

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, September 9, 2024. Present were Council President Alverson, Councilmembers Jay Jenkins, Blaine Henderson, and Jason Mitcham. Those present constituting a quorum of the Council, Council President Alverson opened the meeting for discussion. Councilmember Ivi McDaniel was absent.

The invocation was led by Councilmember Jay Jenkins.

The pledge to the American Flag was led by Council President Jud Alverson.

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 City Council Meetings held on July 22, 2024; August 12, 2024; and August 26, 2024.

Donna Hartley and Nancy Hill addressed the City Council on behalf of the ARC of St. Clair regarding their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Gala. She advised tickets could be purchased individually or at sponsorship level.

David Andrews with Centers for Municipal Services addressed the City Council regarding a Public Hearing about an application received by Bennett Towers to place a cell tower on Martin Street North (north of Cropwell Drive). David advised three variances were requested; however only two were able to be worked and recommended for approval. He advised a variance was recommended regarding the height of the tower and the set back of the tower due to an existing buffer. David advised Bennett Towers had also requested a variance from providing a tower removal bond and recommended that request not be approved. He advised if it was the desire of the Council to approve the request an amendment to the Ordinance would be required.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the City Council regarding an Opt-Out Request for the PFAS/PFOA Class Action Litigation. He advised the City Council had previously authorized an opt-out agreement with 3M and Dupont. City Attorney John Rea recommended the City Opt-out of the class action.

Bubba Edge Park and Recreation Director addressed the Council regarding a User Agreement with Rotary for the 2024 Jingle Bell 5K and Fun Run/Walk. He advised that Rotary provided 98% of all coordination and stated it was a minimal cost to the City. Mr. Edge recommended authorizing the User Agreement.

Police Chief Clay Morris addressed the City Council regarding an agreement with the DEA Task Force regarding Body Worn Cameras. He advised it was necessary and recommended the approval.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the City Council regarding an agreement with Employee Assistance Services regarding an Employee Assistance Program. He advised the city lacked a formal employee assistance program and confirmed Ms. Childre had solicited proposals for these services. Mr. Muenger advised the cost was \$5 per employee per month with a \$200 upfront cost for promotional material. He confirmed there was no cost to the employee only the City.

James Hadaway Utility Superintendent addressed the Council regarding the bid for the Eden Lift Station and Force Main. Mr. Hadaway advised the City received five bids with the lowest responsible bidder being Baird Contracting. He explained the funding through the debt forgiveness loan program as well as utilizing ARPA funds.

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.

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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 September 9, 2024. Present were Council President Alverson, Councilmembers Jay Jenkins, Blaine Henderson, Jason Mitcham and Council President Alverson. Councilmember Ivi McDaniel was absent. 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 Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Jenkins, the Council unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

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

On motion of Councilmember Jenkins, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, the Council unanimously approved the minutes from the regularly scheduled Council Meeting held on July 22, 2024, August 12, 2024, and August 26, 2024.

Now was the time set aside for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit for the Construction of a New Wireless Telecommunications Facility. Council President Alverson opened the Public Hearing at 6:07 P.M. with Jeb Dominick appearing from Ridgeland Virginia on behalf of Bennett Towers. Mr. Dominick expressed his strong opinion against the need for a tower removal bond. There being no one else present, Council President Alverson closed the Public Hearing at 6:23 p.m.

Council President Alverson Introduced **Ordinance 2024 – 6114** authorizing a Special Use Permit for the Construction of a New Wireless Telecommunications Facility. There not being a motion to suspend the rules, the Ordinance failed.

On motion of Councilmember Mitcham, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6115** authorizing an Agreement and the Pursuit of Potential Claims Related to PFAS/PFOA Class Action Litigation.

On motion of Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Mitcham, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6116** authorizing a User Agreement with Rotary for the 2024 Jingle Bell 5K and Fun Run/Walk.

On motion of Councilmember Mitcham, seconded by Councilmember Jenkins, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6117** authorizing an Agreement with the DEA Task Force regarding Body Worn Cameras.

On motion of Councilmember Mitcham, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6118** authorizing an Agreement with Employee Assistance Services regarding an Employee Assistance Program.

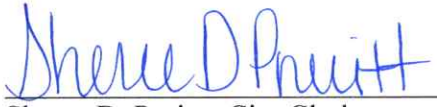
On motion of Councilmember Jenkins, seconded by Councilmember Mitcham, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6119** awarding the Bid for Construction Services for the Eden Lift Station and Force Main to Baird Contracting.

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



W. Judge Alverson - Council President

ATTEST:



Sheree D. Pruitt - City Clerk