

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 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2024. Present were Council President Alverson, Councilmembers Jay Jenkins, Ivi McDaniel, Blaine Henderson, and Jason Mitcham. Those present constituting an entirety of the Council, Council President Alverson opened the meeting for discussion.

The invocation was led by Councilmember Jay Jenkins.

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 City Council Meeting held on September 9, 2024.

A public hearing was set for 5:30 p.m. regarding a special use permit for the construction of a new wireless telecommunications facility.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the City Council regarding the Public Hearing set for 5:30 p.m. regarding the Community Block Development Grant (LR-CM-PF-22-009). Mr. Muenger advised the Public Hearing was the final hearing to be held pursuant to the requirements of the procedures for grant close out. He confirmed notice of the public hearing was advertised as required.

City Clerk Sheree Pruitt addressed the City Council regarding the appointment of Charity Mitcham and Lawrence Owens to the Board of Zoning Adjustments. Mrs. Pruitt advised the board vacancies had been continuously advertised due to on going openings. She confirmed Mrs. Mitcham and Mr. Owens was qualified to hold positions on the respective board.

City Clerk Sheree Pruitt addressed the City Council regarding the application for an Alcohol Beverage Control License for a Special Event for Azteca's. Mrs. Pruitt advised Azteca's held a business license and an ABC license for operating a restaurant to serve alcohol in the City Limits of Pell City. She confirmed it was necessary for Azteca's to obtain a license for the Special Event Lakeside Live sponsored by Casey Cambron. Mrs. Pruitt stated that Detective Thomas Gray had conducted the required background investigation and the request was recommended for approval.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the City Council regarding the Holiday Schedule for the City of Pell City. He advised the schedule was the same as in the previous years with one personal day. Mr. Muenger confirmed the schedule did not call for the need for adjustment.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the City Council regarding the bad debt declaration for uncollectable utility accounts. He confirmed the list provided by Teresa Brakefield was approximately 160 accounts totaling approximately twenty-six thousand dollars. Mr. Muenger confirmed the amount of the write off that occurs annual continues to drop.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the City Council regarding the Animal Control Center Fee Schedule for FY24/25. Mr. Muenger advised that all municipalities that utilized the center are required by law due to the population of the municipality. He stated the fee schedule was level with the previous year.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the City Council regarding an agreement with Placer Labs, Inc. He advised those individuals that had attended the City/County Management Conference was able to preview a demo of the software. Mr. Muenger stated the software had the ability to gather data to show travel trends, spending, etc. He confirmed the cost for year one was twelve thousand dollars and was available through the FY24/25 budget.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the City Council regarding the appropriation requests for FY24/25. Councilmember Jenkins stated he would like to see an increase for the Literacy Council and Historical Society. Council President Alverson confirmed with Council that an increase to one thousand five hundred dollars was acceptable with the remaining Councilmembers.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the City Council regarding the healthcare cost increase for Calendar Year 24/25. He advised the increase was approximately 4.75%. Mr. Muenger confirmed that in previous years the Council had absorbed the increase and stated if that was the desire an annual increase of payment by the City would result in approximately \$99,617 per month and approximately \$2.5 million annually.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the City Council regarding the amended budget for fiscal year 23/24 and the initial budget for fiscal year 24/25. Mr. Muenger advised there had not been significant changes from the discussions held during the budget work sessions, but confirmed that it could be necessary to amend the fiscal year 24/25 budget for on-going discussions for different departments.

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 Special Called Council Meeting held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday September 19, 2024. Present were Council President Alverson, Councilmembers Jay Jenkins, Blaine Henderson, Jason Mitcham, Ivi McDaniel and Council President Alverson. 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 Mitcham, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, 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 regularly scheduled Council Meeting held on September 9, 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 5:32 P.M. David Andrews with Center for Municipal Services was present and advised the Council that Bennett Towers had agreed to provide a cell tower removal bond. Mr. Andrews advised the resolution was recommended for approval and issuance of the building permit should be contingent upon receipt of the bond. There being no one else present, Council President Alverson closed the Public Hearing at 5:33 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember Jenkins, the Council unanimously adopted **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6120** authorizing a Special Use Permit for the Construction of a new Wireless Telecommunications Facility on US Highway 231 South. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McDaniel. On roll call vote those voting ayes being: Councilmember Jenkins, McDaniel, Henderson, Mitcham, and Council President Alverson. Nays: None. Council President Alverson declared the motion approved.

