CITY OF PLEASANT GROVE, ALABAMA

COUNCIL MINUTES

AUGUST 16, 2021

The City Council of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama, met in the Council Chambers on Monday, August 16, 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 Building Inspector Doug Hyche.

Prayer by Mayor Jerry Brasseale

Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on August 02, 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 $235,991.24.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Yolanda Lawson.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-34.** Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama approving the purchase of a Firefighter gear washer and a Firefighter gear dryer per American Rescue Plan Act for the Fire Department.

Mayor Jerry Brasseale made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-34.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-35.** Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama approving the purchase a Police car, along with extra gear, not to exceed $35,961.51. Councilor Ken Hatfield made a motion to consider Resolution No. 2021-35. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Ken Hatfield made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-35.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Kevin Dunn.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-36.** Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama moving the next Council meeting from September 06,2021 to September 07, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-36.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray Lassiter.

Motion passed unanimously.

# OFFICERS OF THE CITY REPORTS

Chief Robert Knight – gave an update on the officer injured in car accident.

Recarda Cobb – None

Doug Hyche – encouraged neighbors to continue in keeping Pleasant Grove clean. Councilor Yolanda Lawson inquired about the repairing of citizens’ yards after installing the fiber optics. She asked what is done if the yards are not repaired correctly. Mr. Hyche said that he would contact the contractors to come back out.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Kevin Dunn gave an overview of Sgt. Bagwell’s accident, discussed purchasing more police cars with the American Rescue Fund Act money received, and suggested having a work session to talk about allocating the funds. Councilor Dunn also stressed his concern about the overgrown grass within the easements and near the school. He said that it needs to be cut as soon as possible. Lastly, Councilor Dunn stated that he is working on improving the parks, and he thanked everyone for correcting the plumbing.

Councilor Ray Lassiter thanked the Council members for helping with the football kickoff. Also, he thanked Doug for working with him to get the grass cut at Dollar Tree.

Councilor Ken Hatfield discussed the Youth Football Program, and talked about the replacement of a recently totaled police car.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson gave a brief background on Ms. Sheberia Wolfe, a resident of Pleasant Grove. She also introduced her to the Council and citizens present, and thanked her for coming out. Councilor Lawson asked everybody to pray for the Haitian families, and she discussed the negative impact Waste Management is having on the City of Pleasant Grove. She proposed having a work session on Monday, August 23, 2021, at 6 pm to discuss matters with Waste Management, and to get a clear understanding from the investors. Mayor Jerry Brasseale said that he will contact them and set it up. Councilor Lawson stated that the sidewalks near the elementary school has been consumed by grass and asked Mr. Hyche about having it cut, and she inquired about bringing in an independent contractor temporary to cut the right-a-ways. Attorney J.D. Terry said that it might be a personnel issue bringing in independent contractors. Lastly, Councilor Lawson inquired about hiring an Enforcement Officer, and working on the budget for upcoming fiscal year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston stated that the Library Board accepted the resignation of Librarian Dian Kennedy. Also, he stated that the Library Board approved a pay raise of $10 an hour for the part-time employee and $13 an hour for the Assistant Librarian.

# CITIZENS COMMENTS

Cornell Hall, 1229 17th Street, stressed his concern about the fiber optic digging. Also, he asked about the location of nearest dump. Councilor Kevin Dunn said that he will provide Mr. Hall with the address.

Mellinta Thomas, 537 8th Avenue, stated that she appreciate the habitat homes being built, but the new owners are bringing problems. They’re parking in the yard, grass are overgrown, and working on cars throughout her street. She said that help is needed to maintain a clean neighborhood.

Bertie Noah, 732 Pleasant Grove Road, discussed the clean-up day. She stated that Councilor Kevin Dunn was the only Council member present. Councilor Lawson discussed Plus One, which is a program designed to encourage neighbors to keep their community clean.

Salathia Vann, 1448 14th Avenue, asked for an update on the speeding on 5th Avenue, and limbs hanging in the road near cemetery. Doug Hyche said that the right-a-way was cut, but he hasn’t been able to reach the owner. Councilor Yolanda Lawson said that the flashing lights will be the ultimate fix, if approved by Mayor and Council. Also, Councilor Lawson the lights will be discussed at the next work session.

Sheberia Wolfe, 1109 11th Avenue, gave a brief background on herself, thanked Councilor Yolanda Lawson for inviting her to the Council meeting, and discussed how important it is to educate our kids. Also, Ms. Wolfe stated that she would like to see the Mayor and Council continue working together for the good of Pleasant Grove.

# 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