

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, March 11, 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 City Clerk Sheree Pruitt.

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 February 26, 2024.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the Council regarding the Alabama Department of Environmental Management Survey. He advised the survey was conducted by ADEM after visiting all of the Wells located within the City as well as the laboratory. Mr. Muenger confirmed there were no deficiencies and all items were in good shape.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the Council regarding the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Annual Report for 2023. Mr. Muenger advised it was one of the primary reporting mechanisms with ADEM. He stated the report was based solely upon the inflow and outflow filtration, and repairs that had to be conducted. Mr. Muenger commended the department employees stating in the next couple of months, the entire system testing would be complete which was as planned. He also stated that of the five events that had taken place, four were due to mechanical failure. Mr. Muenger advised a solution had been prepared for consideration.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the Council regarding an application for an ABC License that was submitted by Pell City Bar-B-Que. He advised there was a good bit of information provided in the packet, and advised that the applicant name was not the name on the application for a business license with the City of Pell City. He also advised that it was believed to be due to the extensive criminal background history. Mr. Muenger advised that it was the recommendation of the Chief to deny the request for an ABC License but confirmed it would not preclude the applicant from submitting a new application.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the City Council regarding an Amendment to the School Resource Officer Agreement which was approved in 2022. Mr. Muenger advised the request was to increase the SRO staffing level from eight officers to nine officers as well as to amend section 7E regarding any surplus funding for SRO's. He stated the request was that any surplus funding be allowed to be used to supplement the amount that was paid by the board for security at special events. Mr. Muenger advised the ninth officer would be placed at the Pell City High School and would allow the Sergeant additional time to conduct his supervisory duties in addition to School Resource Officer requirements. He confirmed the City had received written consent for the amendment to the agreement from the Board of Education and was expected to be approved at the next School Board Meeting. Councilmember Jay Jenkins expressed his concern of there not being an SRO assigned to Eden Elementary and Assistant Chief Sean Stephen confirmed there was one onboarded the previous week and had begun working at Eden.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the City Council regarding the Cardinal and Cencora Alabama Settlement Agreement as part of the Opioid Settlements. He advised Beasley Allen was the appointed firm in the class action cases related to the opioid crisis. Mr. Muenger confirmed the settlements were in the amount of \$220 million dollars to be payable over ten years using the same formula as the previous agreements authorized. He stated this would be approximately \$400 thousand dollars or more over the next ten years. Mr. Muenger confirmed that 100% sign on was necessary for the settlement to move forward.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the Council regarding the Children's Place Luncheon. He advised it was scheduled to take place on April 16th and confirmed that the Council usually approved the purchase of at least one table. Councilmember Jenkins advised the Council should authorize an increase to two if needed.

City Manager Comments: None.

Mayor Comments: None.

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 eleven minutes. Mr. Rea stated he did not expect action from the session. At 5:49 p.m., Councilmember Mitcham made a motion to enter into Executive Session for approximately eleven 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.

Having no action from the Executive Session, Council went straight into the City Council Meeting.

The City Council of the City of Pell City met in a regularly scheduled Council Meeting held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday March 11, 2024. Present were Council President Jud Alverson, Councilmembers Jay Jenkins, Ivi McDaniel, Blaine Henderson, 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 Councilmember Mitcham, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, the Council unanimously approved the payment of bills on file.

On motion of Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Jenkins, the Council unanimously approved the minutes from the regularly scheduled Council Meeting held on February 26, 2024.

On motion of Councilmember Jenkins, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6048** authorizing the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Annual Report for 2023.

An Application for an ABC Retail License for Pell City Bar-B-Que failed due to the lack of a motion.

On motion of Councilmember Mitcham, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6049** authorizing an Amendment to the School Resource Officer Agreement with the Pell City Board of Education.

On motion of Councilmember Mitcham, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6050** authorizing the Cardinal and Cencora Alabama Settlement Agreement as part of the Alabama Opioid Settlements.

On motion of Councilmember Jenkins, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, the Council unanimously approved a single table sponsorship for the annual Children's Place Luncheon with the option to purchase an additional table if needed.

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


J. Jason Mitcham - Council President *Pro Tem*

ATTEST:


Sheree D. Pruitt - City Clerk