

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION

August 14, 2025 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubank
Council Member Bennett Adams
Council Member Fredrick Davis
Council Member Bobby Robinson
Council Member Cody Shiver
Council Member Mistry Troutman
City Manager, Christian Drake
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Asst Police Chief, Rod Williams
Main Street/DDA Director, Felisha Draggs
Accounts Payable Clerk, Jasmine Riddle
Enterprise-Journal, Dawn Clark

Oscar Maples, Jr
Janet Haro
Jesus Haro
Michael McEntyre
Flossie McGregor
Bruce Williams

Absent from the meeting was Mayor Pro Tem Brown

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m. Council Member Davis provided the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for approval: July 17, 2025 Council Meeting
August 14, 2025 Work Session

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A review of all department reports. City Manager Drake asked Mrs. Felisha Draggs, the new Main Street/DDA Director, to introduce herself to the Council. She gave an update on her first month in the position as well as upcoming events. City Manager Drake updated the Council on an increase in issues with servicing from Waste Management in regards to yard debris and trash pickup. He stated there has also been an increase in illegal dumping, largely due to the citizens of

Pelham no longer having access to county facilities for dumping household items. He also gave an update LMIG 2024-2025 project pre-construction meeting. He also gave an update on the water main project that is currently being done. City Manager Drake highlighted the Code Enforcement Departments report, specifically the increase in citations given. He noted that the increase was due to citations given for lots and properties that were unkempt according to the City's ordinance. He also highlighted the Liberia Cemetery Committee, specifically the volunteers who spent a Sunday afternoon starting the data collection process to get current records. He also reminded the Council that qualifying for the upcoming election starts on Monday, August 18th. Finally, he gave an update on the purchasing of live streaming equipment to make the Council meetings more accessible for citizens who are unable to attend the meetings in person.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A review of the financial report.

CALLED MEETING TO AWARD LIBRARY RFP

City Manager Drake requested that the Council hold a called meeting for the purpose of awarding the bid for architectural services for the Pelham Carnegie Library project. He requested the meeting be held on August 28, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. This date was requested due to the project timeline, the bids not being accepted and opened until August 25, 2025. After discussion, the Council decided to hold the called meeting on August 26, 2025, at 6:30pm to accommodate all of the Council Members' schedule.

ROAD CLOSURE-PELHAM CITY SCHOOLS HOMECOMING PARADE

Pelham City Schools will be hosting their Homecoming Parade on September 25, 2025. They will be following the traditional parade route. They are requesting the road closures be in effect from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

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

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

ROAD CLOSURE-COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT

Walker Street Outreach Ministry is hosting a Community Blessing Day at Frances Davis Park on August 30, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. They are requesting Eddie Bum Jackson Way be closed for the duration of the event to ensure the safety of attendees and to limit vehicle traffic.

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

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

ROAD CLOSURE-DOWNTOWN FUNDRAISING BENEFIT

Flier's Cornhole, Chuy's Grill and Bar, and The Tavern are partnering to host a fundraiser to benefit Trey James and his family. Mr. James suffered a catastrophic medical event that has made it impossible for him to work and provide for his family. He and his wife have incurred medical expenses as well for his recovery. The event will be held September 6, 2025. The event organizers are requesting the Mathewson Ave Parking Lot be closed to accommodate the cornhole tournament that will be taking place from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

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

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

ALCOHOL REQUEST-DOWNTOWN FUNDRAISING BENEFIT

Flier's Cornhole, Chuy's Grill and Bar, and The Tavern are partnering to host a fundraiser to benefit Trey James and his family. They are asking for approval to allow patrons of Chuy's Grill & Bar and The Tavern to be able to purchase alcohol at their establishments and be able to have them in the designated event area outside. They will follow the same guidelines used for similar instances at past events.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the allowance of alcohol purchased from the participating establishments in the event area.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

MITCHELL COUNTY 2025 TSPLOST INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

City Manager Drake presented the proposed 2025 TSPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement with Mitchell County for the Council's approval. The agreement outlines Pelham's allocation of anticipated revenues, project list and eligible uses of funds. It also lists the same information for the other participating municipalities and the county.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the City entering into the 2025 TSPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

UGA CYBERARCH AGREEMENT

City Manager Drake presented information regarding the university of Georgia CyberArch program. The program, administered through the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, assists Georgia communities and businesses in identifying and addressing cyber security challenges through research, policy analysis, and education. The city would receive a cyber security risk review and analysis report. The program is provided at no cost to the city.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the UGA CyberArch Agreement and authorize the mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the city.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-REAL ESTATE

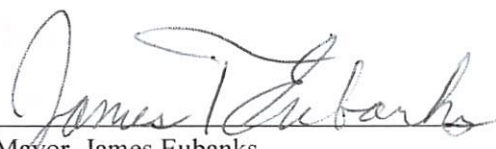
Council Member Shiver made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of real estate, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:26 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

Council Member Shiver made a motion to come out of the executive session and reconvening the regular session, seconded by Council Member Troutman. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the Regular Meeting back in order at 7:43 p.m.

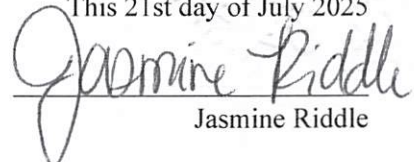
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Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:43 p.m.



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 21st day of July 2025


Jasmine Riddle