CITY OF PLEASANT GROVE, ALABAMA

COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 03, 2022

The City Council of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama, met in the Council Chambers on Monday, January 03, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jerry Brasseale presiding. The following was present:

Mayor: Jerry W. Brasseale

Council Members: Philip Houston

Yolanda Lawson

Kevin Dunn

Ray Lassiter

Ken Hatfield

Also present: City Clerk Recarda Cobb, and Chief Robert Knight (Police Department).

Prayer by Councilor Ray Lassiter

Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Kevin Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 13, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston.

Motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilor Ken Hatfield made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of $456,349.32.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Yolanda Lawson.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston made a motion to approve the Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Kevin Dunn.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01.** Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama approving to move Council meeting from Monday (January 17, 2022) to Tuesday (January 18, 2022) in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-01.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray Lassiter.

Motion passed unanimously.

# OFFICERS OF THE CITY REPORTS

Chief Robert Knight thanked the Mayor and Council for providing raises to Pleasant Grove’s employees.

Recarda Cobb - None

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston - None

Councilor Ken Hatfield inquired about the debt collections of the outstanding garbage bills. Recarda Cobb informed Councilor Hatfield that the debt collecting system is still in place and is being utilized.

Councilor Kevin Dunn stated that neighbors are continuously calling about the trash dumped in Pleasant Grove. He said the trash looks bad and need to be cleaned up. Mayor Jerry Brasseale stated the he informed Jefferson County of the problem, and that they are investigating the problem.

Councilor Ray Lassiter stated that we should take COVID serious, talked about how COVID has affected his family, and said he is looking forward to discussing prospective garbage contracts.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson wished everybody a happy new year, thanked Recarda Cobb and Mayor Brasseale for information on the trash dumped in Pleasant Grove, and agreed with Councilor Lassiter on taking COVID serious. Councilor Lawson spoke with Attorney J.D. Terry about reviewing Pleasant Grove’s ordinances concerning an Enforcement officer, parking on the grass, and etc. Attorney Terry said that he will have an update by next council meeting. Also, Councilor Lawson asked to have the Ordinances updated with Municode, inquired about the updated Rental and Lease Ordinance, and discussed informing Waste Management of the City’s desire to rebid garbage services. Lastly, Councilor Lawson asked Chief Robert Knight about having a police officer at the door during council meetings. Chief Knight stated that the best way to provide protection is to have a metal detector to prevent attendees from bringing in weapons. Councilor Lawson asked Chief Knight if it’s needed, given the days and time we are living in. Chief Knight replied, having a metal detector and officer at the door is up to the Mayor and Council.

# CITIZENS COMMENTS

Gary Williams, 1456 5th Avenue, asked for an update on solving the speeding problem on 5th Avenue. Mayor Brasseale and Attorney Terry said that they haven’t received an update yet. Councilor Lawson said that the slow response is due to COVID.

A Faye Calhoun, 417 13th Street, thanked everybody for the job they’re doing, asked Chief Knight about more patrol near her home, and inquired about the debt collecting system. Councilor Ken Hatfield gave a brief description of the debt collecting system.

Victor Jordan, ‘The Plug Digital Network’, thanked the Mayor and Council for trusting his company with the streaming council meetings. Also, he discussed educating the citizens on utilizing the system.

# ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston made a motion to adjourn.

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Jerry W. Brasseale, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Recarda Cobb, City Clerk