

# *The City of Pelham*

## **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 16, 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  
Attorney, Joel Wright  
Police Chief Nealie McCormick  
Police Investigator, Adam Lamb  
DDA/Main Street Director, Cameron Harris  
Enterprise/Journal, Randy Wind  
Mike Howard  
Bruce Williams

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Troutman the opening prayer.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

Bruce Williams came before the council and stated he was not in favor of the retaining wall project due to the cost.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown suggested that citizen's comments be moved to the end of work session meetings. This will allow citizens to understand what will be voted on during regular sessions.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for December 19, 2024, and the Work Session Minutes for January 9, 2024, as distributed, seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimously approved.**

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Department Reports were presented for the council's review.

### **ALCOHOL LICENSE-BACKSTREET SEAFOOD RESTAURANT**

Backstreet Seafood Restaurant, located at 185 McLaughlin Street, is now under new ownership. Per city and state regulations, any business that is selling alcohol that changes ownership and is intending to continue to sell alcohol must apply for a new alcohol license. Michael Howard applied for the beer consumption only and wine consumption only license. In accordance with the City Ordinance 6.68, a background records check was conducted, and no record was found to disqualify the applicant. City Manager Drake and Police Chief McCormick are recommending approval of licenses.

**Council Member Adams made a motion** to approve the alcohol license application for Backstreet Seafood Restaurant for the purpose of beer and wine consumption on premises only, **seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimously approved.**

### **PTSD INSURANCE DOCUMENTS**

This bill would require that public entities maintain insurance coverage for first responders if they are diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. The PTSD diagnosis must be a result of a traumatic event while working for the public entity and would be for events that take place after July 1, 2023. Those diagnosed with PTSD would receive a single \$3,000 lump sum payment and up to 36 months of disability (income replacement) benefits over the course of their lifetime if unable to return to work as a first responder because of PTSD. This ACT shall become effective on January 1, 2025. Resolution 01-09-25-01 is to approve the adding of PTSD insurance to the City's Insurance policy through GIRMA.

**Council Member Troutman made a motion** to adopt Resolution 01-09-25-01 that adds the City of Pelham to membership in a PTSD fund of Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA), **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.**

### **AWARD PGMBC RETAINING WALL PROJECT**

The City of Pelham solicited bids for the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church Retaining Wall Project.

Three bids were received for the project:

CGS LLC-\$258,693.00

Buck Run Reserve LLC-\$338,153.00

David Taylor Construction-\$591,99

The bids have been reviewed by the city engineer (Watkins & Associates, LLC), who conducted an evaluation of the proposals to ensure compliance with project specifications and requirements. Based on the evaluation, the city engineer is recommending awarding the contract to CGS LLC.

**Council Member Davis made a motion to award the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church Retaining Wall Project to the low bidder CGS LLC in the amount of \$258,693.00, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.**

### **AWARD SLRF WATER MAIN PROJECT**

On December 20, 2024, the City of Pelham opened bids for the Water Main Improvement Project. They were five bids received listed below:

Green's Backhoe, Inc.-\$1,263,826.20

RPI-\$1,285,288.90

Hancock and Sons-\$1,328,368.10

POCO, Inc.-\$1,479,630.48

CMO-\$1,647,006.17

The bids were reviewed by the city engineer (Watkins & Associates, LLC) who conducted an evaluation of the proposals to ensure compliance with project specifications and requirements. Based on this evaluation, Green's Backhoe, Inc. was determined to be the apparent low bidder with a base bid of \$1,263,826.20

**Council Member Shiver made a motion to award the Water Main Improvement Project to Green's Backhoe, Inc. in the amount of \$1,263,826.20, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.**

### **WORK EASEMENT-PGMBC RETAINING WALL PROJECT**

An agreement was presented to release liability from the city for any unforeseen circumstances that result in injury or any other incident. The agreement has been presented to both the contractor and church in which both parties are in agreement.

**Council Member Adams made a motion to approve signing of the PGMBC Retaining Wall Project work easement, seconded by Council Member Troutman. The vote was unanimously approved.**

**ROAD CLOSURE-BLACK HISTORY MONTH PARADE**

The Black History Parade is scheduled for February 22, 2025, with the lineup beginning at 11:00 a.m. and the parade starting at 12:00 noon. Dr. Anjel Gibson is the point of contact for the parade. She is requesting for a road closure for the parade. The proposed parade route will be an augmented version of the original parade route and request is close a portion of Sapp Avenue, specifically from Palmer Street to Burum Street to ensure a smooth and safe event.

**Council Member Troutman made a motion to approve the road closure for the Black History Parade to be held February 22, 2025, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimously approved.**

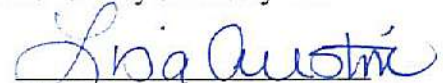
**ADJOURN**

**Council Member Robinson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 6:50 p.m.**

  
Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 16th day of January 2025

  
City Clerk, Lisa Austin

