

*The City of Pelham*

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION**

**January 9, 2025 – 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	Accounts Payable Clerk, Jasmine Riddle
Council Member Fredrick Davis	Enterprise-Journal, Randy Wind
Council Member Bobby Robinson	Oscar Maples
Council Member Cody Shiver	Janie Holton
Council Member, Mistry Troutman	
City Manager, Christian Drake	

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for approval: December 12, 2024, Council Meeting  
January 9, 2025, Work Session

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A review of all department reports. City Manager Drake discussed how the city will move forward with House Bill 581. The City intends to opt out. He outlined what would need to be done in order for the City to do so.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

A review of the financial report.

### PELHAM LIBRARY GRANT AGREEMENT

The city was awarded a grant for \$2.4 million for the restoration of the Carnegie Library. He presented the grant agreement to the council. Due to the time frame needed for completion, City Manager Drake requested the Council vote to approve entering into the agreement, pending

**Council Member Robinson made a motion to approve entering into the grant agreement, pending final review from the City's attorney, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.**

### ALCOHOL LICENSE-BACKSTREET SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Backstreet Seafood Restaurant located at 185 McLaughlin St has changed ownership. Due to that, the new owners must get a new alcohol license in their name. City Manager Drake is recommending approval of the alcohol license based on the recommendation provided by Police Chief Nealie McCormick.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

### PTSD INSURANCE DOCUMENTS

City Manager Drake presented resolution 01-09-25-01 to add PTSD insurance to the City's Insurance. Adding this insurance is a state requirement through House Bill 451 that stated that all municipalities that have public safety entities must carry PTSD insurance.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council adopt resolution 01-09-25-01 to approve add PTSD insurance to the City's Insurance policy through GIRMA.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

### AWARD PGMBS RETAINING WALL PROJECT

City Manager Drake presented the bids received for the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church retaining Wall Project: The following bids were received:

1. CGS LLC - \$258,693.00
2. Buck Run Reserve LLC - \$338,153.00
3. David Taylor Construction - \$591,409.99

The bids were reviewed by the City Engineer. Based on his review, City Manager Drake is recommending the Council award the bid to CGS, LLC in the amount of \$258,693.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

**AWARD SFRF WATER MAIN PROJECT**

City Manager Drake presented the bids received for the SFRF Water Main Project. The following bids were received:

1. Green's Backhoe, Inc. - \$1,263,826.20
2. RPI - \$1,285,288.90
3. Hancock & Sons - \$1,328,368.10
4. Poco, Inc. - \$1,479,630.48
5. CM1, Inc. - \$1,647,006.17

The bids were reviewed by the City Engineer. Based on his review, City Manager Drake is recommending the Council award the bid to Green's Backhoe, Inc in the amount of \$1,263,826.20

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

**WORK EASEMENT-PGMBBC RETAINING WALL PROJECT**

City Manager Drake presented an agreement that will release liability from the City for unforeseen circumstances that result in injury or any other incident. The agreement was shared to the contractor and Church and both parties are in favor of the agreement.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

**ROAD CLOSURE-BLACK HISTORY MONTH PARADE**

The Black History Month parade will be taking place February 22, 2025. Dr. Anjel Gibson, the point of contact for the parade, is requesting a road closure for the parade. Lineup will begin at 11:00 AM and the parade will start at 12:00 PM. The proposed parade route will be an augmented version of the original parade route and request that a portion of Sapp Avenue, specifically from Palmer Street to Burum Street.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

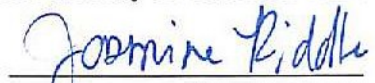
**ADJOURN**

Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:49 p.m.

  
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Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 19th day of December 2024

  
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Jasmine Riddle