CITY OF PLEASANT GROVE, ALABAMA

COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 03, 2024

The City Council of Pleasant Grove, Alabama, met in the Council Chambers on Monday, June 03, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jerry Brasseale presiding. The following were present:

Mayor: Jerry Brasseale

Council Members: Kevin Dunn

 Ray Lassiter

 Yolanda Lawson

 Eric Calhoun

Also present: Recarda Cobb (City Clerk), Lt. James Williamson (Police Department), and John Williamson (Building Inspector).

Prayer: Mayor Jerry Brasseale

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilor Yolanda Lawson.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve the minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting held on May 20, 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 $249,313.87.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Eric Calhoun

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-29** A Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama authorizing traveling advance for Councilor Yolanda Lawson to attend continuing education.

Councilor Eric Calhoun made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-29.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray Lassiter.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-30** A Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama agreeing to reinvest the current Treasury bond funds (Union State Investment Services/Stone Wealth Management) into six (6) months Treasury bonds once they mature

Councilor Eric Calhoun made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-30.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Yolanda Lawson.

Motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-31 A Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama authorizing Mayor Jerry Brasseale to sign Intergovernmental Agreement with Jefferson County Board of Education.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-31.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Kevin Dunn.

Motion passed unanimously.

# OFFICERS OF THE CITY REPORTS

Recarda Cobb – None

Lt. James Williamson stated that all is good and that he is available if needed.

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

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Ray Lassiter - None

Councilor Kevin Dunn asked for an update on Black and White Photography logo being on Mayor and Council photos. Attorney J D Terry said that the situation can be discussed in executive session or after council meeting. Councilor Dunn inquired about the next Smithfield Forest neighborhood meeting. A citizen said that the meeting hasn’t been scheduled yet. He said that the merry-go-round is operational, and talked about the meeting with Keith Hager (engineer) and the contractor concerning the problems with the walking track. The contractor stated that he will be extending the warranty from one year to two. Councilor Dunn briefly discussed the walking trail proposals for Pleasant Grove’s Park. Councilor Yolanda Lawson stressed her concerns about the asphalt. Councilor Eric Calhoun talked about bidding the walking trail project out. Attorney J D Terry said that the engineer is just giving an estimate. Councilor Dunn stated that Mr. Hager’s estimates were based on the going cost to construct similar projects. He talked about the 30% of limbs that were picked up out of over 100 yards, invited Waste Management to attend the next council meeting, and encouraged citizens to call when they have limbs to be picked up. Lastly, Councilor Dunn discussed updating the parking in yards ordinance to include parking on the side of yard as well.

Councilor Eric Calhoun stated that it’s great to see more citizens at council meeting, talked about putting up signs to inform citizens of meetings, and said he is looking forward to working with neighborhood associations to bring Pleasant Grove together. Also, Council Calhoun briefly discussed Pleasant Grove’s website and streaming service need, and asked all interested citizens to submit a quote. Lastly, he talked about the meeting with Chris Alexander (Financial consultant) and encouraged moving forward with investing in six (6) month treasury bonds.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson wished all fathers a “Happy Father’s Day”, stated that it would be great to continue seeing more citizens at council meeting, and informed every one of the upcoming Pleasant Grove Market, July 14, 2024, at the high school. Also, Councilor Lawson said that “Jazz in the Grove” is 89 days away, grants have been approved to help cover the cost, and suggested Pleasant Grove get a QR code to help distribute information to citizens.

# MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Jerry Brasseale gave an overview of events taking place at Pleasant Grove’s Library, and discussed the meeting held with Chris Alexander (Financial consultant) about investing some of Pleasant Grove’s funds.

# CITIZENS COMMENTS

Rickie Ball, 1246 11th Way, complained about dump trucks speeding in Pleasant Grove, and asked for more police patrol in his area.

Luther Bivens, 1444 Smithfield Forest Lane, inquired about using the electrical sign at city hall. Mayor Jerry Brasseale said that the sign will be replaced in several weeks.

Tamara Griffin, 1209 8th Place, inquired about the updated parking in the yard ordinance. Attorney JD Terry said that it would include no parking in the front yard or side. Ms. Griffin also complained about junk cars parked in neighbors’ backyards. Attorney Terry said that it would be difficult to address the backyard parking issues, unless the cars are inoperable or unlicensed.

Cynthia Ball, 1246 11th Way, inquired about inoperable cars parked on neighbors’ properties. Mayor Jerry Brasseale instructed Mrs. Ball to provide the addresses to city hall. Councilor Yolanda Lawson asked about having the authority to go on private property to remove inoperable vehicles, if the process of Pleasant Grove’s ordinance and state law are followed. John Williamson, Building Inspector, said that he’s not entering private property without something in writing. Attorney Terry said that he will explain this matter in detail at a later time.

# ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made motion to adjourn.

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Jerry W. Brasseale, Mayor

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Recarda Cobb, City Clerk