

# *The City of Pelham*

## **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 18, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers**

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Pro-Tem, Alfred Broiwn,  
Council Member, Bennett Adams  
Council Member, Fredrick Davis  
Council Member, Bobby Robinson  
Council Member, Cody Shiver

City Manager, Christian Drake  
City Clerk, Lisa Austin  
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick  
Enterprise-Journal, Randy Wind  
Main Street/DDA Cameron Harris

Bruce Williams  
David Chambers  
Janet Haro  
Jesus Haro

**\*\*\*Absent from the meeting were Mayor, James Eubanks and Council Member Rhonda Brown\*\*\***

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro-Tem, Alfred Brown called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mayor Pro-Tem, Brown provided the opening prayer.

### **AGENDA**

**Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.**

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A review of the department reports.

City Manager Drake updated the council on two projects:

The preconstruction meeting was held for the GEFA Lift Station project. They will be a 6–9-month lead time for supplies and materials.

The Progress Road and Drainage Improvement project will start June 12<sup>th</sup> with 120 days until completion of project and the final payment for the project will be November 12<sup>th</sup>.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

A review of the financial reports.

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Council Member Adams made a motion** to approve the Council Minutes of April 20, 2023, and the Work Session Minutes of May 11, 2023, as distributed, **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.**

## ALCOHOL REQUEST

The Pelham Chamber of Commerce is requesting permission for vendors to serve alcohol at this year's Slice of Summer event. The Slice of Summer event will take place on June 24 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., providing local businesses, families, and individuals with an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful summer weather in Pelham. To ensure the safety of event attendees all alcohol served at the event must be served in identical, see-through cups, and vendors must use identical wristbands to distinguish that alcohol was purchased from one of the designated vendors. All vendors that intend on selling alcohol must have a current business license with the City of Pelham, as well as the proper state license or permit to serve alcohol off premises. The vendors include Chuy's, JD Bar & Grill, and Backstreet.

**Council Member Robinson made a motion** to approve vendors selling alcohol at the Chamber of Commerce Slice of Summer event to be held on June 24th, **seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimous.**

## SLICE OF SUMMER ROAD CLOSURE

The Chamber of Commerce is requesting that a portion of Mathewson Avenue from the intersection of E. R.R. St. (Old GA 3) to the intersection of W. R.R. St. to be blocked off from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for the Slice of Summer event held on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Council Member Adams made a motion** to approve the road closure for a portion of Mathewson Avenue from the intersection of E. R.R. St. to the intersection of W. R.R. St. from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for the Slice of Summer event, **seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimous.**

The purpose of the Ordinance is to establish and implement a program to change mitigation rates for the deployment of emergency and non-emergency services by the fire department for services provided/rendered for the City of Pelham.

**Council Member Davis made a motion** to adopt an Ordinance establishing and implementing a program to charge mitigation rates for the deployment of emergency and non-emergency services by the fire department for services provided/rendered for the City of Pelham and dispense with the second reading, **seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimous.**

### **FY23 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

There are three departments in our FY 223 budget that need budget amendments to help ensure those departments are not over budget. The Mayor and Council department budget will increase by \$10,000 amending the budget from \$46,774.90 to \$56,774.90 for training opportunities. The Police Department budget will increase by \$214,987 amending the budget from \$1,066,697.41 to \$1,281,697.41 for the purchase of radios in the amount of \$199,987.00 and \$15,000.00 for public safety raises. The Fire Department budget will increase by \$50,000.00 amending the budget from \$432,534.21 to \$482,534.21 for public safety raises.

**Council Member Shiver made a motion to approve the FY23 budget amendments as presented, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.**

### **MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA'S ELECTION COMMITTEE ALTERNATE DELEGATE**

As a member of the Municipal Gas Authority the city appoints a voting delegate and an alternate voting delegate to the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia's Election Committee. The primary voting delegate for the city is the mayor and the alternate voting delegate is the city manager. Currently the alternate delegate is previous City Manager Craig Bennett. A resolution was provided to appoint Mayor James Eubanks as the city's voting delegate, and City Manager Christian Drake as the alternate voting delegate.

**Council Member Adams made a motion to amend the current voting delegate and alternate voting delegate to the Municipal Gas Authority and approve the Resolution to change the Municipal Gas Authority voting delegate to Mayor James Eubanks and the alternate voting delegate to City Manager Christian Drake, seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimous.**

### **ELECTION ORDINANCE**

The General Election Ordinance was presented for the 2023 General Election. The General Election will be for the following seats: Mayor, two position for City Council District 1, one position for City Council District 11, two positions for School Board District 1, one position for School Board District II, and one at-large School Board member for terms expiring on December 31, 2023. The election will be held on November 7, 2023, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The election will be held at Pelham City Hall located at 108 Hand Avenue Pelham, Georgia. The Election Superintendent for the municipality will be Lisa Austin and the absentee ballot clerk will be Lisa Austin. The qualifying fee for Mayor is \$108.00, City Council District 1 and District II is \$72.00, and School Board District 1, School Board District 11, School Board at large is \$36.00.

**Council Member Adams made a motion to adopt Election Ordinance 2023-5-18-1 and suspended with the second reading, seconded by Council member Shiver. The vote was unanimous.**

**SOLID WASTE RATE INCREASE**

Waste Management is making an annual CPI adjustment of 5.4%. The CPI (Consumer Price Index) measures the average change over time in the prices. The CPI is used by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics to measure inflation and is a key indicator of the overall health of the economy. The city serves as a pass-through for solid waste disposal services, meaning that it must pass on any cost increases from the company that provided the services. This is because the city is required to pay for these services, and if the cost increases, it must adjust accordingly to avoid going into debt. A chart was provided by Waste Management of the rate changes.

**Council Member Davis made a motion** to approve the CPI rate increase of 5/4% from Waste Management with the understanding that the city will notify Waste Management if services do not improve before the end of the year the city will potentially end the contract, **seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.**

**ADJOURN**

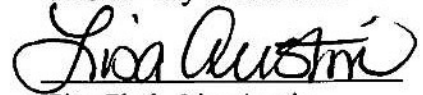
With no further business to come before Pelham City Council, **Council Member Robinson** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, **seconded by Council Member Adams. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Pro-Tem declared the meeting closed at 7:25 p.m.**



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Mayor Pro-Tem, Alfred Brown

AUTHENTICATED:

This 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023



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City Clerk, Lisa Austin