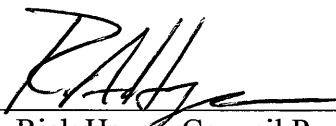
## Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the work session was made by Councilmember McMillan and seconded by Councilmember Lanier. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of February 2020,



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Rick Hayes, Council President

