

# *The City of Pelham*

## **MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION**

**May 11, 2023 – 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 Bobby Robinson  
City Manager, Christian Drake

Police Chief, Nealie McCormick  
MainStreet Director, Cameron Harris  
Enterprise-Journal, Randy Wind  
Utility Clerk, Jasmine Riddle  
Betsy McPherson  
Gayle Smith

Jason Sith  
Bruce Williams  
Leslie Lamb  
Emily Taylor

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Bruce Williams spoke to the Council about issues regarding Waste Management, roads with issues, and the City's policy regarding deposits that are paid to establish utility service. Gayle Smith spoke to the Council regarding different committees that service the City that have open positions.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A review of all department reports.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

A review of the financial reports.

### **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes for approval: April 20, 2023 Regular Council Meeting  
May 11, 2023 Work Session

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

**ALCOHOL REQUEST-SLICE OF SUMMER**

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the alcohol request for the Pelham Chamber of Commerce to allow for the sale and consumption of alcohol at the Slice of Summer event to be held June 24, 2023. The Chamber is wanting to allow vendors to sale alcohol.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**

**SLICE OF SUMMER ROAD CLOSURE**

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the road closure for a portion of Mathewson Ave from the intersection of East Railroad St to the intersection of West Railroad St. from 4:30pm to 9:30pm for the Chamber of Commerce’s Slice of Summer event on June 24, 2023.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

**FY23 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the budget amendments for the department increases of \$10,000 for the Mayor and Council departments for training opportunities, \$15,000 for the Police Department for pay raises, \$50,000 for the Fire Department for pay raises, and \$199,987 for the Police Department for the purchase of radios.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

**MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA’S ELECTION COMMITTEE ALTERNATE DELEGATE**

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the change of the City of Pelham’s alternate voting delegate for the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia’s Election Committee Alternate Delegate from a previous city manager to the current city manager.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

**ELECTION ORDINANCE**

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the General Election ordinance to set terms and conditions for this year’s election.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

### SOLID WASTE INCREASE

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the increase of the sanitation rates to account for Waste Management's 5.4% CPI adjustment.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

City Manager Drake discussed efforts to fill the new Pelham Zoning Board of Appeals.

### DONNIE COCHRAN COMMUNITY CENTER

Council Member Brown discussed options to renovate the Donnie Cochran Community Center including using an inmate detail to complete the work.

### CHIP

City Manager Drake presented information to the Council to begin the discussion of the City becoming a CHIP (Community Home Investment Program) community and how it will help the City address housing needs in the community.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

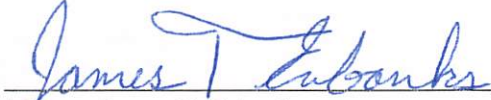
**Council Member Robinson made a motion** to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel, **seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.** Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 8:15.

### RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

**Council Member Brown made a motion** to come out of Executive Session and Reconvene Regular Session, **seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the Regular Meeting back in session at 8:37.**

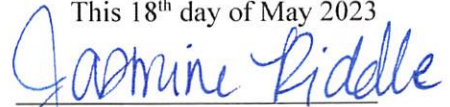
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Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 8:37 p.m.

  
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Mayor, James T. Eubanks



AUTHENTICATED:

This 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023  
  
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Jasmine Riddle

