CITY OF PLEASANT GROVE, ALABAMA

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 17, 2021

The City Council of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama, met in the Council Chambers on Monday, May 17, 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

Prayer by Doug Hyche

Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on May 03, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray Lassiter.

Motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilor Ken Hatfield made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of $199,209.12.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12 Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama entering into a website, digital streaming, equipment, and service agreement with the Plug Digital Networth.

Councilor Kevin Dunn made a motion to table Resolution No. 2021-12.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Jerry Brasseale..

Motion passed unanimously.

# OFFICERS OF THE CITY REPORTS

Doug Hyche stated that Pleasant Grove has about thirty (30) new homes in the process of being built.

Chief Robert Knight stated that the Police Department is fully staffed.

Recarda Cobb- None.

Captain Jason Sadlin - None

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Kevin Dunn stated that he is working on several public safety issues.

Councilor Ray Lassiter stated that he is waiting on the street paving report, and asked for an update on the stop sign being placed at 601 10th Avenue. Doug Hyche, Building Inspector, said that he will look into it. Mayor Jerry Brasseale read a letter to Councilor Lassiter from Pleasant Grove’s High School Principal for rewarding plaques to him and several other staff members.

Councilor Ken Hatfield - None

Councilor Yolanda Lawson encouraged everyone to get involved with the Beautification Board Plus- One Program, which is working together to clean up neighborhoods. Councilor Lawson asked Chief Knight about a plan to address the speeding on the road leading to Pleasant Grove High School. Chief Knight said that he will look into it. Also, she asked Mayor Brasseale for an update on the hill by elementary school. Mayor Brasseale said that he talk with Public Works about cutting the grass. Lastly, Councilor Lawson asked Doug Hyche, Building Inspector, about the overgrown weeds and trees at the cemetery. Mr. Hyche stated that the owner will began cleaning up his property on next week, and that he will get the Public Works employees to cut the right-a-way.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston talk about cleaning up the overgrown weeded lots in Pleasant Grove,

Mayor Jerry Brasseale stated that he will be voting on behalf of the City of Pleasant Grove at Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Meeting. Councilor Yolanda Lawson will be the 1st Alternative Delegate, and Councilor Kevin Dunn will be the 2nd Alternative Delegate.

# CITIZENS COMMENTS

Julius Nelson, 800 Park Road, complained about flooding in his yard.

Gary Williams, 1456 5th Avenue, stated that since the last Council meeting there have been two accidents on 5th Avenue due to speeding. Also, Mr. Williams said that in the last two years several homes have been ran into, mailboxes damaged, poles knocked down, and many cars have been towed away from running off the road. Lastly, Mr. Williams asked the Mayor and Council for a remedy to the speeding problem on 5th Avenue, and requested a copy of the letter received from Jefferson County Commission on recommendations to resolve speeding problems.

Theo Lawson, Jefferson County Commission Attorney, stated that the County has submitted a letter to the City of Pleasant Grove detailing recommendations.

Regina Williams, 1456 5th Avenue, stated that the speed limit on 5th Avenue needs to be reduced from 45 mph. She also suggested using a combination of things (writing tickets, speed signs, changing speed limit, ands etc.) will help control the speeding.

A.Faye Calhoun, 417 13th Street, thanked Chief Robert Knight for placing speed monitors near 13th Street. The monitors have made a tremendous difference. Mrs. Calhoun also asked Chief Knight about enforcing the noise ordinance. Chief stated that an Officer must be present to hear the noise or a citizen must complain and be willing to testify. Lastly, she commended Doug Hyche for doing a great job, and suggested hiring Mr. Hyche some help. Councilor Yolanda Lawson said that the Council will look into it during the budget review.

Lottie Chamblish, 1209 12th Street, ask the Mayor and Council about placing a children at play sign near 12th Street to help protect the kids playing in that area.

Gloria Jackson, 421 13th Street, spoke about the homes deteriorating on her street. She stated that several homes have enormous amount of debris in front of them and are hazardous. Lastly, Mrs. Jackson discussed cracking asphalt in front of her house. Initially, there were a water problem near her property that was repaired by the Birmingham Water Works Board, but they didn’t repair the problem in front of her house. Doug Hyche, building inspector, will check into the problem.

# ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jerry Brasseale made a motion to adjourn.

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Jerry W. Brasseale, Mayor

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Recarda Cobb, City Clerk