

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

July 21, 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 Clerk, Lisa Austin
Attorney, Flin Coleman
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Enterprise-Journal, Randy Win
GA. South Productions, Kenneth Brown
Auditor, Perry Henry
Denise Woodard

Michael Carter
Racquel Carter
Catherine Brown
Stephen Brown
Verna Wiggins

Absent from the meeting was Council Member Bobby Robinson and City Manager Christian Drake

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 change sequence of agenda items and move agenda item (7) FY21 Audit Report to agenda item (2) and move all other items down by one and approve the agenda as amended, **seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Member Shiver made a motion to approve the June 16, 2022, Council Minutes and the July 14, 2022, Council Workshop Minutes as distributed, **seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

FY21 AUDIT REPORT

Auditor, Perry Henry gave an overview of the audited financial statements for FY21 which ended June 30, 2022. Henry stated that he was issuing a clean opinion of the audit report. Henry stated the FY21 the city's liabilities decreased by 7.25 percent or \$382,067 and the net position improved 12.14 percent or \$1,167,901. The city expenditures decreased \$1,375,456 and revenues also decreased by \$1,436,000 or .02 percent. The fund balance increased by \$206,714.00. The enterprise funds increased income of \$115,730.00 and expenditures decreased by \$29,341.00. Henry stated that the city's challenge in the next fiscal year will be inflation. Henry also stated that the funds the city received from the American Rescue Act Plan could now be spent however the city decides since federal restriction have decreased.

DDA BOARD MEMBER

Mayor Eubanks has been named as the Executive Director of the Mitchell County Development Authority. In his new role, he will still be able to serve the Downtown Development Authority, but he believes it would be better for someone to replace him as a voting member. The Downtown Development Authority recommends Ms. Kizzy Gordon to fill the vacant board spot. Ms. Gordon is a business owner in the City of Pelham with a vested interest in economic development in the city.

Council Member Shiver made a motion to accept the Downtown Development Authority's recommendation to add Ms. Kizzy Gordon to the DDA board, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

SOLID WASTE CONTRACT

In May the city voted to accept Advanced Disposal Services Solid Waste Southeast, Inc. bid to collect all the city's solid waste. The initial term of the contract begins on July 1, 2022 and ends on December 31, 2022. The contract shall be automatically renewed under the same terms and conditions beginning January 1, 2023, and for each January 1 thereafter during a four-year period.

Council Member Brown made a motion to accept Advanced Disposal Services Solid Waste Southeast, Inc. contract to continue solid waste pickup with the city, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.

DOWNTOWN MOVIE

Pelham Main Street requested approval to allow an open container within the event area for a movie in downtown. Pelham Main Street would like to show "A Bug's Life" on August 6th in

Downtown Pelham. To promote more involvement Pelham Main Street is asking the city council to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the event area. All sales of alcohol will be made inside of permitted establishments and not out in the event area.

Council Member Brown stated that the movie is a kid's movie and voiced her concerns about drinking at a kid's event.

Council Member Davis state alcohol and family friendly don't go together. Council Member Davis stated he supported having the movie but did not support allowing alcohol at the event.

No motion was made to allow alcohol at the event.

INMATE DETAIL

The City of Pelham has been without an inmate detail to help with public works projects the past few years. The county now has the proper staff to give Pelham detail again. The city will pay the county approximately \$51,241.67 for the inmate detail in FY23. The city's FY23 budget currently has around \$47,895 allocated for inmate detail. There is a \$3,346.67 difference between what was budged and what will be charged.

Council Member Davis made a motion to enter into an agreement with the Mitchell County Correctional Institution to provide the city with inmate detail and pay \$51,241.67 for inmate detail in FY23, seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.

MITCHELL COUNTY SPLOST IGA

The County is preparing to add a new SPLOST to the upcoming ballot this November. The projects listed in the SPLOST Project outlines what projects will be on the ballot for the City of Pelham.

Council Member Adams made a motion to adopt the SPLOST Resolution and authorize the mayor to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement once the county approves the project list for the City of Pelham, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Council reviewed financial reports of June 2022 that were presented.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Council reviewed department reports from June 2022 from the Pelham Police Department, Fire Department, Utility Department, and Code Enforcement.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **Council Member Brown made a motion** to adjourn the meeting, **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown**. The vote was **unanimous**. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:16 p.m.



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 18th Day of August 2022.



City Clerk, Lisa Austin