

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION

November 14, 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 Clerk, Lisa Austin

Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Assistant Police Chief, Rod Williams
Investigator, Adam Lamb
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
Code Enforcement Officer, James Timmons
Utility Clerk, Jasmine Riddle
Neddrick Griffin

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

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council Member Davis provided the opening prayer.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for approval: October 20, 2022, Regular Council Meeting
November 13, 2022, Work Session

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

LMIG

City Manager Drake is recommending that the City Council approves to begin the bidding process for LMIG FY21-23 streets.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

PUBLIC SAFETY RAISES

City Manager Drake is recommending 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 is recommending 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 is also recommending using \$40, 000 in ARPA funds to allow the utility rates increase to be spread out over time.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

209 MCDONALD ST. REZONING APPLICATION

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission is recommending the City Council approves the rezoning application to rezone 209 McDonald St. from R1 to ROI to allow for an adult personal care home. The Pelham Planning Commission is also recommending approving the rezoning application.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

PUMP STATION PROPERTY

Mr. Larry Langley would like the City to officially confirm that an easement exists on Mr. Langley's property and in the event that the City abandons the easement, the property will revert back to the property owner per an earlier agreement made in January 1952.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

ALCOHOL LICENSE RENEWAL

City Manager Drake is recommending that the City Council approves the renewal of alcohol licenses currently held.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE APPROVAL-245 CHURCH ST.

City Manager Drake is recommending that the City Council approves the new alcohol license for Talley & Queen's Country Store located at 245 Church Street. They have applied for Beer Package Only and Wine Package Only licenses.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

CHRISTMAS BONUS

City Manager Drake is recommending Christmas Bonuses to be given to City employees to be distributed December 15th. Full-time employees that have been employed for at least 1 year will receive a bonus equivalent to a 40-hour work week. Full-time employees that have been employed for six months will receive a bonus equivalent to a 20-hour work week. Part-time employees that have been employed at least 1 year and work an average of 20 hours per week will receive a bonus equivalent to a 20-hour work week.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**

BUSINESS LOGO SIGNS

Council Member Brown suggested that the city place business logo signs on US Hwy 19 to advertise business in Pelham to travelers.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

A review of the financial reports.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A review of all the department reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Brown made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel, **seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.** Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 8:03.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

Council Member Shiver made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Reconvene Regular Session, **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the Regular Meeting back in session at 8:45.**

DIRECTIVE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Eubanks gave a directive to City Clerk Lisa Austin to include the City Manager in the Christmas bonus for one week's pay.

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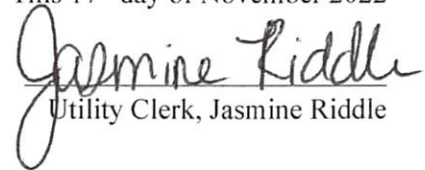
With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **Council Member Adams made a motion** to adjourn the meeting, **seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 8:46 p.m.**



Mayor, James T. Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 17th day of November 2022



Utility Clerk, Jasmine Riddle