CITY OF PLEASANT GROVE, ALABAMA

COUNCIL MINUTES

DECEMBER 02, 2024

The City Council of Pleasant Grove, Alabama, met in the Council Chambers on Monday, December 02, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Jerry Brasseale presiding. The following were present:

Mayor: Jerry Brasseale

Council Members: Philip Houston

Yolanda Lawson

Kevin Dunn

Eric Calhoun

Ray Lassiter

Also present: Recarda Cobb (City Clerk), John Williamson (Building Inspector), and Chief Daniel Reid (Public Safety Director).

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 December 02, 2024 with corrections..

The motion was seconded by Councilor Kevin Dunn.

Motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve payment of November 18, 2024 bills in the amount of $286,307.67.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Eric Calhoun.

Motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-62. Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama agreeing to accept Colston General Contractors, Inc. bid for the renovations of Pleasant Grove’s park. Not to exceed $307,000.00.

Councilor Kevin Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-62.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray Lassiter.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston, Mayor Jerry Brasseale, Councilor Kevin Dunn, and Councilor Ray Lassiter voted yes.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson, and Councilor Eric Calhoun voted no.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson stated that she voted no because of just receiving the information and not having enough information. She is not against the renovations.

The motion passed by a majority vote.

# APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-63. Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama agreeing to accept A. G. Gaston bid for the Pleasant Grove’s tennis court renovations in the amount of $50,877.00.

Councilor Kevin Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-63.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray Lassiter.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston, Mayor Jerry Brasseale, Councilor Kevin Dunn, and Councilor Ray Lassiter voted yes.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson (abstain), and Councilor Eric Calhoun voted no.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson stated that she abstained because of just receiving the information and not having enough information. She is not against the renovations.

The motion passed by a majority vote.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-64**. Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama agreeing to pay $4,769.55 for the material to replace soccer field fencing.

Councilor Kevin Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-64.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray Lassiter.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-65**. Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama agreeing to invest $5,358,000.00 in United State Treasury Bonds with Chris Alexander (Stone) at a rate of 4.4% or above and maturing March 2025. This is only with Attorney J D Terry verifying Chris Alexander (Stone) is a government approved investor.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-65.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Yolanda Lawson.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-66.** Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama amending the budget to increase the Beautification Board amount from $1,500.00 to $10,000.00.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve Resolution no. 2024-66.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Jerry Brasseale.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-67** Resolution of the City of Pleasant Grove, Alabama amending the budget to allocate $100,000.00 to Pleasant Grove Schools.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson made a motion to approve Resolution no. 2024-67.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Eric Calhoun.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson, Councilor Kevin Dunn, Councilor Ray Lassiter, and Councilor Eric Calhoun voted yes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston, and Mayor Jerry Brasseale voted no.

The motion passed by a majority vote.

# OFFICERS OF THE CITY REPORTS

Recarda Cobb - None

Chief Daniel Reid stated that Riad Hmami graduated from the Police Academy and is currently training with another officer. “Safe Package” is currently in operation for Cyber Monday. Its purpose is to protect Pleasant Grove citizens’ packages delivered to their homes from theft.

John Williamson stated that Birmingham Water Works Board is on schedule for work on 13th Street, and notices will be sent out before work begins. Mr. Williamson informed everybody of a potential business coming to Pleasant Grove, discussed the progress of new daycare in Pleasant Grove, and talked about several homes cited as nuisances.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Ray Lassiter briefly discussed the confusion from previous Council meeting, stated that every meeting is not going to be pleasant, and talked about how proud he is of the Mayor and Council working together to improve Pleasant Grove. Councilor Lassiter also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilor Kevin Dunn said that he hoped that everybody had a great Thanksgiving, talked about several friends and family members passing this year, and encouraged citizens to spend more time with family and appreciating life. Councilor Dunn stressed how appreciative he is of the Mayor and Council, and Park Board for working to improve Pleasant Grove parks. Also, he discussed work sessions on revitalizing the parks, gave a breakdown of costs for prospective projects, and encouraged citizens to support Pleasant Grove High School girls basketball team at their game after the meeting. Lastly, Councilor Dunn talked about several organizations ( B-Kind Birmingham Project, Angel Tree) he is working with to assist Pleasant Grove families in need.

Councilor Eric Calhoun thanked the Pleasant Grove Police and Fire Departments for the work they’re doing, stated that he will be meeting with Mayor Jerry Brasseale to discuss Public Safety payscale, and will provide more information at next Council meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston stated that the current activities at Pleasant Grove Library will be posted on the City’s website, briefly discussed Pleasant Grove’s investments, and gave an overview of rates received from the investor. Also, Mayor Pro-Tem Houston requested that lights between 9th and 5th Street be repaired.

Councilor Yolanda Lawson talked about the Beautification Board “Sparkle and Cheer Holiday Decorating Contest”. To enter, forms will be available to fill out on facebook and at City Hall. The deadline to enter is December 16, 2024. First place will receive one hundred dollars ($100.00), second place fifty dollars ($50.00), and third place twenty-five dollars ($25.00). Also, Councilor Lawson said that she will be bringing applications to City Hall Tuesday (December 03,2024), and asked Mayor Jerry Brasseale will it be ok for the City Clerk to distribute them. Mayor Brasseale stated that it will be fine.

# MAYOR REPORT

None

# CITIZENS COMMENTS

Trenika Blevins, 1332 4th Terrace, inquired about protecting the renovations at Pleasant Grove parks. Councilor Kevin Dunn stated that he is working with the police department for more patrol in those areas.

A Faye Calhoun, 417 13th Street, asked several questions. How do we grow from what happened at the last City Council meeting? What are the takeaways from the last meeting? Council Kevin Dunn replied that the events should have never happened and they won’t happen again. Mrs. Calhoun continued on by thanking Chief Daniel Reid and the police department for their work, thanking Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston for sharing the investment information, and inquired about the budget consistently being late. Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Houston said that the budgets are usually behind because of waiting on the final bills. Also, Mrs. Calhoun wanted to know who was on the Finance Committee. Councilor Yolanda Lawson stated Mayor Jerry Brasseale, Mayor Pro-Tem Philip, and herself are on the Finance Committee. Lastly, Mrs. Calhoun talked about organizations renting the Sports Complex for only $1.00. Mayor Jerry Brasseale said that the renters pay the utilities and maintain the fields. Councilor Kevin Dunn gave an overview of the charges paid by the renters.

Ione Lowery, 720 2nd Street, invited everyone to the Christmas parade on Saturday, December 07, 2024.

Richard Carter, 739 12th Street, inquired about giving Pleasant Grove Schools $100,000.00. Councilor Yolanda Lawson stated that the money will aide in funding some of the programs at the schools. Councilor Kevin Dunn said that the funds will be taken out of ARPA funds.

Yolanda Wright, 4148 Woodridge Lane, asked about the City of Pleasant Grove having policies and procedures being followed when handling bids/quotes. Attorney J D Terry replied yes. Ms. Wright then asked about citizens getting a copy of the bids/quotes. Councilor Yolanda Lawson provided Ms. Wright with a copy of the bids/quotes presented at Council meeting. Councilor Kevin Dunn explained the process Mayor and Council goes through to get bids/quotes.

Michelle Burton, 1325 11th Way, inquired about Councilor Kevin Dunn recording Council meeting, and asked him to make everyone aware before recording. Councilor Dunn stated that it has been approved for him to record the meetings.

# 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