

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

December 17, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks
Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Brown
Council Member Bennett Adams
Council Member Robert Hodges
Council Member Ansel Parrish
Council Member Bobby Robinson
Council Member Tad Williamson-ZOOM

City Manager, Craig Bennett
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
Assistant Police Chief, Rod Williams
Police Officer, Reggie Feagin
Police Officer, Jackson Autrey

Court Clerk, Helen Cody
Police Officer, Earl Gilbert
Andrea Feagin
Jayden Feagin

****Absent from the meeting Council Member Fredrick Davis****

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 Adams made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Hodges. The vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Hodges made a motion to approve minutes from November 19, 2020 Council Meeting, as distributed, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL AWARDS

Mayor Eubanks presented the Police Department Annual Awards to the following:

Reggie Feagin received the Officer of the Year Award.

Helen Cody received the Employee of the Year Award.

HB 879 IMPLEMENTATION

State Legislators in the last session passed HB 879, and Governor Kemp signed it on August 3rd. The HB addresses 5 key issues:

1. centralized permitting
2. Sunday sales
3. home delivery of alcohol
4. local control of distancing
5. regulates tasting events

The consensus of the city council was to have City Attorney Coleman to draw up an amendment for the City Council to consider regarding the home delivery of alcohol.

City Attorney Coleman made a recommendation to draw up a model ordinance and have it placed on the agenda for a vote during the January 2021 meeting.

No votes were taken on this agenda item during the December 2020 council meeting.

ANNUAL CALENDAR

The holiday calendar in accordance with the City Personnel Policies and Procedures. Christmas is an observed holiday, and it falls on Saturday in 2021. A Saturday holiday would normally be observed on the Friday prior. In this case Friday, December 24th is also an observed holiday. The calendar observes Christmas on Monday, December 27th. (See attachment 1).

The Council meeting calendar maintains the standard 2nd and 3rd Thursday of each month with one exception. November 11th is Veterans Day, an observed holiday. November's workshop has been placed on the 1st Thursday of the month. (See attachment 2).

The calendar for various Authorities, Boards, and Commissions is for information purposes only. (See attachment 3).

Council Member Hodges made a motion to approve the Holiday calendar, Council calendar, and the calendar for the various Authorities, Boards, and Commissions as presented, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

The list of appointed officials and assignments of elected officials of other governmental bodies was presented. (See attachment 1).

The list of City Authorities, Boards, and Commissions was presented as information purposes only. (See attachment 2).

Council Member Adams made a motion to replace Councilman Williamson with Council Member Hodges as the City Council Liaison to the Pelham Chamber of Commerce Board, add Council Member Hodges to the City's checking accounts at Pelham Bank, and reappoint all other officials as presented in attachment 2 to the December 2020 minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

ANNUAL CONTRACTS

The list of Annual Contracts and Agreements were provided to the Council for review. They are four contracts, which require a reapproval or extension, Prime Ground Maintenance for yard debris removal, American Tank Maintenance for the continue maintenance program on the City's water tanks, Edmunds & Associates for financial software, and extend the lease with Thomasville Community Resource Center.

Council Member Hodges made a motion to extend for another year, January through December 2021, under the current terms, the City's contract and service agreements with Prime Ground Maintenance, American Tank Maintenance, and Edmunds and Associates for respective services per current contracts, and extend the current lease with Thomasville Community Resource Center for the rental of the Pelham Senior Center and Donnie Cochran Community Center until May 2021 as presented, seconded by Council Member Adams. The vote was unanimous.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Reviewed financial reports of November 2020 that were presented.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reviewed department reports from November 2020 from the Pelham Police Department, Fire Department, Utility Department, and Code Enforcement.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Subject: City Manager's Report

Week of 14-18 October

Coronavirus

Area	Contracted COVID 19		Died		%	
	Today	Previous Report	Today	Previous Report	Today	Previous Report
Global	72,851,747	68,165,877	1,643,339	1,557,385	2.26	2.28
U.S.	16,519,668	15,040,175	302,992	285,351	1.83	1.9
Georgia	494,173	456,113	9,358	9,073	1.89	1.99
Mitchell County	994	946	49	49	4.93	5.18

- Governor Kemp has extended his executive order until December 31st, no changes to the previous version.
- Mitchell County does have a spike in cases underway, at nearly 7 new cases per day; most likely contributable to the Thanksgiving holiday. Still below April's level of 100,000 new cases/day, but like the spike seen in August. Citizens need to continue to follow the guidance to mask up, maintain social distance, wash your hands and follow the Governor's executive order.
- Staff is back to full strength.

Called Workshop

- The City Attorney has advised us to try and complete the modification to the charter regarding elected officials before the change over date in the upcoming State legislative session. The date occurs in early February.
- Based on City Attorney availability the called workshop will occur on Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

CDBG Update

- Lining of the sewer lines will complete this week.
- Good news: We only had two points of repair.

- New service lines to each residence will begin next week.

Cities United


- GMA's winter conference will be virtual on January 25th from 8:00-3:00.
- You can register at <https://gacities.com/Events/Library/Cities-United-Virtual-Summit.aspx>
- The conference does include a \$50.00 fee. I'll allocate a portion of the modified training and education funding towards the legislative budget for those who wish to attend.
- If you need assistance registering please contact Ms. Lisa.

City Manager Leave

- I will be on leave 10-23 December.
- I will be reachable by mobile.

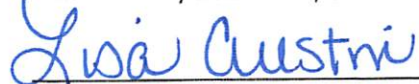
ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, Council Member Parrish made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:15 p.m.


Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 21st Day of January 2021.


City Clerk, Lisa Austin

**City Council Meetings, 6:30 p.m., Council Chamber,
City Hall, 108 Hand Ave W, Pelham, GA 31779**

Workshops

Thursday, January 14, 2021
Thursday, February 11, 2021
Thursday, March 11, 2021
Thursday, April 08, 2021
Thursday, May 13, 2021
Thursday, June 10, 2021
Thursday, July 08, 2021
Thursday, August 12, 2021
Thursday, September 09, 2021
Thursday, October 14, 2021
Thursday, November 04, 2021
Thursday, December 09, 2021

- 2nd Thursday in November falls on Veterans Day

Voting Meetings

Thursday, January 21, 2021
Thursday, February 18, 2021
Thursday, March 18, 2021
Thursday, April 15, 2021
Thursday, May 20, 2021
Thursday, June 17, 2021
Thursday, July 15, 2021
Thursday, August 19, 2021
Thursday, September 16, 2021
Thursday, October 21, 2021
Thursday, November 18, 2021
Thursday, December 16, 2021