CITY OF PLEASANT GROVE, ALABAMA

COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 06, 2024

The City Council of Pleasant Grove, Alabama, met in the Council Chambers on Monday, May 06, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston presiding. The following were present:

Mayor Pro-Tem: Philip Houston

Council Members: Kevin Dunn

Ray Lassiter

Yolanda Lawson

Eric Calhoun

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

Prayer: Councilor Eric Calhoun

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve the minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting held on Apri1 15, 2024.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Eric Calhoun

Motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of $516,590.03.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-26** A Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama authorizing Chief Daniel Reid to allow police officers to work twelve (12) hour shifts.

Councilor Eric Calhoun made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-26.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Kevin Dunn.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-27.** A Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama authorizing Chief Daniel Reid to have a camera installed on City Hall to capture the crosswalk intersection in front of City Hall.

Councilor Eric Calhoun made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-27.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

# OFFICERS OF THE CITY REPORTS

Recarda Cobb – None

John Williamson stated that the Jefferson County Department of Health will have an electronics and paper shredding collection day at Jefferson County Center Point Satellite Courthouse on May 11, 2024. The event will be held from 9:00 am – 11:30 am.

Chief Daniel Reid talked about the online safe parking spaces created, stated that the new firetruck has arrived in Alabama, and that he’s looking forward showcasing the truck soon. Also, Chief discussed the new police officer and fireman just hired, and congratulated Mr. Paul Noah for 53 years of volunteering with Pleasant Grove’s Fire Department.

Captain Jason Sandlin presented Mr. and Mrs. Paul Noah with plaques for their 53 years of volunteer service. Chief Daniel Reid also presented them with challenge coins.

Mr. Paul Noah thanked the City of Pleasant Grove for allowing him and his wife to serve.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston thanked Mr. and Mrs. Paul Noah on behalf of the Mayor and Council.

Councilor Eric Calhoun gave a brief background of ‘The Grove Youth Leadership Council’ and introduced Dr. Veronique Brown of Brown’s Education Consulting, LLC.

Dr. Veronique Brown gave a brief description of her background and discussed how ‘The Grove Youth Leadership Council’ will be beneficial to the kids of Pleasant Grove. She talked about providing etiquette training, social emotional learning, data literacy, citizenship lessons, and much more. Councilor Yolanda Lawson stated that it would be great to discuss the program in more detail, and to consider partnering with Jefferson County Board of Education for additional funding.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Ray Lassiter congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Paul Noah for 53 years of volunteering with Pleasant Grove. Councilor Lassiter wished all mothers a ‘Happy Mother’s Day’, talked about how grateful he is for his mother, informed everyone of ‘Teacher Appreciation Week’, and encouraged everyone to visit Pleasant Grove’s Schools to thank teachers for their work. Also, Councilor Lassiter discussed the improvements Dollar General has made, and stressed how dissatisfied he is with the work done on Pleasant Grove’s walking track.

Councilor Kevin Dunn congratulated Pleasant Grove High School Track Team for winning medals and scholarships at Alabama State Championship, talked about the awards Pleasant Grove DECA team won, and discussed his dissatisfaction with the work done on Pleasant Grove’s walking track. Councilor Dunn said that an appointment has been scheduled with the engineer concerning problems with Pleasant Grove’s walking track. Also, Councilor Dunn talked about the Park Board looking into reaching out to businesses (Home Depot, Lowes, & etc.) to assist with beautifying the City’s parks, and discussed his plan to talk with Judge Moore about allowing citizens community service to pay for tickets. Councilor Yolanda Lawson said that the Beautification Board would be glad to partner with Park Board. Lastly, Councilor Dunn wished all mothers a ‘Happy Mother’s Day’, thanked Councilor Eric Calhoun and Dr. Veronique Brown for presenting an awesome program, and said that he would like to contribute to ‘The Grove Youth Leadership Council’.

Councilor Eric Calhoun thanked Dr. Veronique Brown for her presentation, discussed how important ‘The Grove Youth Leadership Council’ would be for Pleasant Grove’s youth, and briefly talked about his 98 year old mother. Councilor Calhoun also stated that his son Joseph is home and well, and thanked everyone for their prayers.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson thanked God for Joseph’s recovery, commended Dr. Veronique Brown for an awesome presentation, and said she is very thankful for teachers. Councilor Lawson stressed how much she misses Mrs. Birdie Noah, thanked Mr. Paul Noah for 53 years of service, and talked about revisiting Pleasant Grove’s tuition reimbursement. Also, she mentioned discussing a Public Safety pay scale with Chief Daniel Reid and Councilor Eric Calhoun, appreciated the Public Safety Department for their work, and congratulated Pleasant Grove High School track team for making it to the state championship. Lastly, Councilor Lawson talked about how proud she is of Pleasant Grove DECA students, wished all mothers a ‘Happy Mother’s Day’, and informed everybody of Pleasant Grove Theatre plays (May 10 & 11,2024) and Valley Creek Cleanup (August 10, 2024).

# MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston briefly discussed events at Pleasant Grove Library, and encouraged everyone to visit the library to become aware of upcoming events.

# CITIZENS COMMENTS

Richard Carter, 739 12th Street, complained about street lights out in Pleasant Grove. Also, encouraged increasing the Police and Fire Departments budgets.

# ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston made motion to adjourn.

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Jerry W. Brasseale, Mayor

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Recarda Cobb, City Clerk