

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

January 15, 2026 – 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
City Manager, Christian Drake
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman

Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Investigator, Adam Lamb
Man Street/DDA Director, Felisha Dragg
Enterprise-Journal, Randy Wind
Doris Swarn
Charles Brimberry
Teresa Robinson
Sheldon Shelton

***** Council Member Troutman attended the meeting via phone. *****

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Brown made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 18, 2025 Council Meeting and the January 8, 2026, Work Session, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A review of all department reports.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A review of the financial report.

BRUCE FOOD MART 2026 ALCOHOL LICENSE

Council Member Adams made a motion to waive the 2026 Alcohol License fee for Bruce Food Mart due to only having the 2025 Alcohol License for one day, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

PROPERTY DONATION TO THE CITY

Council Member Adams made a motion to not accept the proposed property donation, seconded by Council Member Troutman. Council Members Adams, Davis, Shiver, Troutman, and Mayor Pro Tem Brown voted in favor of not accepting the donation. Council Member Robinson abstained from voting.

WATER TANK MAINTENANCE CONTRACT RENEWAL

Council Member Shiver made a motion to approve the extension of the tank maintenance contract for the Highway 19 Water Tank and the South Water tank for an additional seven years with American Tank Maintenance, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

2026 MAYOR PRO TEM

City Manager Drake presented three options for choosing a new Mayor Pro Tem: electing a new mayor pro tem at the first organizational meeting of each calendar by a majority vote of the Council, rotating the position of Mayor Pro Tem among Council Members at the first organizational meeting of each calendar year, or following the charter as it currently stands.

Council Member Davis made a motion to elect a mayor pro tem at the first organizational meeting of each calendar year, seconded by Council Member Adams. Council Members Adams, Davis, Shiver, and Troutman voted in favor. Council member Robinson and Mayor Pro Tem brown were opposed.

Council Member Davis made a motion to hold an election to elect the Mayor Pro Tem for this calendar year, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. Mayor Pro Tem Brown and Council Members Adams, Davis and Shiver voted in favor of holding the election now. Council members Robinson and Troutman were opposed.


Mayo Eubanks asked for nominations. Council Member Troutman nominated Mayor Brown. Council Members Davis and Robinson each nominated themselves. In the first round of voting, Mayor Pro Tem Brown received 3 votes, Council member Davis received 2 votes and Council Member Robinson received 1. The two nominees that received the most votes moved to the second round. In the second round, Mayor Pro Tem Brown received 3 votes and Council Member Davis received 2. Mayor Pro Tem Brown was re-elected as Mayor Pro Tem for this calendar year.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PARADE ROAD CLOSURE

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the road closure for the Black History Month Parade as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

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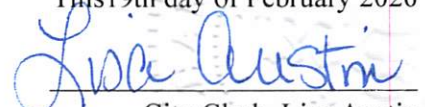
Council Member Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:08 p.m.



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 19th day of February 2026



City Clerk, Lisa Austin

