

# *The City of Pelham*

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**November 17, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers**

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor James Eubanks  
Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Brown  
Council Member Bennett Adams  
Council Member Rhonda Brown  
Council Member Fredrick Davis  
Council Member Cody Shiver  
City Manager, Christian Drake  
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman  
City Clerk, Lisa Austin  
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick

Investigator, Adam Lamb  
Enterprise-Journal, Randy Wind  
Utility Clerk, Jasmine Riddle  
David Chambers  
Betsy McPherson  
Jack Woods  
Gayle Smith  
Emily Taylor  
John Harrison

\*\*\* Absent from the meeting was Council Member Bobby Robinson\*\*\*

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mayor Eubanks provided the opening prayer.

### **REGULAR SESSION – LED BY MAYOR EUBANKS**

#### **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Council member Shiver made a motion** to approve the agenda with the removal of agenda item number four: Pump Station Property, **seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

#### **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Council Member Adams made a motion** to approve the October 20, 2022, Council Meeting and the November 14, 2022, Work Session minutes as distributed, **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

## LMIG

**Council Member Adams made a motion to authorize the city manager to proceed with the bid process for the LMIG streets as presented, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.**

## PUBLIC SAFETY RAISES

City Manager Drake recommended an increase in hourly wages from \$14.67 to \$16.50 for starting police officers and \$10.00 to \$14.00 for starting firefighters, as well as an increase for the salaries of current firefighters totaling approximately \$65, 000. To accommodate these increases, City Manager Drake recommended a utility base rate increase for water and sewer, totaling \$4.60, half of the increase to be implemented in the next billing cycle and the other half to be implemented July 2023. He also recommended using \$40, 000 in ARPA funds to allow the utility rates increase to be spread out over time.

**Council Member Shiver made the motion to go with the city manager's plan for public safety raises, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.**

**Council Member Adams made a motion to increase the base rate for water and sewer by \$1.15 and in six months, increase the base rate for water and sewer by an additional \$1.15, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

**Council Member Brown made a motion, to approve the use of \$40, 000.00 in ARPA funds to allow the utility rate increase to be spread out over time, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.**

## ALCOHOL LICENSE RENEWAL

**Council Member Shiver made the motion to approve the renewal of the current alcohol licenses held, seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

## NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE-245 CHURCH ST.

**Council Member Brown made the motion to approve the new alcohol license for Tally and Queen's Country Store located at 245 Church St., seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.**

## CHRISTMAS BONUS

**Council Member Davis made the motion to approve Christmas bonuses to be given to employees, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**


Council reviewed the financial report for October 2022 that was presented.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Council reviewed department reports for October 2022 from the Police Department, Fire Department, and Code Enforcement.

**ADJOURN**

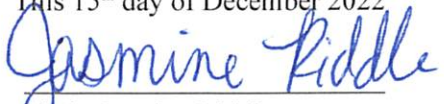
With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **Council Member Adams made the motion** to adjourn the meeting, **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:18 p.m.**

  
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Mayor, James T. Eubanks



AUTHENTICATED:

This 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022

  
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Clerk, Jasmine Riddle