

# *The City of Pelham*

## **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers**

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor James Eubanks  
Mayor Pro Tem, Rhonda Brown  
Council Member Cody Shiver  
City Manager, Christian Drake  
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman  
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick  
Assistant Police Chief, Rod Williams

Investigator, Adam Lamb  
Council Member Bobby Robinson  
Council Member Fredrick Davis  
Council Member Bennett Adams  
Code Enforcement Officer James Timmons

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

### **PUBLIC HEARING- CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION 203 W RAILROAD ST. S**

Mayor James Eubanks called the Public Hearing to order at 6:31 PM. Pelham Code Enforcement Officer James Timmons explained to the council that there were 3 problems with the initial application that was submitted to the City. **1. Off Street Loading Area:** Initially, the application lacked a designated off-street loading area, which posed potential logistical issues. This concern has been resolved, and appropriate off-street loading provisions have now been included in the plan. **2. 6-Inch Curbing on Jackson Street:** The absence of the required 6" curbing on Jackson Street was another issue. The applicant has made the necessary adjustments to install the required curbing, resolving this matter. **3. Parking Spaces for Quick-Service Retail (QSR):** The number of parking spaces provided was considered insufficient based on an ordinance requirement. Because the plans did not meet the parking requirements outlined by the City Ordinance the Mr. Timmons could not recommend approval of the application. There were no public in attendanceso Mayor Eubanks closed the meeting at 6:40 PM.

## **REZONING APPLICATION 203 W RAILROAD ST. S**

**Council Member Adams made a motion to deny the application because the plans were not inline with the city's code of ordinances seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

## **EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

**Council Member Adams made a motion to adopt the emergency declaration ordinance, dispensing of the second reading, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.**

Mayor Eubanks announced after the ordinance passed that the city would have a curfew from 9:00 pm on September 26<sup>th</sup> to 4:00 AM on September 27<sup>th</sup> in preparation of Hurricane Helene.

## **ROAD CLOSURE- PELHAM WILDLIFE**

City Manager Drake presented proposed road closures for the annual Wildlife Festival and Trunk or Treat.

**Mayor Pro Tem Brown made a motion to approve the road closures for the Wildlife Festival and the Trunk or treat seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.**

## **SET MILAGE FOR 2024**

**Council Member Robinson made a motion to adopt ordinance No. 2024-9-26-1 adopting an ad valorem tax for 2024, dispensing of the second reading, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.**

## **2024 TAX COLLECTION CONTRACT**

**Council Member Davis made a motion to approve the 2024 tax collection contract with the Mitchell County Board of Commissioners, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.**

**INVENTORY TAX EXEMPTION**

**Council Member Davis made a motion** to adopt a resolution establishing an inventory tax exemption for the city of Pelham, **seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimous.**

**PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE FROM SPLOST**

City Manager Drake requested approval to utilize Special Purpose Local Option Tax (SPLOST) funds to purchase a 2024 Dodge Ram truck with a vehicle package for the police department. The truck is priced at \$52, 225.

**Mayor Pro Tem Brown made a motion** to utilize Special Purpose Local Option Tax (SPLOST) funds to purchase a 2024 Dodge Ram truck with a vehicle package for the police department, **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.**

**ADJOURN**

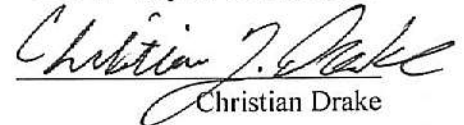
**Council Member Robinson made a motion** to adjourn, **seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:01 p.m.**



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024

  
Christian Drake

