

STATE OF ALABAMA
ST. CLAIR COUNTY

The City Council of the City of Pell City met in a regularly scheduled work session at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2023. Present were Council President Alverson, Councilmembers Ivi McDaniel, Blaine Henderson, and Jason Mitcham. Councilmember Jenkins was absent. Those present constituting a quorum of the Council, Council President Alverson opened the meeting for discussion.

The invocation was led by Pastor Donald Gover.

The pledge to the American Flag was led by Councilmember Blaine Henderson.

The City Clerk had roll call for attendance.

There were no comments regarding the bills on file.

There were no comments regarding the minutes from the regularly scheduled Council Meetings held on December 12, 2022; December 19, 2022; or the emergency called Council Meeting held on December 29, 2022.

Park and Recreation Director, Bubba Edge, addressed the Council regarding the bids received for the 2023 Spring Sports Uniforms. Mr. Edge advised that invitations to bid were extended to seven vendors, posted in three public places, and on the City Website. He confirmed the City only received one bid from B&S Sporting Goods and recommended the Council award the bid to B&S Sporting Goods

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the Council regarding the Rebuild Alabama Act Report for FY2022. Mr. Muenger advised that the City is required to adopt a plan of work in August and approve the plan in January. He advised the cost of resurfacing Water Tank Hill was more than originally estimated but confirmed the it was complete. Mr. Muenger also stated that approximately seventy-five percent of the paving list was completed.

Dawn Childre, Human Resources Director, addressed the Council regarding the Worker's Compensation Rates for Calendar Year 2023. She advised the modifier increased from .8 to .98 and confirmed the increase was based on 2019, 2020, and 2021. Mr. Childre stated the payroll increases that were not originally estimated caused a slight increase in the policy as well. Mr. Muenger advised the City had been operating on a \$50,000 deductible for five years and confirmed there were only sixty-two claims made and two of the sixty-two remained open. He confirmed the City had not met the deductible and stated the majority of the claims were kept below \$10,000. Mr. Muenger recommended increasing the deductible to seventy-five thousand.

Fire Chief Tim Kurzejeski addressed Council regarding FEMA's assistance to Firefighter's grant. He advised that priority approval was given to "regional" applicants and stated that Riverside Fire & Rescue would be included in the application for the City of Pell City. Mr. Kurzejeski advised the department was currently working with a limited number of radios and advised the grant would help set aside some of the cost of the radios for the department if approved.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the Council regarding the Capital Plan for the Utility Department. He advised the plan was revised from the last time it was received by Council. Utility Department James Hadaway addressed Council regarding with updates for the Utility Department Capital Plan to include the current grant that the City received for the waterline extension from Morningside Subdivision. City Consulting Engineer Byron Woods was present and stated the projects would be budgeted and bid over time. He advised there were debt forgiveness grants as well as obtaining a two percent interest rate on funds received. City Manager Brian Muenger advised it was proposed to ADEM that the ARPA funds be used as a match for the dollar to dollar for the maximum amount remaining which was approximately two and a half million dollars.

City Manager Comments: None.

Mayor Comments: None.

The City Council of the City of Pell City met in a regularly scheduled council meeting at City Hall immediately following the work session on Monday, **January 23, 2023**. Present were Council President Jud Alverson, Councilmembers Ivi McDaniel, Blaine Henderson, and Jason Mitcham. Councilmember Jenkins was absent. Those present constituting a quorum of the Council, the following business was transacted:

The City Clerk had roll call for attendance.

On motion of Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Mitcham, the Council unanimously approved the Agenda as presented.

On motion of Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, the Council unanimously approved the payment of bills on file.

On motion of Councilmember Mitcham, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, the Council unanimously approved the minutes from the regularly scheduled Council Meeting held on December 12, 2022.

On motion of Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Mitcham, the Council unanimously approved the minutes from the regularly scheduled Council Meeting held on December 19, 2022.

On motion of Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Mitcham, the Council unanimously approved the minutes from the emergency called Council Meeting held on December 29, 2022.

On motion of Councilmember Mitcham, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 5838** awarding the bid for the 2023 Spring Sports Uniforms to B&S Sporting Goods.


On motion of Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Mitcham, the Council unanimously approved the Rebuild Alabama Act Report for FY2022.

On motion of Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Mitcham, the Council unanimously approved the Worker's Compensation Rates for CY 2023 with a seventy-five thousand dollar deductible.

On motion of Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 5839** authorizing the submission of an application for the Alabama Firefighters Grant.

On Motion of Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, the Council unanimously approved the Capital Plan for the Utility Department as presented.

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



W. Judge Alverson - Council President

ATTEST:

Sheree D Pruitt
Sheree D. Pruitt - City Clerk