CITY OF PLEASANT GROVE, ALABAMA

COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 17, 2023

The City Council of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama, met in the Council Chambers on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jerry Brasseale presiding. The following were present:

Mayor: Jerry W. Brasseale

Council Members: Philip Houston

Ray Lassiter

Yolanda Lawson

Kevin Dunn

Eric Calhoun

Also present: Recarda Cobb (City Clerk), Arthur Van Smith (Building Inspector), and Chief Daniel Reid (Public Safety).

Prayer by Mayor Jerry Brasseale.

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 regular scheduled meeting held on April 03, 2023.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of $432,918.67.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Eric Calhoun.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01.**  A Ordinance of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama amending section 62-32 of Pleasant Grove Code of Ordinance to clarify the term of office for the two (2) City Council held board of directors for Park and Recreation Board and to call for staggered terms for the five (5) Non-Council board of directors.

Mayor Jerry Brasseale made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-01.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Kevin Dunn.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPOINT PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEMBERS.**

The following individuals were selected, but haven’t been appointed:

**MEMBERS** **TERM**

Monique Rice 2 YEARS

Errol Taylor 1 YEAR

Darrell Phillips 4 YEARS

Amy Musgrove 5 YEARS

Buddy Parker 3 YEARS

Mayor Jerry Brasseale made a motion to appoint Park and Recreation Board members.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Kevin Dunn.

Motion passed unanimously

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-26,** Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama entering into an agreement with HagerCo, LLC to replace 12’ of driveway at 1012 11th Street, Pleasant Grove, Alabama 35127, due to drainage undermining the structure. Not to exceed $15,000.00.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-26.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Kevin Dunn.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-27.**  Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama agreeing to accept the lowest and most responsible bid of $11,875.00 from A & R Construction LLC to replace roof at the community center.

Councilor Eric Calhoun made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-27.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-28.**  Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama agreeing to enter into an agreement with High Ground Solutions for an all call system (text messaging and voicemail). City of Pleasant Grove have selected the annual plan, which is Tier 1 text messaging and voicemail for $275.00 annually base (6,000). Each message over 6,000 will be charged at a rate 0f $0.040 per message. This system will be used to inform the citizens of Pleasant Grove of emergencies as well as other events taking place within the city.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to consider Resolution No. 2023-28.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Jerry Brasseale.

Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-28.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-29.** Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama agreeing to fees for ‘Trading Days’ being held on May 20, 2023. The charge will be $20 for non-licensed vendors and $50.00 for non-licensed food trucks. Late fees will be $25.00 for non-licensed vendors and $60.00 for non-licensed food trucks.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-29.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Kevin Dunn.

Motion passed unanimously.

# OFFICERS OF THE CITY REPORTS

Recarda Cobb gave an update on the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Chief Daniel Reid stated that the next ‘Ask the Chief’ meeting he will be discussing gun laws. Also, he will be providing gun locks free.

Arthur Van Smith discussed replacing 12’ of the driveway at 1012 11th Street, Pleasant Grove, Alabama 35127, due to drainage undermining the structure. Also, Mr. Smith talked about the bids to replace the roof on community center.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Ray Lassiter presented several Pleasant Grove bus drivers, and Hill’s Grocery Store with certificates of appreciation. Also, he thanked Mr. Hill for what he has done in the community, and talked about working together as a community.

Councilor Kevin Dunn stated that the dumping issue has been resolved, and thanked Van Smith for his assistance with the issue. Also, he asked for an update on a Pleasant Grove property that was declared a nuisance. Chief Daniel Reid stated that he has issued a citation. Lastly, Councilor Dunn discussed the meeting with engineer Keith Hager concerning Pleasant Grove’s park, and reminded everybody of April being amnesty month in Pleasant Grove,

Councilor Eric Calhoun thanked the Mayor, Council, Chief, City Clerk, and Building Inspector for their work in Pleasant Grove. Councilor Calhoun also stated that he is working with the Public Safety Committee to better the City, and discussed funds available for car charging stations.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston stated that National Library Week is April 23-29, 2023. During this week, Pleasant Grove Library will be have $5.00 coupons available to make payment on any overdue books.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson thanked the Pleasant Grove bus drivers for their work within the City, thanked Mr. Hill and his staff for the services they provide, and commended Chief Daniel Reid for the great job he is doing in such a short time. .Also, Councilor Lawson said that April 29, 2023 is the date Mayor and Council are needed to assist with Pleasant Grove’s students during lunch, and she reminded the Mayor and Council of donations to Pleasant Grove Girls Basketball team for championship rings. Lastly, Councilor Lawson inquired about the price of having the dumpsters at the park for a week or a few days at the end of summer, and she discussed expanding Pleasant Grove’s broadband through the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

# CITIZENS COMMENTS

A Faye Calhoun, 417 13th Street, commended everyone for the amazing job they’re in Pleasant Grove, and stated that she is concerned about citizens parking in the yard on weekend days. Who could she contact? Van Smith said she should contact the police. Chief Daniel Reid said that he will take care of the problem.

Michael Jeffries, 33 8th Place, inquired about paving his street. Mayor Jerry Brasseale said that paving will began in May, 2023.

Steve Baxter (Neighborhood President), 4112 Smithfield Forest Drive, discussed dangerous dogs roaming the neighborhood, talked about neighbors breeding dogs in Pleasant Grove, and asked the Mayor and Council to address these issues. Attorney J D Terry briefly explained the dog ordinance, and Mayor Jerry Brasseale stated that it would be very helpful to submit the addresses to Pleasant Grove police. Mr. Baxter also talked about the speeding problem and parking on the street. Chief Reid said that the enforcement officer will be addressing these issues,

# ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston made a motion to adjourn.

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Jerry W. Brasseale, Mayor

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Recarda Cobb, City Clerk