

The Pelham City Council convened at 7 p.m. Monday, July 7, 2003. Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order, and Willard Payne led the invocation.

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

Karyl Rice moved to waive the oral reading of the minutes and approve the June 16, 2003 minutes as written. Rosemary Metcalf seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was no old business to come before the council.

During new business, a resolution was presented accepting the service road off AL 119 by Cracker Barrel as a city street. Jim Phillips moved to approve the resolution as presented. Willard Payne seconded the motion and all approved.

Mayor Hayes recognized Don Fox, President of the Saddle Run Homeowners Association. He addressed the city council concerning the recent flood on June 17 where 16 homes were damaged in Saddle Run. He stated that the holding pond at Royal Chase/Royal Oaks is like a jungle, and causes Saddle Run to flood. He also stated that it needed to be cleaned out and that it flows into a 2' x 3' pipe in Saddle Run. He asked for help and relief from the city.

Mayor Hayes said that he and the residents from Aaron Parc met to discuss their responsibility to clean their holding pond. Jack McGuire was contracted by the city to clean it and get it ready for homeowners to maintain. Mr. McGuire has not been able to complete the work due to the ground being too soft. Mayor Hayes stated that Saddle Run and Stratford are different and that the city would stay behind this. He further stated that we had too much rain too fast.

Regarding Stratford Place, a developer is working with the city to combine wetland with Poole property, but Mr. Poole turned down the developer's offer to purchase the property. Mayor Hayes will talk with the city attorney to see what other options are available to the city. The plan was to put in an 11 acre lake and walking trail, which would help to alleviate flooding.

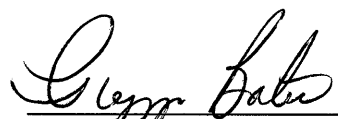
Homeowners stated they did not understand why equipment could not get in to clean the holding pond. They offered access through their property. They asked about a 1994 run-off study and asked what upgrades and additional pipe have been added. They were told that holding ponds are now being required. The residents felt that all holding ponds are running into Stratford.

Cedar Cove residents said the drainage ditch on Bearden Road is stopped up and the church needs to be curbed. Mayor Hayes asked the city engineer to get the ditch cleaned out.

Residents stated a 68" pipe comes out of Hayesbury and feeds into a 48" pipe that just isn't working. They felt the city should be responsible for accepting design. Mayor Hayes suggested they get the design engineer out to explain the design. They think it is coming off the Hayesbury development. They wanted to know if a watershed report could be done.

Mayor Hayes stated that he would get an engineer out to look at the size of the pipe, but replacing drainage under the entire subdivision was not a feasible thing. He further stated that the city is doing everything possible to solve the problem.

With no other business before the council, Rosemary Metcalf moved to adjourn. Karyl Rice seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.


City Clerk