CITY OF PLEASANT GROVE, ALABAMA

COUNCIL MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2021

The City Council of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama, met in the Council Chambers on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jerry Brasseale presiding. The following present:

Mayor: Jerry W. Brasseale

Council Members: Philip Houston

Yolanda Lawson

Kevin Dunn

Ray Lassiter

Ken Hatfield

Also present: City Clerk Recarda Cobb, Building Inspector Doug Hyche, and Chief Robert Knight (Police Department).

Prayer by Doug Hyche.

Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Ken Hatfield made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 18, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston.

Motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilor Ken Hatfield made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of $217,556.24 from November 01, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray Lassiter.

Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Ken Hatfield made a motion to approve payment of the current bills in the amount of $252,107.55.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Yolanda Lawson.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-48.** Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama agreeing to install No Litter/No Dumping signs in the needed areas of the City. separate savings account.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-48.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Jerry Brasseale.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-49.** Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama approving to purchase solar spot lights not to exceed $100.00.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-49

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-50.** Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama approving to have the December meetings on December 06 &13, 2021 at the regular scheduled time.

Councilor Ken Hatfield made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-50.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray Lassiter.

Motion passed unanimously.

# OFFICERS OF THE CITY REPORTS

Chief Robert Knight stated that a new police officer was hired several weeks ago.

Doug Hyche stated that construction has increased in the City, and asked everybody to be patient.

Recarda Cobb ask the Mayor and Council about the No Dumping/No littering signs. A vote was taken to install the signs in the needed areas.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston stated that neighbors complained about the trees and debris between 7th Avenue & 9th Way. He and Doug Hyche were able to rectify the problem.

Councilor Ken Hatfield inquired about finishing the budget for 2021-2022.

Councilor Kevin Dunn – None.

Councilor Ray Lassiter thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to attend the Alabama League of Municipalities Conference. Also, he gave a brief overview of the knowledge gained from the conference.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson congratulated the Pleasant Grove Spartans for being the Class 5A Regional Champions, thanked the coaches for a job well done, encouraged everybody to attend the upcoming playoff game against Center Point, and asked Chief Knight about Pleasant Grove Police escorting team to the game. Councilor stated that the Alabama League of Municipalities Conference was great and she was able to connect with several organizations concerning grants. Also, she discussed the ADEM program to assist with revitalizing parks through the use of recycled tires. Lastly, Councilor Lawson discussed the information on giving to Pleasant Groves schools received from Dr. Walter B. Gonsoulin Jr (Jefferson County Schools Superintendent), hiring an Enforcement Officer, the large number of loose dogs roaming the City, and ticketing non-operable vehicles in Pleasant Grove.

# CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bertie Noah, 132 Pleasant Grove Road, invited the Mayor and Council to the Christmas Parade and asked for their participation on the judging committee. Also, she invited the Mayor and Council to the Christmas breakfast being held at the Community Center, December 04, 2021, at 7:00 am. Lastly, Mrs. Noah said that the float judging will begin at 9:00 am immediately following the breakfast. For additional information contact Mayor Brasseale’s secretary at 205-744-1724.

Shakerie Cox, 1126 8th Street, inquired about having an ambulance service in the City of Pleasant Grove. She said her stepfather fell outside and hurt himself. The fire department arrived at a decent time, but had to wait on an ambulance which arrived an additional thirty minutes later. Chief Knight stated that in order to have an ambulance service in Pleasant Grove he would have to double the staff. Lt. Mareno discuss the shortage of medics, and stated that the County is working on a plan to address the shortage and improve ambulance service within Jefferson County. Councilor Yolanda Lawson stated that she spoke with Commissioner Jimmie Stephens concerning the problem, and he informed her of the plan he’s working on to resolve it. Councilor Kevin Dunn said that the Council is working on funds in the budget to assist retaining employees.

Gary Williams, 1456 5th Avenue, asked the Mayor and Council about receiving the letter he left for them at City Hall. They all replied yes. He asked about the overgrowth in the easement area. Attorney JD Terry said that the property is owned by Jefferson County. Mr. Williams proceeded to ask Attorney Terry about the second study done concerning the speed problem on fifth (5th) avenue, and what the City of Pleasant Grove plan on doing about the problem. Attorney Terry said that there were no changes in the second study, and that the City has placed a speed sign in the area and plan on continuing to patrol the area. Councilor Yolanda Lawson suggested setting up a meeting with Commissioner Jimmie Stephens and all involved to discuss the problem.

Brenda Johnson, 705 Pleasant Grove Road, stated that she has been stalked for the last nine months. She has reported the incidents, but none have been written up. Ms. Johnson said she was told that nothing can be done. Also, she said the Pleasant Grove Police department has been following and harassing her as well. Lastly, she plan on contacting Internal Affairs.

# ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Ken Hatfield made a motion to adjourn.

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Jerry W. Brasseale, Mayor

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Recarda Cobb, City Clerk