

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

September 26, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem, Alfred Brown
Council Member, Rhonda Brown
Council Member, Fredrick Davis
Council Member, Cody Shiver

City Manager, Christian Drake
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Fire Chief, Shane Stinson

Dawn Clark, Enterprise/Journal
Janet Haro

Absent from the meeting was Mayor, James Eubanks, Council Member Bennett Adams, Council Member Bobby Robinson and the City Attorney

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 and Council Member Davis provided the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Shiver made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizens requested to speak.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The council reviewed the department reports that were included in the packets.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The council reviewed the financial reports that were included in the packet.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Member Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of August 17, 2023, council meeting, **seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.**

SET TAX MILAGE FOR 2023

There is a pressing need to expand our fire department by adding six positions, which would result in an additional \$330,000 in expenses. Maintaining the current millage rate at 17 without implementing a rollback will generate approximately \$134,000, covering nearly half of the required funds for the expansion. The tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 17.000 mills and an increase of 2.126 mills. The proposed tax increase for Maintenance and Operation of the City of Pelham is 17.000, and the Maintenance and Operation of Pelham Schools is 8.645 for a total Ad Valorem Tax Levy of 25.645 mills for 2023.

Council Member Shiver made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-9-26-1 Amending the City of Pelham by adopting a new Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith, and dispense with the second reading, **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimously approved.**

TAX COLLECTION CONTRACT

The 2023 tax collection contract is an annual agreement that the city has with Mitchell County to bill and collect Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Pelham. The fee per parcel is \$2.75 for a total amount of \$4,928.00.

Council Member Brown made a motion to renew the contract with Mitchell County Board of Commissioners and the Mitchell County Tax Commissioner for services to bill and collect Ad Valorem property taxes for 2023, **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimously approved.**

INVENTORY TAX EXEMPTION

The City of Pelham, by reference on the 7th day of November 1978, adopted an inventory tax exemption "Freeport" which applies to the following types of inventories.

1. Manufacture's raw material and goods in process inventory.
2. Finished goods held by the original manufacturer,
3. Finished goods destined to be shipped outside Georgia (this applies to warehouse, distribution, or manufacturing operations).

Council Member Shiver made a motion to adopt the Resolution for Inventory Tax Exemption for the City of Pelham, **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimously approved.**

ALCOHOL REQUEST-CHUY'S BAR AND GRILL

Chuy's is celebrating their 2-year anniversary on October 21, 2023, at 6 p.m. They are planning to have an outdoor party with a DJ and karaoke. They are requesting approval of alcohol consumption in the event space provided: Blythe Street to Mathewson Avenue, the intersection of Backstreet to Mathewson Avenue, and the parking lot directly across the street from Chuy's.

Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the alcohol request for the 2nd anniversary of Chuy's on October 21, 2023, at 6 p.m. in the event space they provided, seconded by Council Member Davis. The motion was unanimously approved.

ROAD CLOSURE-HOMECOMING PARADE

The Pelham City Charter School System is requesting a road closure for their upcoming Homecoming Parade, scheduled to take place on September 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The temporary closure of the the following route is being requested:

1. Church Street at the intersection of Jackson Street and Burum Street
2. Church Street at the stop light intersection of Mathewson
3. Mathewson Avenue and all intersections of McLaughlin Street
4. North McLaughlin Street and all intersections to Hand Avenue
5. Hand Avenue to West Railroad Street
6. West Railroad Street and all intersection to Butler Street

The parade will commence at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at approximately 7:00 p.m. The request for the road closure would be in effect from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the road closure for the Homecoming Parade on September 28, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. to 7:20 p.m., seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimously approved.

ROAD CLOSURE-CHUY'S ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Chuys has requested the road closure for their 2nd anniversary event on October 21, 2023, at 6 p.m. in the event area: Blythe Street to Mathewson Avenue, and the intersection of Backstreet to Mathewson Avenue,

Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the road closure for Chuy's 2nd anniversary event in event area provided to the council, seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimously approved.

ROAD CLOSURE-TRUNK OR TREAT

The Pelham Chamber of Commerce is requesting a road closure from Mathewson Avenue to McLaughlin Street for the annual trunk or treat event which will be held on October 28, 2023, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Council Member Shiver made a motion to approve the road closure from Mathewson Avenue to McLaughlin Street for the trunk or treat event to be held October 28, 2023, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimously approved.**

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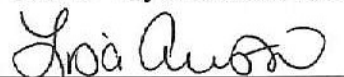
Council Member Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m., **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimously approved.**



Mayor Pro-Tem, Alfred Brown

AUTHENTICATED:

This 19th day of October 2023



City Clerk, Lisa Austin

