

CITY OF PLEASANT GROVE, ALABAMA

COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 19, 2025

The City Council of Pleasant Grove, Alabama, met in the Council Chambers on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jerry Brasseale presiding. The following were present:

Mayor: Jerry Brasseale

Council Members:

Yolanda Lawson
Eric Calhoun
Kevin Dunn

Also present: Recarda Cobb (City Clerk), John Williamson (Building Inspector), and Chief Daniel Reid (Public Safety Director).

Prayer: Mayor Jerry Brasseale

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilor Yolanda Lawson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve the minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting held on May 05, 2025.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Eric Calhoun.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve payment of May 19, 2025, bills in the amount of \$629,671.61.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Eric Calhoun.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14. A Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama agreeing to enter into an agreement with Taylor Sudden Service for storm shelter generator maintenance.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-14.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Kevin Dunn.

Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

OFFICERS OF THE CITY REPORTS

Recarda Cobb stated that all is good.

Chief Daniel Reid talked about citizens coming together during the storm, gave a brief background on firefighter Alan Holland's journey as a fighter, and presented Mr. Holland with a

plaque in honor of his retirement. Mr. Holland thanked his coworkers, family, and others for their support throughout his career. Also, the Firefighters Union presented Mr. Holland with an axe in recognition of his retirement. Lastly, Chief Reid introduced Heath Parker as the new fire supervisor replacing Mr. Holland and swore in officer Corey Emberg as a new police officer.

John Williamson stated that all is well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Yolanda Lawson thanked firefighter Alan Holland for his work in Pleasant Grove, thanked his family for sharing him with Pleasant Grove, and thanked Pleasant Grove Elementary School for inviting her to speak at their graduation. Councilor Lawson congratulated Pleasant Grove Elementary School graduates of 2025, and congratulated Pleasant Grove High School students who will be graduating on May 20, 2025. She briefly discussed storms from the past weekend, spoke with Chris from Jefferson County Commissioner Stephens' office concerning assistance with the cleanup of debris from the storm, and encouraged citizens to contact Alabama Power if they see power lines down. Also, Councilor Lawson introduced Mrs. A Faye Calhoun who informed everyone of her invitation to speak at Titusville Library to share information from her book. Councilor Lawson gave an update on the City of Pleasant Grove's investments:

StoneX	Year to date balance \$6,098,590.50	Dividends & Interest \$10,126.08
Raymond James	Year to date balance \$3,222,948.88	Income \$29,127.86
	Change in value \$88,877.90	

Lastly, Councilor Lawson talked about recent Treasury Bonds presented to Mayor and Council, and listed the following events taking place in Jefferson County:

- *Wills and Estate Planning Memorial Park Recreation Center May 22, 2025 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Volunteer Lawyers of Birmingham
- *Mental Health Fair Fairfield Community Center May 25, 2025 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc
- *Cancer Prevention Thirgood Memorial C.M.E. Church May 30, 2025 10:30 am
RSVP by May 23, 2025 lewisd@jccal.org or 205-325-5567
Contact williamsj@jccal.org for vendor registration
- *The Soul Healing Concert The Epic Center May 31, 2025 at 6:00 pm
- * Responding to Elder Abuse First Responder Training June 10, 2025 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Pell City Civic Center

Councilor Eric Calhoun thanked God that no one was hurt during the storm, thanked the citizens for working together, and thanked Pleasant Grove Schools for improving their test scores. Also, Councilor Calhoun stated that Public Safety is during well.

Councilor Kevin Dunn stated that it was great to see Pleasant Grove community come together during the storm, encouraged citizens to be aware of contractors overpricing to have trees cut, and make sure their quotes and agreements are in writing. Councilor Dunn commended the Alabama Power workers for restoring the power in a timely manner, thanked the police officers for directing traffic, and discussed streets in need of repairs in Pleasant Grove. Councilor Dunn encouraged residents to report neglected streets needing paving to the city inspector or councilmembers and asked the city inspector about having appropriate lighting on streets in Pleasant Grove. John Williamson, city inspector, said that normally it must be a fair amount of light at the crossways, on the street, and ensure stop signs are visible. Also, Councilor Dunn gave an update on the progress of work in the park, stated that he was glad to see citizens enjoying some of the upgrades, and talked about how great it was to receive ARPA Funds to assist with improving Pleasant Grove Park. He asked Attorney J D Terry about filling the Park Board opening. Attorney Terry said that the Park Board must bring a candidate before the council. Lastly, Councilor Dunn thanked Mayor Jerry Brasseale for having the pickleball courts and equipment maintained.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jacquese Gary, 1129 4th Way, inquired about streaming council meetings. Councilor Eric Calhoun gave an update on where the City of Pleasant Grove is on streaming council meetings and briefly discussed the meeting with contractors bidding on the streaming service. Ms. Gary also talked about trees growing over into the street near the cemetery. Mayor Jerry Brasseale said that the area is the responsibility of Jefferson County.

Yolanda Wright, 4148 Woodridge Lane, congratulated Chief Reid and the Police Department for handling an incident in the Woodlands.

Michael Jeffries, 33 8th Place, stated that Waste Management finally picked up the limb and brush at his home, and asked for a remedy for illegal dumping in Pleasant Grove.

James Bryant, 1330 13th Street, inquired about homes in Pleasant Grove with shelters. Chief Reid said that if neighbors provided the information to Pleasant Grove Fire Department it would be kept on file, and that he would put out a post on Facebook. Mayor Brasseale said that Jefferson County EMA should have a listing.

Lashawn Thompson, 1417 14th Avenue, stressed her concern about cars being parked throughout her cul de sac. She stated that it is very difficult for buses to come through and pick up kids. Chief Daniel Reid said that he will have the Code Enforcement Officer look into it. Councilor Yolanda Lawson said the Mayor and Council are working on new parking ordinances.

Buddy Parker, 745 11th Street, inquired about tracking generators in Pleasant Grove homes by looking at permits.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jerry Brasseale made motion to adjourn.

Jerry W. Brasseale, Mayor

Attest: _____
Recarda Cobb, City Clerk