

STATE OF ALABAMA
ST. CLAIR COUNTY

The City Council of the City of Pell City met in a special called work session at City Hall at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2024. Present were Council President Alverson, Councilmembers Jay Jenkins, Ivi McDaniel, Blaine Henderson, and Jason Mitcham. Those present constituting the entirety of the Council, Council President Alverson opened the meeting for discussion.

The invocation was led by Reverend 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 meeting held on January 8, 2024.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the City Council regarding the Worker's Compensation Rates for Calendar Year 2024. He advised the average claim was under \$1,600 and stated the City was steadily moving toward an umbrella type policy. Human Resources Director Dawn Childre advised the mod rating was good. Council President Alverson suggested a deductible of \$75,000.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the Council regarding the FY2024 Rebuild Alabama Act Grant Application for funding the repair and resurface of Industrial Park Drive. He stated that he would like to request \$300,000 from the Department of Transportation which would be matched by City Funds in the amount of \$275,643. Mr. Muenger confirmed he was working with the Economic Development Council and some businesses to obtain letters of support.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the Council regarding an agreement with JMCM Consulting for grant writing services. Mr. Muenger advised the agreement would allow for writing a grant application for the Fire Department to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. He stated the request was for twenty-two (22) sets of PPE for an approximate cost of \$110,000. Mr. Muenger confirmed there would be no cost to the City unless the grant application was successful and then the City would be responsible for 5% of the awarded amount.

City Manager Comments: Mr. Muenger reminded everyone of the Council Agreement Authorization with Calhoun County regarding recycling. He advised the initiative had been in process for approximately one month and was going well.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Pruitt commended the City Council on being ahead of the FDA regarding the ban on the sale of Tianeptine within the City Limits. He advised that three years later several members of Congress had requested it be banned and declared "dangerous".

City Attorney John Rea advised that the Council needed to enter into Executive Session to discuss a potential real estate transaction. Mr. Rea certified this qualified for Executive Session and did not expect the session to last any longer than 15 minutes. Mr. Rea stated he did not expect action from the session. At 4:45 p.m., Councilmember Henderson made a motion to enter into Executive Session for approximately thirty minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitcham and unanimously approved by the Council. On roll call, those voting aye being: Councilmembers Jenkins, McDaniel, Henderson, Mitcham and Council President Alverson. Nays: None. Council President Alverson declared the motion approved.

At 5:02 p.m. on Motion of Councilmember Mitcham, seconded by Councilmember Jenkins, the Council unanimously approved to adjourn executive session and begin the City Council Meeting.

The City Council of the City of Pell City met in a special called Council Meeting held at City Hall at 5:03 p.m. on Monday January 22, 2024. Present were Council President Jud Alverson, Councilmembers Jay Jenkins, Ivi McDaniel, Blaine Henderson, and Jason Mitcham. 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 Mitcham, seconded by Councilmember Jenkins, the Council unanimously approved 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 Jenkins, seconded by Councilmember Mitcham, the Council unanimously approved the minutes from the special called Council Meeting held on January 22, 2024.

On motion of Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Mitcham, the Council unanimously approved the Worker's Compensation Rates for Calendar Year 2024 with a \$75,000 deductible.


On motion of Councilmember Jenkins, seconded by Councilmember Mitcham, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 6029** authorizing a grant application for the FY2024 Rebuild Alabama Act for the repair and resurface of Industrial Park Drive.

On motion of Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Mitcham, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 6030** authorizing an agreement with JMCM Consulting for Grant Writing Services for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application.

On motion of Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Mitcham, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 6031** authorizing a grant application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for twenty-two sets of Personal Protective Equipment for use within the Fire Department.

City Attorney John Rea advised that the Council needed to enter into Executive Session to discuss a potential litigation. Mr. Rea certified this qualified for Executive Session and did not expect the session to last any longer than 30 minutes. Mr. Rea stated he did not expect action from the session. At 5:05 p.m., Councilmember Mitcham made a motion to enter into Executive Session for approximately thirty minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jenkins and unanimously approved by the Council. On roll call, those voting aye being: Councilmembers Jenkins, McDaniel, Henderson, Mitcham and Council President Alverson. Nays: None. Council President Alverson declared the motion approved.

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



W. Judge Alverson - Council President

ATTEST:



Sheree D. Pruitt - City Clerk