

STATE OF ALABAMA  
ST. CLAIR COUNTY

The City Council of the City of Pell City met in a work session at the City Hall at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 12, 2020. Present were Council President James McGowan, Councilmen Jay Jenkins, Blaine Henderson, Jason Mitcham, and Jud Alverson. Council President McGowan opened the meeting for discussion.

The invocation was led by Councilman Jay Jenkins.

The pledge to the American Flag was led by City Attorney John Rea.

The City Clerk had roll call for attendance.

Councilman Alverson stated the bills on file had been reviewed and everything was in order.

There were no comments on the minutes of the regular council meeting held on September 28, 2020.

Council President James McGowan stated the Canvassing of the Municipal Run-Off Election would be held at the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Finance Director Teri St. James addressed council and discussed the Engagement Letter submitted by Bain & Company to conduct the City's FY 2019/20 Audit. The proposal submitted was in the amount of \$65,000.00. The audit would include a single audit due to grant funds and CARES Act funds received. Ms. St. James stated the City should have the completed audit by the end of March 2021.

City Attorney John Rea addressed council to discuss a request from Jeff Jones for the Final Plat approval of Easonville Subdivision Phase 2 located on Highway 231 South. Mr. Rea stated the City should have a Public Hearing on this matter during the council meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Rea stated there were a few items in the Resolution that needed to be updated. The name of the property owner should be stated as Metro Bank.

Police Chief Paul Irwin addressed council to discuss an alcohol license application from Circle K Stores, Inc. located at 1403 Martin Street North. Chief Irwin stated there was a background check completed which was okay.

Utility Manager James Hadaway addressed council to discuss the bids received for chemicals to be used for water and wastewater treatment. Mr. Hadaway stated there was one bid received from Brenntag Mid-South, Inc. on all of the chemicals except Zinc Orthophosphate. This will need to be bid again. He stated the City had used Brenntag for the past three years without any issues. Mr. Hadaway stated there would be an approximate increase of \$1,500.00 per year. Mr. Hadaway recommended the City accept the Brenntag bid.

Mr. James Hadaway, Utility Supervisor addressed council to discuss the Utility Fuel Storage Tanks (UST's) closures/replacements. Mr. Hadaway stated that ADEM mandated that the UST's at the Eden Lift Station and Wastewater Treatment Plant be removed or replaced by the end of the year. Mr. Hadaway stated Auburn Environmental Consulting & Testing provided a proposal of \$11,250.00 for removal of the UST's, purge the tanks of vapors, and conduct an in-place closure of the units. Also, Thompson Power Systems provided a proposal in the amount of \$16,000.00 to install new Aboveground Storage Tanks (AST's) at each location. This proposal included the tanks, installation-related fittings, labor, equipment, and testing generators to ensure proper operation after the installation was complete. Mr. Hadaway recommended the approval for both proposals.

Street Superintendent Greg Gossett addressed council to request listing items as surplus that are no longer in use at the Street Department. The items were as follows:

- 2013 John Deere Tractor 5085M

- 1998 Chevrolet 2500 Cheyenne
- 2013 Land Pride Commander

City Clerk Penny Isbell addressed council regarding Board Members that had applied to be reappointed to their respective Board positions.

- Margie Sanford            JBS Mental Health Authority (6-year term ending 06.28.2025)
- Julia Skelton            Library Board (4-year term ending 01.09.2023)
- Warren Smith            Library Board (4-year term ending 06.12.2024)
- Sarah Brazzolotto       Board of Zoning Adjustments (3-year term ending 06.13.2023)
- Gloria Fomby            Board of Zoning Adjustments (3-year term ending 06.13.2023)

Mr. Gossett addressed council to discuss a Rebuild Alabama Act (RAA) project. The City would like to apply for a grant through the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program II (ATRIP-II). Mr. Gossett stated the project allowed municipalities to compete for funds to improve any state-maintained highway system. He stated there was \$30,000,000.00 in funds that was available for the FY21 competitive cycle. Mr. Gossett stated if the City was awarded the grant money, it would be used to improve the intersection of Parkway East, Hardwick Road and U.S. 78, which would add turn lanes to Parkway East and improve alignment and signalization of the intersection. The St. Clair County Commission verbally committed up to \$200,000.00 to the City's portion of the grant match.

