

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

July 20, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor, James Eubanks	City Manager, Christian Drake	Investigator, Adam Lamb
Mayor Pro-Tem, Alfred Brown	City Clerk, Lisa Austin	Public Works Supervisor, Devery Spence
Council Member, Bennett Adams	Police Chief, Nealie McCormick	Public Works Employee, Dontavius Gibson
Council Member, Rhonda Brown	Fire Chief, Shane Stinson	Tony Beebee
Council Member, Bobby Robinson	Randy Wind, Enterprise-Journal	Bruce Williams
Council Member, Cody Shiver	City Attorney, Tommy Coleman	Doris Swarn
	Asst. Police Chief, Rod Williams	Main Street/DDA Director, Cameron Harris

Absent from the meeting was Council Member Fredrick Davis

With a quorum present, Mayor, James Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and provided the opening prayer.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Doris Swarn came before the city council and discussed her concerns about another business opening that would sell alcohol. The business located at 120 Curry Street previously the Walgreen's was bought by Bharatkumar Patel. The previous business did have an alcohol license to sell beer and wine packages only. Ms. Swarn stated that she felt as if the city had enough businesses that sold alcohol and there was not a need for another one.

Mayor Eubanks stated he appreciated her coming before the council with her concerns. He also gave some background as to how the city is required to run a background check on the owner before the license is issued. Also, if the previous business had an alcohol license it sets a precedent that the location can apply to have another alcohol license at the location. If the city denies an alcohol license without reasonable cause it will open the city up to a lawsuit.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

Mayor Eubanks presented two awards of Appreciation to Public Works Supervisor Devery Spence, and Public Works Employee Dontavious Gibson for the hard work and dedication that had bestowed upon the city.

City Manger Drake updated the council on the recent ISO audit that was performed at the Fire Department. ISO (Insurance Services Office) has notified the city that due to the lack of fire department personnel the fire rating will be retrograded from the current rating of 4 to a 10 after one year of receiving notice. This could mean the citizens of Pelham insurance premium could double to triple in price. The 10 rating is directly associated with the number of fire personnel per shift. ISO will give the city one year from the date they received the letter of finding to make the necessary changes to prevent having the 10 rating. City Manager Drake told the council that Fire Chief Stinson and himself would put together a plan and bring it before the council to decide what options could be done to correct the situation.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The council reviewed the financial reports that were included in the packet. City Manager Drake told the council that the June 2023 totals were not the final totals for the year. Once a fiscal year is closed you keep the June period open for three months in order to make sure all expenditures are recorded in the proper fiscal year. Once the year is completed the final totals will be presented.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2023, council meeting, and the minutes of July 13, 2023, work session as distributed, Seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.

FY24 BUDGET

The annual budget for the City of Pelham will begin July 1, 2023, and end June 30, 2024. A public hearing was held on July 6, 2023, and June 13, 2023, on said budget. The FY 2024 is as follows: General Fund Operating Budget \$3,976,433.00, Enterprise Fund Operating Budget is \$2,520,100.00, Special Local Area Sales Tax Fund Budget \$450,000.00, Transportation Special Local Area Sales Tax Fund Budget \$430,000.00, Confiscation Budget \$10,000.00, Hotel/Motel Tax Budget \$30,000.00 and Municipal Court Budget \$370,000.00 for a Total Budget of \$7,786,533.00.

Council Member Shiver made a motion to adopt the fiscal year 2024 budget resolution and adopt Ordinance No. 2023-07-20-1 and dispense with the second reading. Seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.

ALCOHOL LICENSE-120 CURRY ST NE

An alcohol license application was filed for Ravenna 2000, LLC for beer package only and wine package only for 120 Curry St NE. Mayor Eubanks stated a background records check has been conducted on Bharatkumar Patel for the purpose of beer and wine package only licenses. A letter was presented to the council that stated there is no record found that would disqualify the applicant, and recommended

approval of the alcohol license. City Attorney Coleman stated that it is advisable for the council to follow the code and approve the alcohol license to avoid any violations unless reasonable cause was found.

Council Member Shiver made a motion to approve the alcohol license for 120 Curry Street for Ravenna 2000, LLC, seconded by Council Member Brown.

ROAD CLOSURE-CHALK FEST

A recommendation was presented to the council for approval of the road closure of Hand Place at the intersections of Hand Ave and Castleberry St for the Pelham MainStreet Chalk Fest event that will be taking place August 12, 2023, from 9am to 12pm.

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the road closure from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on August 12, 2023, for the Chalk Fest event, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

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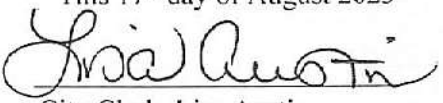
Council Member Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 17th day of August 2023



City Clerk, Lisa Austin



