

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

February 20, 2025 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor, James Eubanks
Mayor Pro-Tem, Rhonda Brown
Council Member, Bennett Adams
Council Member, Fredrick Davis
Council Member, Bobby Robinson
Council Member, Cody Shiver
Council Member, Mistry Troutman

City Manager, Christian Drake
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman
Police Investigator, Adam Lamb
Enterprise/Journal, Randy Wind
DDA/Main Street Director, Cameron Harris
Trudie Ward
Oscar Maples
Willie Haynes
Marlos Battle

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Adams motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimously approved.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Trudie Ward stated she would like additional information on the alcohol request. Ward stated she was concerned about the children. She is not in favor of the city approving the alcohol request. City Manager Drake explained the alcohol request was for a one-day event for the Food Truck Frenzy that is put on by Pelham Main Street.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for January 16,2025, Public Hearing on HB 581 on February13,2025at 12:00 p.m., Public Hearing on HB 581 on February 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., , Work Session February 13, 2025, and Public Hearing on HB 581 on February 20, 2025, as distributed, seconded by Council Member Shiver . The vote was unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Department Reports were presented for the council's review. City Manager Drake spoke about the Black History Parade that will be Saturday, February 22, 2025.

Q2 FINANCIAL REPORT

City Manager Drake presented the Quarter 2 financial report to the city council for their review.

HB 581

This bill became effective January 1, 2025, and it creates a statewide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes levied by, for, or on behalf of the state or any county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school district in this state. More specifically authorizes the governing authority of any county, consolidated government, municipality, or school district to opt out of the homestead exemption otherwise granted with respect to such political subdivision through certain procedure and the adoption of a resolution by March 1, 2025.

Council Member Davis a motion to adopt Resolution to opt out of the homestead exemption 581, **seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimously approved.**

PELHAM MAIN STREET ROAD CLOSURE

Pelham Main Street is requesting approval to block a section of Railroad Street from the intersection of Hand Avenue to the intersection of Mathewson Avenue. This request is to have a Food Truck Frenzy on Friday, March 21, 2025, from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. They are requesting the area to closed from 6:00 p.m. until 11:45 p.m. to allow ample time for Downtown employees to leave from their various jobs.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown a motion to approve Pelham Main Street closure Hand Avenue just past the depot parking lot to the intersection of Mathewson Avenue request from 6:00 p.m. until 11:45 p.m., **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimously approved.**

ALCOHOL REQUEST FOR EVENT-FOOD TRUCK FRENZY

Pelham Main Street is requesting approval to sale alcohol for consumption in the event area only for the Food Truck Frenzy event. Chuy's Grill and Bar is requesting permission from the city council to allow for consumption and sale of alcoholic beverages in the designated event area during the Food Truck Frenzy. They will partner with the Main Street Committee to ensure that

only uniform cups provided by Chuy's are used for serving alcoholic beverages. Paid security will be present at the event.

Council Member Davis a motion to approve the sale and consumption by Chuy's of the alcohol request for the Food Truck Frenzy for the event area only, seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was five yeas vote and 1 nay vote. In favor of the motion to sale alcohol at the event are Council Member Shiver, Council Member Davis, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Adams, and Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The opposed vote to sale alcohol at the event is Council Member Troutman. Mayor Eubanks stated the motion will be carried out.

GEFA DW2024001

The Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) has approved a loan for \$2,304,000 to replace approximately 13,700 feet (about 4.18 km) of aging 12" asbestos cement water main piping with new 12" PVC water mains. This replacement will occur along Cotton Avenue, U.S. Hwy 19, Pride Street, Progress Avenue, and Peachtree Street.

Council Member Davis made a motion for approval to enter a loan agreement with GEFA for Water Main Improvements from Cotton Avenue to the Industrial Park, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.

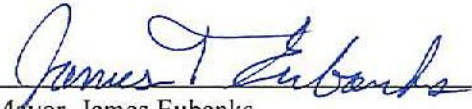
GEFA DW2024001 ENGINEERING CONTRACT AGREEMENT

City Manager Drake presented a contract with Watkins and Associates for engineering services. A summary of the engineering services for the water system improvements was provided for the council's review.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown a motion to approve the contract with Watkins and Associates for engineering services for the GEFA DW20240015, seconded by Council Member Troutman. The vote was unanimously approved.

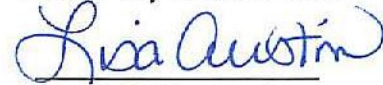
ADJOURN

Council Member Robinson a motion to adjourn, seconded Council Member Davis. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:03 p.m.


Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 20th day of March 2025



City Clerk, Lisa Austin

