

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, July 22, 2024. Present were Council President Jud Alverson, Councilmembers Jay Jenkins, Ivi McDaniel, and Blaine Henderson. Council member Jason Mitcham was absent. Those present constituting a quorum 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 Mayor Bill 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 July 8, 2024.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the Council regarding the Cable One / Hargray / Sparklight Franchise Agreement. He advised the City had not reached any agreement with Hargray and requested that the Council consider granting an extension of time to allow further discussion. Mr. Charles Lawrence and Mr. Charles Rainwater were present and addressed the Council in opposition of a franchise agreement with Cable One / Hargray / Sparklight.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the Council regarding the reappointment of Municipal Court Judge Brandi Hufford. He advised the Council was required to make an appointment every two years and acknowledged that Judge Hufford would be ultimately tendering a resignation, but was unsure when the resignation would be provided. Mr. Muenger confirmed that reappointing Judge Hufford was in the best interest until such time a resignation is tendered.

City Clerk Sheree Pruitt addressed the Council regarding a Public Hearing to consider the assessment of abatement costs to certain properties. She advised the properties had been posted properly, declared a nuisance by Council or Municipal Court Judge Hufford and abated by Street Department Personnel. Mrs. Pruitt confirmed the expenses had been tallied and recommended the Council set a Public Hearing for August 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. She advised the properties were as follows:

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| • 1034 1 st Avenue South | Parcel ID: 28-01-02-1-002-040.001 |
| • 106 Heights Way | Parcel ID: 22-09-31-4-000-002.023 |
| • 109 Heights Way | Parcel ID: 22-09-31-4-000-002.040 |
| • 111 Heights Way | Parcel ID: 22-09-31-4-000-002.039 |
| • 3103 6 th Avenue North | Parcel ID: 22-09-31-3-001-033.000 |

Ash Arrington, Director of the Center for Education and Performing Arts (CEPA) addressed the Council regarding the request to utilize City Property to host the event, Rock ‘N Dock. Ms. Arrington advised that in years past an event was held at the sports complex and believed the Citizens were expecting another event. She said instead of the event being ticketed, it would be free, there would be three musical acts and a mini “food truck rally”. City Manager Brian Muenger stated a monetary request was made for \$10,000 and confirmed that Ms. Arrington had a good bandwidth of support for the event.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the Council regarding the PCB Proposed Clean-up plan. He advised that Mr. Rybka was scheduled to speak at the last two meetings but had been unable to attend. Mr. Muenger confirmed it was a continuation of the Monsanto Clean-up and advised that the Riverkeeper was raising awareness.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the Council regarding the FY24/25 Budget Timeline. He confirmed the City was a little ahead of schedule but requested the Council consider setting tentative budget meetings between August 27th and August 29th.

City Manager Comments: None.

Mayor Comments: None.

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

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 July 22, 2024. Present were Council President Jud Alverson, Councilmembers Jay Jenkins, Ivi McDaniel, and Blaine Henderson. Council member Jason Mitcham 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 Jenkins, the Council unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

On motion of Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, the Council unanimously approved the minutes from the regularly scheduled Council Meeting held on July 8, 2024.

On motion of Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, the Council unanimously approved an extension for one month regarding the franchise agreement with Cable One / Hargray / Sparklight.

On motion of Councilmember Jenkins, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6081** authorizing the reappointment of Municipal Court Judge Brandi Williams Hufford.

On motion of Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, the Council unanimously approved setting a Public Hearing on August 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. to consider assessing abatement cost to the following properties:

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On motion of Councilmember Jenkins, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6082** authorizing a user agreement with the Center of Education and Performing Arts (CEPA) for use of the sports complex to host the event Rock N’ Dock.

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 10 minutes. Mr. Rea stated he did expect action from the session. At 6:05 p.m., Councilmember Jenkins made a motion to enter into Executive Session for approximately ten minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Henderson and unanimously approved by the Council. On roll call, those voting aye being: Councilmembers Jenkins, McDaniel, Henderson, 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 executive session at 6:15 p.m. and re-entered the Council Meeting.

Councilmember Jenkins moved that all rules and regulations, which unless suspended would prevent the immediate consideration and amendment of the Council Agenda, be suspended and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration and amendment of the Council Agenda be given. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McDaniel. On roll call vote those voting ayes being: Councilmember Jenkins, McDaniel, Henderson, and Council President Alverson. Nays: None. Council President Alverson declared the motion approved.

On motion of Councilmember Jenkins, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, the Council unanimously approved the amendment of said agenda to add **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 6083** authorizing the acquisition of certain property located along Dry Creek Road. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McDaniel. On roll call vote those voting ayes being: Councilmember Jenkins, McDaniel, Henderson, and Council President Alverson. Nays: None. Council President Alverson declared the motion approved.

On motion of Councilmember Jenkins, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6083** authorizing the acquisition of certain property along Dry Creek Road in an amount not to exceed \$176,000.

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


J. Jason Mitcham - Council President *Pro Tem*

ATTEST:


Sheree D. Pruitt - City Clerk