Now was the time set aside for a Public Hearing to discuss the Community Block Grant Project (LR-CM-PF-22-009). Council President Alverson opened the Public Hearing at 5:34 P.M. City Manager Brian Muenger read the Notice of Public Hearing which was published in the Daily Home. Taylor Bria with Municipal Consultants was present and advised the 8” waterline had been abandoned and a 12” waterline installed. City Manager Brian Muenger advised the change order requested was for a deduction. Utility Superintendent James Hadaway advised the new 12” line that had been installed and reduced the number of blow outs for the specified waterline. There being no one else present, Council President Alverson closed the Public Hearing at 5:38 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6121** authorizing Change Order #1 for the Morningside to Woodhill Road Waterline Improvements CDBG Project (Project No.: LR-CM-PF-22-009).

On motion of Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, the Council unanimously approved to authorize the appointment of Charity Mitcham to the Board of Zoning Adjustments. Councilmember Jason Mitcham recused himself from the action item.

On motion of Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Mitcham, the Council unanimously approved to authorize the appointment of Lawrence Owens to the Board of Zoning Adjustments.

On motion of Councilmember Mitcham, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, the Council unanimously approved to authorize an off-premise alcohol license for Azteca’s for special event Lakeside Live.

On motion of Councilmember Jenkins, seconded by Councilmember Mitcham, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6122** authorizing the FY24/25 Holiday Schedule.

On motion of Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Mitcham, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6123** authorizing the Bad Debt Declaration for uncollectable utility accounts for FY23/24.

On motion of Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Mitcham, the Council unanimously approved the FY24/25 Fee and Municipal Agreements for the use of the Pell City Animal Control Center.

On motion of Councilmember Jenkins, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, the Council unanimously approved the following resolutions authorizing the appropriation requests as presented for FY24/25.

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| • <b>RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6125</b> | <b>Pell City Chamber of Commerce</b>      |
| • <b>RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6126</b> | <b>Kid One Transport</b>                  |
| • <b>RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6127</b> | <b>JBS Mental Health Authority</b>        |
| • <b>RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6128</b> | <b>St Clair County EDC</b>                |
| • <b>RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6129</b> | <b>St Clair Soil &amp; Water</b>          |
| • <b>RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6130</b> | <b>United Way</b>                         |
| • <b>RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6131</b> | <b>Boys &amp; Girls Club</b>              |
| • <b>RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6132</b> | <b>St Clair Children’s Policy Council</b> |
| • <b>RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6133</b> | <b>St Clair Children’s Advocacy Ctr</b>   |
| • <b>RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6134</b> | <b>Christian Love Pantry</b>              |
| • <b>RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6135</b> | <b>American Red Cross</b>                 |
| • <b>RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6136</b> | <b>DARE Program</b>                       |

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6137** **St Clair County Airport Authority**
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6139** **CEPA**
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6041** **Museum of Pell City**

On motion of Councilmember Mitcham, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, the Council unanimously approved the following resolutions authorizing the appropriation requests as amended for FY24/25. Councilmember Jenkins recused himself from these action items.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6138** **Arc of St. Clair**
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6140** **Pell City Historical Society**
  - **Amended Approved Amount:** **\$1,500.00**
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6142** **Literacy Council**
  - **Amended Approved Amount:** **\$1,500.00**

On motion of Councilmember Mitcham, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6143** authorizing an appropriation for the Pell City Board of Education. Councilmember Blaine Henderson recused himself from this action item.

On motion of Councilmember Jenkins, the Council unanimously adopted **RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6144** adopting the amended budget for FY23/24 and the initial budget for Fiscal Year 24/25. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. On roll call vote those voting ayes being: Councilmember Jenkins, McDaniel, Henderson, Mitcham, and Council President Alverson. Nays: None. Council President Alverson declared the motion approved.

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 20 minutes. Mr. Rea stated he did expect action from the session. At 6:05 p.m., Councilmember Mitcham made a motion to enter into Executive Session for approximately twenty 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 Mitcham, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, the Council adjourned, subject to the call of Council President Alverson.



W. Judge Alverson - Council President

ATTEST:



Sheree D. Pruitt - City Clerk