CITY OF PLEASANT GROVE, ALABAMA

COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 21, 2021

The City Council of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama, met in the Council Chambers on Monday, June 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jerry Brasseale presiding. The following present:

Mayor: Jerry W. Brasseale

Council Members: Philip Houston

 Yolanda Lawson

 Kevin Dunn

 Ray Lassiter

 Ken Hatfield

Also present: City Clerk Recarda Cobb, Fire Chief Robert Knight, Captain Jason Sadlin, and Building Inspector Doug Hyche, and Librarian Diane Kennedy.

Prayer by Mayor Jerry Brasseale.

Pledge of Allegiance by Councilor Ken Hatfield.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on June 07, 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 $247,554.94.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray Lassiter.

Motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-19 Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama implementing Jefferson County Commission recommendations on correcting the speeding problem on Forest Road, based on County study.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-19.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ken Hatfield.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-20** Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama recognizing Juneteenth as a paid holiday.

Councilor Kevin Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-20.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ken Hatfield.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-21** Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama moving the next City Council meeting to July 06, 2021.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-21.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Yolanda Lawson.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-22**  Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama approving Hartline Investments to invest $2.5 million of the City of Pleasant grove funds. Half (1/2) of the funds will be invested in GNR 21-114 CD mortgage with a full return estimated within 4-6 years. The remaining half (1/2) will be invested in G2-MA7258 mortgage with an estimated life of 2-3 years.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston made a motion to discuss Resolution No. 2021-22.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ken Hatfield.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-22.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ken Hatfield.

Councilor Ray Lassiter, Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston, Councilor Ken Hatfield, and Mayor Jerry Brasseale voted yes. Councilor Yolanda Lawson, and Councilor Kevin Dunn voted no. Councilor Yolanda Lawson also stated that she didn’t think that a decision should be made with limited information, time the City’s funds will be held up, and return expected from the investments.

Motion passed by a 4-2 vote.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23**  Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama approving an agreement with ONEAPPWAY to create an app for the City of Pleasant Grove with the set-up fee being waived and a monthly app subscription of $75.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-23.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ken Hatfield.

Motion passed unanimously.

# OFFICERS OF THE CITY REPORTS

Doug Hyche stated that the street paving project will began by June 28, 2021, and utility work is being done in the community.

Chief Robert Knight – None

Diane Kennedy stated that she has had approximately 400 contacts with the programs at Pleasant Grove Library, and is expecting a great turnout for the reading program.

Recarda Cobb informed the Mayor and Council of the American Rescue Plan payment ($1,140,389.31) received from the Alabama Department of Revenue.

Captain Jason Sadlin - None

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Kevin Dunn stated that the Park & Rec meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2021, he is still working on securing better lighting at the sporting complex, and he discussed contacts he made at the ALM Convention in Huntsville on improving Pleasant Grove’s parks. Also, Councilor Dunn thanked everyone for reaching out to him, while his wife was hospitalized.

Councilor Ray Lassiter wished all of the fathers a belated Happy Father’s Day.

Councilor Ken Hatfield asked JD Terry, City’s attorney, about the progress on Forest Road speeding problem. Mr. Terry stated that he hasn’t come to an agreement with Jefferson County yet. The County engineer will not alter the report he submitted on behalf of Jefferson County. Councilor Hatfield inquired about having another study done. Councilor Kevin Dunn said that if the engineers use the same formulas to construct the study, then we shouldn’t waste additional time or money on another one. Councilor Lawson agrees. Lastly, Councilor Hatfield suggested moving forward with the County’s recommendations on addressing the speeding problem on Forest Road. Councilor Lawson agrees.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson thanked Ms. Selethial Vann, who is volunteering to upgrade the City’s website, and commended Dian Kennedy (librarian) for doing an excellent job at Pleasant Grove Library. Also, Councilor Lawson discussed ONEAPPWAY who create apps for a variety of organizations.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston gave an overview of Roger Hartline (investor) presentation.

# CITIZENS COMMENTS

NONE

# ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Ken Hatfield made a motion to adjourn.

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Jerry W. Brasseale, Mayor

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Recarda Cobb, City Clerk