The Pelham City Council convened at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 2, 1993. Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order and Ken Maynard opened with prayer.

Mayor Hayes asked that the record show all members of the Council present.

Willard Payne moved to approve the July 19, 1993, minutes as written. Connie LaBue seconded the motion and all approved.

There was no old business to come before the Council.

During new business Ordinance No. 242 annexing the Allan Estate on Highway 119 was presented. Jim Phillips moved to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. Karyl Rice seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken with all members of the Council agreeing to suspend the rules. Thereupon, Jim Phillips moved to approve Ordinance No. 242 as written. Karyl Rice seconded the motion and all approved.

An application for restaurant retail liquor for El Gringo's of Pelham was presented. Brenda Gilbert spoke as the owner and stated it would be a sit down restaurant with no lounge. Karyl Rice moved to approve the application as presented. Connie LaBue seconded the motion and it passed with a 5 to 1 vote.

An application for transfer of license of Glenda's Inc. to David & Lisa Hill was presented. Jim Phillips moved to approve the transfer as presented. Willard Payne seconded the motion and it passed with a 5 to 1 vote.

A resolution advancing $125 to Jack Phillips for expenses while attending an Associated Public Safety Communications Officer's Conference in New Orleans, LA, August 8-12, 1993, was presented. Willard Payne moved to approve the resolution as presented. Connie LaBue seconded the motion and all approved.

A resolution advancing $250 to Judy Milner for expenses while attend a personnel certification program in Auburn, AL, August 25-27, 1993, was presented. Jim Phillips moved to approve the resolution as presented. Karyl Rice seconded the motion and all approved.

A resolution advancing $250 to Peggy Bates to cover expenses while attending a clerk certification School in Tuscaloosa, AL, August 10-13, 1993, was presented. Willard Payne moved to approve the resolution as presented. Ken Maynard seconded the motion and all approved.

A street light request was presented for 54 Huntmaster Lane. Mayor Hayes asked that Paul Yeager verify the need for a light and report to the Council at their next meeting. There was also a request for a light at Lee Street and 105. Mr. Yeager was instructed to report on this request also.

Carl Nunnelly represented Dixie Youth Baseball and asked the City Council not to take over the little league program. He stated the league proposed that it stay the same or have a cap on the program. Pelham residents would have first priority under his plan. He asked for a time limit to make other arrangements. He asked the following five questions:

1. Why does Pelham want to do this?
2. Why was league not approached first to discuss this decision?
3. Why should we have seen this coming? If the city spends a lot of money on this program, and he does not understand why this is said. He believes the city should raise the rent if it cost the city money.
4. Why was only youth softball and baseball singled out and adult softball and soccer allowed to go on?
5. Why is the Council not voting? Is the Council going to look at it and vote, and if not, what are their personal feelings?

He stressed that the children were important. The league is a community program and not a city program, and that they needed time to find other facilities.

Mayor Hayes responded to his questions in the following manner:

1. He stated the numbers tell the story.
2. The Council did not approach anyone until they had their facts compiled.
3. Council made note that this was coming several years ago and league knew it. The City pays employees and buys equipment to maintain fields.
4. The vast majority of overcrowding is in softball and baseball programs not adult softball and soccer.
5. It is not a matter to vote on.

Mayor Hayes stated that Bo Rives agreed to grandfathering. Mayor asked Carl Nunnally about the vote to give the City a franchise, and Mr. Nunnally confirmed the vote. Mayor Hayes asked the Council to make any comments they wished. The question was asked why the present league officials thought the program would change. The reply was that they may not volunteer if they do not have a say on the money. Mayor Hayes stated the city would control the league with lots of volunteer help and noted there were too many presently in the franchise area. Ken Maynard asked about the waiting list and noted we were just too large to have non-tax payers using the facilities.

With no other business before the Council, Ken Maynard moved to adjourn. Connie LaBue seconded the motion and all approved.

Peggy Bates

Peggy Bates - City Clerk