CITY OF PLEASANT GROVE, ALABAMA

COUNCIL MINUTES

AUGUST 02, 2021

The City Council of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama, met in the Council Chambers on Monday, August 02, 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, Chief Robert Knight, and Librarian Dian Kennedy.

Prayer by Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston

Pledge of Allegiance by Councilor Yolanda Lawson.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on July 19, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Kevin Dunn.

Motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilor Ken Hatfield made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of $205,814.53.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Kevin Dunn.

Motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-29 Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama entering into a website, digital streaming, equipment, and service agreement with The Plug Digital Network. The initial $14,000.00 cost will come from the $15,000.00 given to Pleasant Grove by Jefferson County Community Service Fund for such purpose.

Councilor Kevin Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-29.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray Lassiter.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-30.** Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama authorizing a single payment of premium pay per the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (American Rescue Plan Act) to the City of Pleasant Grove regular full-time ($3,000.00) and part-time ($1,500.00) employees.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-30. Mayor Jerry Brasseale made a motion to increase the amount of the payments to $5,000.00 for full-time employees and $2,500.00 part-time employees. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston to approve increasing the payments to $5,000.00 for full-time employees and $2,500.00 for part-time employees. Motion passed unanimously. The motion was seconded to approve Resolution 2021-30, with the above changes, by Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-31.**  Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama appropriating $20,000.00 for the City of Pleasant Grove Readiness Day. Said funds are funded through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (American Rescue Plan Act).

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-31.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray Lassiter.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-32.** Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama approving to purchase a Police car for an amount not to exceed $33,451.51.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-32.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Yolanda Lawson.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-33.** Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama approving the installation of street lights at 834 11th Court, 917 11th Court, and between 8th Avenue and 11th Avenue.

Councilor Ray Lassiter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-33.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

# OFFICERS OF THE CITY REPORTS

Chief Robert Knight – discussed the insurance money received from a totaled Pleasant Grove Police car. He also inquired about purchasing another Police car.

Recarda Cobb – asked the Mayor and Council to come up with a process of placing Resolutions on the agenda, if the current process is not sufficient.

Librarian Dian Kennedy – stated that the library have partnered with the Elementary School on several programs.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Kevin Dunn stated that he met with several developers and inquired about costs to redeveloping Pleasant Grove’s main park. Also, Councilor Dunn that research is being done on revitalizing the park. Lastly, he stated that the parks need to be maintained, and if additional employees are needed to do so we need to hire them.

Councilor Ray Lassiter inquired about installing lights on 834 11th Court, 917 11th Court, and between 8th Avenue and 11th Avenue. He also discussed a flooding problem at citizen’s property.

Councilor Ken Hatfield discussed the condition of the football field (field, restrooms and etc.), and talked about getting estimates on the repair work.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson inquired about the Business License Ordinance Attorney J.D. Terry is working on to change rental property requirements in Pleasant Grove. Attorney Terry said that he will be providing the Ordinance soon. Also, Councilor Lawson asked Attorney Terry about an update from Jefferson County Commission concerning the speeding problem on Forest Road. He stated that there were no additional information received on rectifying the problem.

Councilor Lawson asked Attorney Terry what can be done to move forward with correcting the problem. He suggested adding flashing signs. Councilor Lawson asked Recarda Cobb, City Clerk, to get estimates on flashing signs. Lastly, Councilor asked Attorney Terry about fining contractors, who leave nails and debris in the road causing flats. He suggested having Building Inspector sending out letters to the contractors.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston – None.

# CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Faye Calhoun, 417 13th Street, applauded Chief Knight and the Police Department for doing an outstanding job. Also, she sang happy birthday to Councilor Yolanda Lawson.

Tim Hughes, 1236 4th Way, said that he is excited to see football coming back to Pleasant Grove. Also, he stated that he is concerned about the kids running in the street, and how dangerous it is for the cars to be parked in the street. Lastly, Mr. Hughes suggested moving the mailboxes back on 9th Avenue, due to the narrow street.

Dr. Gordon Fears commended Councilor Lassiter for coming out to look at his damaged driveway. Although Councilor Lassiter couldn’t repair it, he was able to refer him to someone who can help.

# 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