CITY OF PLEASANT GROVE, ALABAMA

COUNCIL MINUTES

AUGUST 19, 2024

The City Council of Pleasant Grove, Alabama, met in the Council Chambers on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jerry Brasseale presiding. The following were present:

Mayor: Jerry Brasseale

Council Members:

Yolanda Lawson

Kevin Dunn

Ray Lassiter

Eric Calhoun

Philip Houston

Also present: Recarda Cobb (City Clerk), Sergeant Matthew Stone (Police Department), and John Williamson (Building Inspector).

Prayer: Mayor Jerry Brasseale.

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

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor-Pro Tem Philip Houston made a motion to approve the minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting held on August 05, 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 $236,358.81.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston

Motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-47 A Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama agreeing that the Council would receive master list of streets submitted for paving, and that the engineer (Keith Hager) would provide detail documentation on why certain streets were selected to be paved over others.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve resolution No. 2024-47.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Eric Calhoun.

Motion passed by a majority vote. Mayor Jerry Brasseale abstain.

# APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-48 A Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama agreeing to change the first City Council meeting in September from September 02, 2024 to September 03, 2024 in observance of Labor Day.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve resolution No. 2024-48.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray Lassiter.

Motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-49 A Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama agreeing to pay Metro Fence $1,000.00 to repair fence on the youth football field.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve resolution No. 2024-49.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray Lassiter.

Motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-50 A Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama agreeing to provide material to the organization leasing fields A, C, D, and E for painting of backstops. Not to exceed $900.00.

Councilor Kevin Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-50.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray Lassiter.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson stressed her concern about the current administration being expected to make all of the repairs at Pleasant Grove Sports Complex now, but the past administration did not. Councilor Lawson talked about her experience using Pleasant Grove Sports Complex as president of the baseball club. They were responsible for making repairs. It took approximately two and a half years to have lights repaired during that time. Councilor Lawson was not in favor of providing the $900.00 in repairs to the organization leasing the fields who only pays $1 to lease.

Councilor Eric Calhoun suggested restructuring the contracts to include offsetting the repair work.

Councilor Kevin Dunn suggested that a percentage of the leasing organizations’ proceeds be committed to repairing the fields, and recommended that the Council and Park Board meet to derive at a conclusion.

Councilor Kevin Dunn withdrew motion.

# OFFICERS OF THE CITY REPORTS

Recarda Cobb stated that all is well.

Sergeant Matthew Stone said the Police Department is doing fine.

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

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Ray Lassiter stated that he is waiting on an update from engineer (Keith Hager) for the paving of Pleasant Grove Roads. Councilor Yolanda Lawson asked for a copy of the roads proposed for paving. Councilor Lassiter suggested that Council review the list of streets to be paved before moving forward. Mayor Jerry Brasseale stated that the list of streets are given to the engineer (Keith Hager) to select streets based on need and to provide the cost per street. Councilor Lawson said that she would like for the Council to be more involved with the process of selecting streets to be paved. Councilor Kevin Dunn suggested creating a standard guide to follow when selecting and paving Pleasant Grove’s streets.

Councilor Kevin Dunn stated that Keith Hager (engineer) gave an update on the BlueCross/Blue Shield grant which was not to his liking. Mr. Hager said that the BlueCross/Blue Shield grant will be resubmitted in the next cycle. Councilor Dunn said that he will be meeting with Keith Hager on Thursday, August 22, 2024, to discuss bids on the walking trail, and updating the lower level pavillion. Also, he discussed receiving the warranty on Pleasant Grove’s Walking Track at the Sports Complex, talked about the upkeep of the soccer fields, and said that he spoke with Chief Daniel Reid about assigning officers to patrol the area. Lastly, Councilor Dunn encouraged residents to email their concerns to one of the Councilmembers, and asked for prayers for Pleasant Grove kids.

Councilor Eric Calhoun thanked everybody for attending Council meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston - None

Councilor Yolanda Lawson stated that “Jazz in the Grove” is set for September 01, 2024 from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm at Pleasant Grove High School, and the majority of acts have been secured. Mose Stovall will be headlining the event. Councilor Lawson thanked the Public Safety Department, and asked Building Inspector current construction in Pleasant Grove. He gave an overview of the construction going on in Pleasant Grove. Also, Councilor Lawson thanked Mayor Jerry Brasseale for the conversation about future finances, and she stated that increasing the Mayor’s salary for the future administration wouldn’t be good at this time because of unforeseen circumstances.

# MAYOR REPORT

None

# CITIZENS COMMENTS

Hilliard Bibb, 423 West Smithfield Terrace, talked about the entry wall to his subdivision being damaged by an individual who lives in Pleasant Grove. Councilor Kevin Dunn stated that he is familiar with the situation and that the property is located in Birmingham. Councilor Dunn suggested that Mr. Bibb contact Captain Watkins at Birmingham Police Department.

Jennifer Ford, 418 13th Street, asked for a response to the Neighborhood Associations request for more days to meet at Pleasant Grove Community Center. The request letter wasn’t received.

A Faye Calhoun, 417 13th Street, congratulated Councilor Ray Lassiter for being caught doing good in Pleasant Grove, and thanked him for contacting Birmingham Water Work to repair a hole on 13th Street. Mrs. Calhoun asked about 13th Street being on the upcoming paving project list? Councilor Lassiter said it was on the list he submitted. Mrs. Calhoun then asked Mayor Jerry Brasseale about 13th Street being on the paving project list. Mayor Brasseale said that it was on Councilor Lassiter list, but doesn’t think that the entire road is in need of repair. Councilor Yolanda Lawson said that this would be the first time the streets will be reviewed by Council before repair. Mrs. Calhoun inquired about Pleasant Grove receiving revenue for the Habitat for Humanity homes. John Williamson, Building Inspector, said that the homes will produce tax revenue for Pleasant Grove.

# 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