Ms. Isbell addressed council to discuss a grant awarded to the St. Clair Community Health Clinic from the Alabama Power Foundation Elevate Grant program in the amount of \$5,000.00. Ms. Isbell stated the funds from the grant will be used to support the staffing of the Clinic which is housed in the Social Services Building. The grant was awarded to the Community Health Clinic through the City. If approved by Council, the City will appropriate those funds to the Clinic once received from the grant.

Fire Chief Tim Kurzejeski addressed council to discuss a proposal from Sutphen Corporation for a 75-foot mid-mount Aerial Ladder truck. Chief Kurzejeski stated a demonstration model of the unit was currently available at a discounted price of \$784,755.00. This was a discount of \$70,750.00 over a unit ordered from the factory direct. Chief Kurzejeski stated the purchase of the truck was included in the draft Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

City Manager Comments: City Manager Muenger was not present.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Pruitt stated that he received a call from Mr. Ken Allen, the owner of AOC Food Mart, to commend the Pell City Police Department. He praised Chief Irwin for a job well done. The Pell City Police Department responded to a robbery at the AOC Food Mart and apprehended the robbery suspects after a high speed chase. Mayor Pruitt thanked Chief Irwin and all of our police officers.

City Attorney John Rea advised that the Council needed to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation involving the City. Mr. Rea certified this qualified for Executive Session. At 5:48 p.m., Councilman Alverson made a motion to enter into Executive Session until 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Henderson and unanimously approved by the Council. On roll call, those voting aye being: Council President McGowan, Councilmen Alverson, Henderson, Jenkins and Mitcham. Nays: None. Council President McGowan declared the motion approved.

There being no further items to discuss, Council President McGowan adjourned the work session.

Councilman Henderson made a motion to end the Executive Session and continue to the regular council meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mitcham and unanimously approved. On roll call, those voting aye being: Council President McGowan, Councilmen Alverson, Henderson, Jenkins and Mitcham. Council President McGowan declared the motion approved.

The City Council of the City of Pell City met in a regular council meeting at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 12, 2020. Present were Council President James McGowan, Councilmen Jud Alverson, Blaine Henderson, Jay Jenkins and Jason Mitcham. Those present constituting the entirety of the Council, the following business was transacted:

The City Clerk had roll call for attendance.

On motion of Councilman Alverson, seconded by Councilman Mitcham, the council unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

On motion of Councilman Alverson, seconded by Councilman Henderson, the council unanimously approved the payment of bills on file.

On motion of Councilman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Alverson, the council unanimously approved the minutes of the regularly scheduled council meeting held on September 28, 2020.

A total of three (3) provisional ballots were cast in the Municipal Run-Off Election held on October 6, 2020. The Board of Registrars certified that one (1) ballot out of the three (3) cast was acceptable. City Clerk Penny Isbell read aloud the acceptable vote cast by the provisional ballots. Assistant City Clerk Sheree Pruitt verified the one called out by Ms. Isbell was acceptable.

On motion of Councilman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Alverson, the council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 5398** certifying the results of the BOE District 4 Run-Off Election.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 5398**

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CANVASSING OF THE 2020 RUN-OFF ELECTION RESULTS OF THE CITY OF PELL CITY**

**WHEREAS**, the run-off election for the City of Pell City was duly and legally held on October 6, 2020, as provided by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipal governing body of the City of Pell City met on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020, a quorum thereof being present, at 7 o'clock p.m., and has canvassed the returns, and has ascertained and determined the number of votes received by each candidate; and

**WHEREAS**, the said municipal governing body has ascertained and determined the result of said election as follows:

	Regular	Provisional	Total
Gregory "Greg" Crump	207	9	216
Tammie Williams	167	10	178
Over Votes	0	0	0
Under Votes	0	0	0
	<b>374</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>394</b>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Pell City, Alabama, as follows:

1. That Greg Crump received a majority of the votes cast for the Board of Education District 4 and he is hereby declared duly elected to that office for the term beginning on the first Monday in November, 2020.

