CITY OF PLEASANT GROVE, ALABAMA

COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 20, 2024

The City Council of Pleasant Grove, Alabama, met in the Council Chambers on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jerry Brasseale presiding. The following were present:

Mayor: Jerry Brasseale

Council Members: Philip Houston

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: Mayor Jerry Brasseale

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

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Eric Calhoun made a motion to approve the minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting held on May 06, 2024.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of $731,799.70.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray Lassiter.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-28** A Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama authorizing traveling advance for Councilor Kevin Dunn, Councilor Eric Calhoun, Councilor Ray Lassiter, and Recarda Cobb to attend continuing education.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-28.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray Lassiter.

Motion passed unanimously.

# OFFICERS OF THE CITY REPORTS

Recarda Cobb – None

Chief Daniel Reid stated that a new police officer was hired last week, and Pleasant Grove’s new firetruck is in Pelham getting the final touches.

John Williamson stated that all is well in the Building Department.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Ray Lassiter inquired about the light being repaired at 5th and 9th Street.

Councilor Kevin Dunn discussed Black and White Photography logo being on Mayor and Council photos. Attorney J D Terry said that he is working on it. Councilor Dunn talked about a complaint received concerning an overgrown yard, trash, and infestation. He spoke with the Code Enforcement Officer, who is working on locating property owner to resolve the issue. Councilor Dunn informed everyone of Pleasant Grove High School graduation, talked about how proud he is of the kids, and his delight in seeing the growth of Pleasant Grove. He also inquired about the Smithfield Forest neighborhood meeting, and asked Attorney Terry about adjusting the cost of additional repairs on the merry-go-round due to additional work needed. Attorney Terry said he will look into it. Councilor Dunn discussed the meeting with Keith Hager (engineer) concerning the dissatisfaction with the walking track, talked about information received about the walking trail, and stated that the Park Board will be meeting at the Pleasant Grove Sports Complex to discuss repairs. He spoke with Attorney Terry about updating Pleasant Grove’s parking in the yard ordinance to include parking on the side as well. Attorney Terry said he is working on different scenarios to combat the problem. Lastly, Councilor Dunn summarized the issues Mayor and Council are addressing, talked about receiving a report of approximately 120 homeowners that have limbs not picked up, and encouraged citizens to call in when they have a problem.

Councilor Eric Calhoun inquired about Pleasant Grove’s investments, having a quality streaming service and website, and discussed using different avenues to inform citizens of Council meetings. Councilor Yolanda Lawson suggested posting signs around Pleasant Grove to inform citizens of meetings.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston talked about the upcoming summer reading events taking place at Pleasant Grove Library and encouraged everyone to visit.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson congratulated several Pleasant Grove High School students for making the baseball all-star team, stated that Pleasant Grove High School Math Team placed third in the county, and congratulated Councilor Kevin Dunn’s son for being in the class of 2024. Councilor Lawson asked Chief Daniel Reid what does the Code Enforcement Officer looks for when ticketing cars for violations. Chief Reid stated that he is checking for junk cars, expired tags, and parking in the front yard. Lastly, Councilor Lawson suggested scheduling a meeting with Waste Management to discuss Pleasant Grove’s garbage contract and meet their new staff serving the City.

# MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Jerry Brasseale thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston for filling in for him on May 06, 2024.

# CITIZENS COMMENTS

Samuel Wyatt, President of Dolomite Neighborhood Association, discussed the dumping of trash in the Dolomite community by Pleasant Grove citizens. Councilor Kevin Dunn discussed the situation and said that the City of Birmingham will also be responding concerning the problem. Mr. Wyatt said that they will be sending out letters to those who have been dumping in their community.

Michael Jeffries, 33 8th Place, complained about Waste Management going weeks without picking up his trash. He said that it is very frustrating and something needs to be done. Councilor Ray Lassiter told Mr. Jeffries that he will talk to him after the meeting.

Darryl Phillips, 621 4th Terrace, discussed the walkthrough that was done to assess repairs needed at Pleasant Grove Sports Complex. He stated that the City needs to focus on bettering the appearance of the parks to attract more people. Mr. Phillips asked about the connection between the Park Board and City Council. Councilor Yolanda Lawson stated that there are two councilmembers (Councilor Ray Lassiter, Councilor Kevin Dunn) on the board that report to the Council. Lastly, Mr. Phillips stressed his concern about things discussed at the Park Board meetings not being brought back to Council, and the Library not being able to send out information because of the digital sign not working.

# ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made motion to adjourn.

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Jerry W. Brasseale, Mayor

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Recarda Cobb, City Clerk