CITY OF PLEASANT GROVE, ALABAMA

COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 05, 2024

The City Council of Pleasant Grove, Alabama, met in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 05, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jerry Brasseale presiding. The following were present:

Mayor: Jerry W. Brasseale

Council Members: Yolanda Lawson

Eric Calhoun

Kevin Dunn

Ray Lassiter

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 Councilor Yolanda Lawson.

Mayor Jerry Brasseale introduced several candidates running for Jefferson County Tax Collector and Assistant Tax Collector.

Ves Marable, candidate for Tax Collector Bessemer Division, discussed his past experiences and talked about how they have prepared him for this position.

Ron Marshall, candidate for Assistant Tax Collector Bessemer Division, gave a brief background on himself and discussed his plans to bring better service to the office.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve the minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting held on January 22, 2024.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Kevin Dunn.

Motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of $307,741.71.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Eric Calhoun.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04**  Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama authorizing travel advance for Councilor Kevin Dunn, Councilor Eric Calhoun, and Councilor Yolanda Lawson for continuing education.

Mayor Jerry Brasseale made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-04.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray Lassiter.

Motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05 A Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama agreeing to pay Robert Killian $400.00 to repair merry go round in the park.

Councilor Kevin Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-05.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Jerry Braseale.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06** A Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama agreeing to pay John Electric to replace Fields C & B transformers in an amount not to exceed $14,000.00. These funds will come from the ARPA Funds.

Councilor Kevin Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-06.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray Lassiter.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07.** A Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove agreeing to make the final payment to “The Plug Digital Network” in the amount of $1,225.00. Payments will come from $1,500.00 grant given by former Representative Rod Scott. ‘The Plug Digital Network” must provide City of Pleasant Grove with the following:

- 8th Generation IPad, protective case, and carrying case

- 2 Digital Streaming cameras

- Audio Sensors

- All website and social media login information

Councilor Kevin Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-07.

The motion was seconded by Eric Calhoun.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08.** A Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama providing funding to Pleasant Grove High School Baseball in the amount of $12,100.00. These funds will come from the ARPA Funds.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-08.

The motion was seconded by Eric Calhoun.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01.** An Ordinance of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama rezoning 1000 5th Avenue, Alabama 35127 from residential (R-1) to business (B-2) on the recommendation of Pleasant Grove Planning Commission.

John Williamson, Building Inspector, read a letter submitted by Ms. Stephanie Simpson owner of the property.

Councilor Eric Calhoun made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-01.

The motion was seconded by Kevin Dunn.

Motion passed unanimously.

# OFFICERS OF THE CITY REPORTS

Recarda Cobb – None

Chief Daniel Reid introduced and swore in new Officer Kedon Dill.

John Williamson – None

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Ray Lassiter thanked the Mayor and Council for working together, stated that he was very grateful for Councilor Yolanda Lawson coming out to meet with Judge U.W. Clemons concerning Pleasant Grove Schools, and thanked Councilor Eric Calhoun for working to bring the community together. Councilor Lassiter also thanked Mayor Jerry Brasseale for working with him bettering the lighting in Pleasant Grove, and thanked Mrs. A. Faye Calhoun for always showing up and participating in improving the community.

Councilor Kevin Dunn congratulated Pleasant Grove girls track team, gave the state ranking of some of the girls, and briefly discussed the Park Board meeting. Councilor Dunn also talked about repairing the merry-go-round, discussed looking into grants to update the lighting in Sports Complex, and gave and update on the ARPA funds expenditures. Lastly, Councilor Dunn thanked Councilor Eric Calhoun for taking the lead at Pleasant Grove Community meeting, and asked Attorney J.D. Terry about the bids for grass cutting at the Sports Complex. Attorney Terry said that he is working on it.

Councilor Eric Calhoun thanked Ms. Yolanda Wright for helping with putting the neighborhood meeting together, and asked for a moment of silence for her sister who recently passed. He discussed the neighborhood meeting held to form an association, thanked Chief Daniel Reid for providing a draft of the City, and stated that the City of Birmingham has a great model for setting up neighborhood associations. Councilor Calhoun also said he is seeking a projector to provide a better view to neighbors during meetings, and stated that it would great to initiate events to bring the community together.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson wished everyone a happy Black History Month. She shined the spotlight on the founder of Black History Month, Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Dr. Woodson was an American historian, author, journalist, and founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). He was also one of the first scholars to study the history of the African diaspora, including African-American history. Councilor Lawson stated that Pleasant Grove Elementary School has invited the Mayor and Council to their wax museum, she congratulated Pleasant Grove Girls track and Basketball teams for their accomplishments, congratulated the food preparers for getting a 99 score, and talked about creating more projects for Pleasant Grove Schools. Lastly, Councilor Lawson thanked Mr. Gary Williams for volunteering as a cross guard, briefly discussed the meeting with Judge U.W. Clemons concerning Pleasant Grove schools, and stated that the meeting was basically a checkup and not a negative action against the schools.

# MAYOR REPORT

None

# CITIZENS COMMENTS

A Faye Calhoun, 417 13th Street, congratulated Mr. Gary Williams for being caught doing good and thanked him for serving. Also, Mrs. Calhoun thanked Councilor Yolanda Lawson for recognizing Black History Month, and thanked Councilor Ray Lassiter for his work in the community.

Eric Daffney, 1116 10th Court, asked for an update on the neighbor parking and working on cars near his home. Also, Mr. Daffney discussed an ordinance the City of Hueytown has that he recommended Pleasant Grove adopt to rectify the problem. Attorney J.D. Terry said the problem is being worked on.

# 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