

**City of Chelsea
City Council Pre-Council
March 7th, 2023
Pre-Council Minutes**

Members of the Chelsea City Council met in special called work session/pre-council meeting on March 7th, 2023, at 5:00P.M. with Mayor Tony Picklesimer calling the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Conference Room and open to the public.


The following elected officials were found to be present:

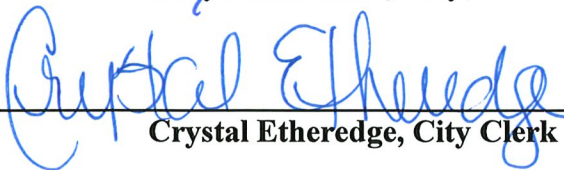
Mayor Tony Picklesimer
Councilmember Cody Summers
Councilmember Scott Weygand
Councilmember Chris Grace
Councilmember Tiffany Bittner
Councilmember Casey Morris

Others present: Crystal Etheredge, Kayce Watkins, and City Attorney Mark Boardman.

Parks & Rec Director, Bart Pettus, presented updates on participation in the recreation programs, ongoing projects (Hwy 11 Phase II & 2nd Gym Addition), and upcoming events. The Splashpad will be reopening on April 30th and continue through September 2023. The need for upgrades to Hwy 47 Athletic Complex was also discussed. Keith Strickland from GMC presented a proposal for field improvements to the Hwy 47 Athletic Complex for consideration. There was a brief discussion of a few Education Grant applications that was before the council for review. After discussion regarding agenda items, the pre-council meeting adjourned at 6:03P.M. The Council met in the council chambers for the regular scheduled council meeting at 6:00P.M.

Approval Date: 3-21-23

Certification: 
Tony Picklesimer, Mayor

Attest: 
Crystal Etheredge, City Clerk

March 7, 2023

Regular Session

The City Council of the City of Chelsea, Alabama, met in regular council session on March 7th, 2023, at 6:07P.M. at Chelsea City Hall. Mayor Tony Picklesimer called the meeting to order. Dr. Tim Cox (Liberty Baptist Church) opened the meeting with prayer. Councilmember Tiffany Bittner led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

The following elected officials were found to be present:

Mayor Tony Picklesimer
Councilmember Cody Sumners
Councilmember Scott Weygand
Councilmember Chris Grace
Councilmember Tiffany Bittner
Councilmember Casey Morris

Mayor Picklesimer declared a quorum present.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Scott Weygand and seconded by Chris Grace. A voice vote was taken and it was a unanimous, "Yes".

Next, a motion to approve the minutes as written from the Pre-Council and Regular Council Meeting on February 21st, 2023 was made by Casey Morris and seconded by Cody Sumners. A voice vote was taken and it was a unanimous, "Yes".

During the Mayor's report, Mayor Picklesimer updated the council on Phase II of the Hwy 11 Athletic Complex and the Gym Addition at the Chelsea Community Center construction.

Proposed Resolution 2023-03-07-1067 to declare property (non-functional weather sirens) as surplus and authorize its disposal was next on the agenda. A motion to declare the aforementioned property as surplus and authorize its disposal was made by Cody Sumners and Casey Morris. A voice vote was taken and it was a unanimous, "Yes".

Proposed Resolution 2023-03-07-1068 to authorize the Mayor to sign and participate in the Opioid Settlement was next on the agenda. A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign and participate in the Opioid Settlement was made by Tiffany Bittner and seconded by Chris Grace. A voice vote was taken and it was a unanimous, "Yes".

Proposed Resolutions 2023-03-07-1069 through 1072 to award Chelsea Education Grant Funds to Chelsea Middle School, Chelsea Park Elementary School, Chelsea High School, and to Forest Oaks Elementary School were next on the agenda. A motion to award the Chelsea Education Grant Funds to the aforementioned schools was made by Scott Weygand and seconded by Cody Sumners. A voice vote was taken and it was a unanimous, "Yes".

Proposed Resolution 2023-03-07-1073 to authorize Mayor to execute all agreements required for the ALDOT NH-0038(537) Hwy 280 Resurfacing Project from Narrows Parkway to Chesser Crane Road (w/Access Management) was next on the agenda. A motion to authorize the Mayor to execute all agreements required for the aforementioned ALDOT project was made by Chris Grace and seconded by Casey Morris. A voice vote was taken and it was a unanimous, "Yes".

Next, a motion to approve payment of the City of Chelsea bills was made by Tiffany Bittner and seconded by Cody Sumners. A voice vote was taken and it was a unanimous, "Yes".

Dana Polk, Chelsea Public Library, updated the council on upcoming programs.

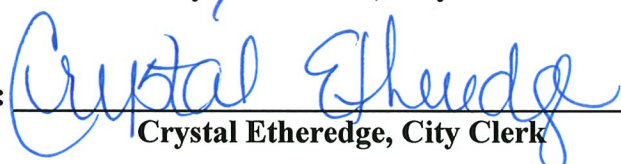
Councilman Weygand reminded the council of the 2023 Fire at the Foothills event on April 15th at the Chelsea Community Center.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Scott Weygand and seconded by Casey Morris. A voice vote was taken and it was a unanimous, "Yes".

Time: 6:31P.M.

Approval Date: 3-21-23

Certification: 
Tony Picklesimer, Mayor

Attest: 
Crystal Etheredge, City Clerk