

# *The City of Pelham*

## **MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION**

**May 9, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers**

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor James Eubanks	Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Brown	Investigator, Adam Lamb
Council Member Bennett Adams	Main Street/DDA Director, Cameron Harris
Council Member Fredrick Davis	Accounts Payable Clerk, Jasmine Riddle
Council Member Bobby Robinson	Mitchell Co Enterprise-Journal, Randy Wind
Council Member Cody Shiver	Margie Avery
Council Member Mistry Troutman	Nichole Hilliard
City Manager, Christian Drake	Jerry Gregory
	Shirley Daniels

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m.

### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

Mrs. Nichole Hilliard appeared before the Council to address her concerns about the music played during events at Uncle Jack's Event Center on Cotton Ave. She also commended the city for its approach to the large event that was held at the event center last month.

Mr. Jerry Gregory appeared before the Council to address his concerns about the events held at Uncle Jack's Event Center, stating issues with the loud music and type of music played.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for approval: April 18, 2024, Council Meeting  
May 9, 2024, Work Session

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A review of all department reports. City Manager Drake highlighted the efforts of the Public Safety and Public Works departments as well as other outside agencies regarding the event held on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Uncle Jack's Event Center. The total cost associated with all the personnel needed to work the event was \$26, 274.85. Of that amount, the cost to the city was \$3, 639.48 for personnel. The outside agencies did not charge the city for this event but did state that in the future, the city would have to pay for their services. City Manager Drake also highlighted the two vacancies in the Water/Gas/Sewer department. He

also gave an update on the issues with the library, stating that the Downtown Development Authority will allow the library to utilize the old Senior Center for one year. The City Manager gave an update on the Depot, stating the leak has been fixed and that the floor in the restroom needs to be repaired. A new carpet and flooring will be added to the old Council Chambers in the Depot due to water damage caused by the leak.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

A review of the financial report. Mr. Perry L. Henry of Perry L. Henry, LLC presented his findings during the FY23 audit conducted by his company.

### REQUEST TO APPEAR-MARGIE AVERY

Ms. Margie Avery appeared before the Council to address her concerns about the Uncle Jack's Event Center located on Cotton Ave. She presented a petition signed by her and other citizens that live near the event venue, stating that they do not want the event center in their neighborhood.

### EVENT ORDINANCE

City Manager Drake presented a proposed ordinance that will regulate events that are held within the city limits. Events as used in the proposed ordinance are defined as any gathering of two or more persons on real property located within the corporate limits of the City of Pelham pursuant to an arrangement by an owner of the premises or pursuant to the rental of the premises from the owner where participants are charged either directly or indirectly a fee or other charge or consideration of any kind in order to participate in the event. The purpose of the ordinance is to help mitigate issues including noise issues and the dispensing and consumption of alcohol.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the ordinance.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

### STITCHES CONTRACT

City Manager Drake presented the proposed contract between the City and Stitches of Mitchell County for the purpose of animal control. The proposed monthly amount to be paid to Stitches is \$1,270. City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the alcohol request.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the new contract with Stitches of Mitchell County.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

**GEORGIA PINES CONTRACT**

City Manager Drake presented a new contract between the City and Georgia Pines to allow Georgia Pines to continue leasing the office space located at 339-B Pride St to house the Mitchell County Mental Health program. The monthly lease amount will be \$4,794.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the City renewing the contract with Georgia Pines.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

**PELHAM MAIN STREET/DDA RESTRUCTURING**

Pelham Main Street/DDA/PDA director Cameron Harris appeared before the Council to discuss the proposed merger between Main Street and DDA. He presented a recommendation letter from Ellen Hill, the Main Street Compliance and Training Coordinator, a letter of support for the merger from the Pelham Main Street Board, and an organization chart from Villa Rica showing how the proposed merger would be organized.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the proposed merger of Main Street and DDA.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

**ALCOHOL LICENSE REQUEST-250 W RAILROAD ST S.**

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the alcohol license for 250 W Railroad St. S-Family Dollar. The license will be for Beer Package Only and Wine Package Only. Police Chief McCormick recommends approval due to satisfactory results of the mandatory background check that was completed.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

**CHAMBER ALCOHOL REQUEST-SLICE OF SUMMER**

The Chamber of Commerce is requesting approval to allow vendors to be able to sell alcohol during the Slice of Summer event to be held June 29, 2024, from 5p.m to 9 p.m. There are only two vendors who would be able to sell alcohol. Of those two vendors, only one has shown interest in selling alcohol. Like last year, the vendor would have to prove wristbands and special cups to designate the alcoholic beverages.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the alcohol request.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

**ROAD CLOSURE-SLICE OF SUMMER**

The Chamber of Commerce is requesting road closure for the Slice of Summer event. The road closure would be for the intersection of Mathewson Ave and W Railroad St to the intersection of Mathewson Ave and E Railroad St. The road closure would last from 4:30 p.m. to 9: p.m.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the road closure.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

**COUNCIL TRAVEL POLICY**

City Manager Drake presented a travel policy that will regulate the travel reimbursement for Council Members for official business.

**PUBLIC SPACE ORDINANCE**

City Manager Drake presented a public space ordinance that will establish office spaces in City buildings as private.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the ordinance.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

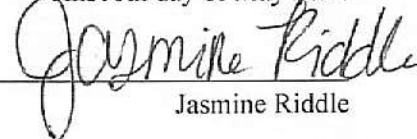
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Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 8:47 p.m.

  
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Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 16th day of May 2024

  
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Jasmine Riddle

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