On motion of Councilman Alverson, seconded by Councilman Mitcham, the council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 5399** accepting the Engagement Letter submitted by Bain & Company to conduct the City’s FY2019/2020 Audit.

Now was the time set aside for a Public Hearing to consider the request from Jeff Jones for a Final Plat approval of Easonville Subdivision Phase 2 located on Highway 231 South. The recommendation for approval came from the Planning Commission contingent that all comments by the City's engineers have been addressed and completed in addition to posting a bond. Council President McGowan opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. Mr. Jones and Mr. Ben Watson (engineer) were in attendance to answer any questions the council had. Mr. Watson stated that they were aware of the comments and agreed to do whatever was necessary to get the plat approved. He also asked that the City's engineers come back out and reinspect the road and possibly lower the bond. With no further comments, Council President McGowan closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

On motion of Councilman Alverson, seconded by Councilman Mitcham, the council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 5400** regarding the Final Plat of Easonville Subdivision Phase 2 contingent on all of the engineer's concerns being satisfied and the required bond being posted.

On motion of Councilman Mitcham, seconded by Councilman Alverson, the council unanimously approved the request from Circle K Stores, Inc. for a Retail Beer License (Off Premises Only) and a Retail Table Wine License (Off Premises Only) for 1403 Martin Street North.

On motion of Councilman Alverson, seconded by Councilman Mitcham, the council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 5401** awarding the bids for water and wastewater chemicals to Brenntag Mid-South, Inc.

On motion of Councilman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Alverson, the council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 5402** accepting the proposal from Auburn Environmental Consulting & Testing in the amount of \$11,250.00 to close the existing Underground Storage Tanks at the Eden Lift Station and the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

On motion of Councilman Alverson, seconded by Councilman Mitcham, the council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 5403** accepting the proposal from Thompson Power Systems in the amount of \$16,000.00 to install new Aboveground Storage Tanks at the Eden Lift Station and the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

On motion of Councilman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Alverson, the council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 5404** declaring the following items from the Street Department as surplus and no longer needed for public or municipal purposes.

- 1 -2013 John Deere Tractor 5085M
- 1 -1998 Chevrolet 2500 Cheyenne
- 1 -2013 Land Pride Commander

On motion of Councilman Alverson, seconded by Councilman Henderson, the council unanimously approved the following reappointments to various Boards.

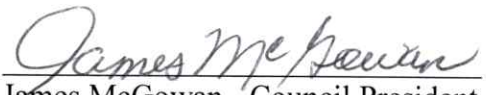
- Margie Sanford – JBS Mental Health Authority – 6-year term to expire 06.18.2025
- Julia Skelton – Library Board – 4-year term to expire 01.09.2023
- Warren Smith – Library Board – 4-year term to expire 06.12.2024
- Sarah Brazzolotto – BZA – 3-year term to expire 06.13.2023
- Gloria Fomby – BZA – 3-year term to expire 06.13.2023

On motion of Councilman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Alverson, the council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 5405** approving the submission of an application for ATRIP-II Grant Funds.

On motion of Councilman Mitcham, seconded by Councilman Henderson, the council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 5406** accepting a grant on behalf of the St. Clair Community Health Clinic and appropriating the funds to them.

On motion of Councilman Alverson, seconded by Councilman Mitcham, the council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 5407** regarding the purchase of a Heavy Duty 75' Mid-Mount Aerial Ladder Fire Truck through the H-GAC Purchasing Program.

On motion of Councilman Henderson, seconded by Councilman Alverson, the council adjourned subject to the call of the Council President.

  
James McGowan - Council President

ATTEST:

  
Penny Isbell - City Clerk