

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION

March 12, 2026 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubank
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
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick

Asst. Police Chief, Rod Williams
Investigator, Adam Lamb
Main Street/DDA Director, Felisha Draggs
Accounts Payable Clerk, Jasmine Riddle
Enterprise-Journal, Randy Wind
Debrah Felton
Trudie Ward
Janet Haro
Jesus Haro
Doris Swarn

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro Tem Brown called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for approval: February 12, 2026, Work Session
February 19, 2026, Council Meeting
March 12, 2026, Work Session

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A review of all department reports. City Manager Drake stated HVAC will have to be replaced at City Hall for the Customer Service and Municipal Clerk offices. He also gave an update on the renovation project at the Chamber of Commerce building, saying that the project for the walls and floor had been completed. He also stated that the old Council Chamber had been renovated to be the Main Street/DDA Director's office. City Manager Drake also gave an update on upcoming events, including Main Street's R&B in the Park/Food Truck Frenzy to be held March 14th, and Georgia Cities Week to be held April 20-25th. He also stated that the spring city-wide clean-up would be taking place that same week.

ORDINANCE CHANGE-COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON

Council Member Robinson discussed an ordinance regarding cars being parked in yards that are considered abandoned, specifically the issue with those types of cars needing to have insurance even if they are inoperable. He stated the original purpose of the ordinance should have been to target “junk” cars. He also stated that requiring insurance for inoperable vehicles may pose a financial hardship on citizens. Mayor Eubanks and Council Member Adams both made the point that the insurance requirement was based on the tag requirement as mandated by the state. Mayor Eubanks requested copies of the ordinance in question be distributed to members of the Council for review and to add this item to the agenda for the work session in April.

ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST-CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

Chuy’s Grill & Bar will be hosting their annual Cinco De Mayo Celebration on May 9th from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. In conjunction with the Cinco De Mayo Celebration, Pelham Music Center will be hosting a School of Rock. They are requesting that Mathewson Ave be closed from the intersection of McLaughlin to the intersection of McLaughlin St to the intersection of Blythe.

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

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST-PELHAM MAIN STREET CAR SHOW

Pelham Main Street will be hosting their annual Car Show & Cornhole Tournament on May 9th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. They are requesting that a portion of W Railroad St. be closed from the intersection of Hand Ave to the intersection of Mathewson Ave.

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

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST-GA CITIES WEEK

Pelham Main Street will be hosting a Hometown Market on April 25th from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. as part of the Georgia Cities Week festivities. They are requesting that a portion of Mathewson Ave from the intersection of E Railroad St to the intersection of W. Railroad St be closed.

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

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

SAFETY POLICY

City Manager Drake presented a proposed safety policy for the City. The safety policy was recommended after a risk management walkthrough conducted by Local Government Risk Management Services.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council adopt the safety policy as it has been presented.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

GA POWER CHARGING STATION

Representatives from Georgia Power have approached the city to participate in their community electric vehicle charger program. They have chosen three spaces that would be suitable for hosting the charger:

- 128 W Railroad Street South
- 100 Hand Place
- 137 Hand Place

The City would not incur any costs associated with the charger.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve allowing Georgia Power to place an electric vehicle charger in of the selected spaces.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

FLOCK MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT

City Manager Drake presented a Master Service Agreement and order form for a Flock Camera System for a 30-day pilot program. The pilot program has potential to be extended up to 60 days. If the city were to opt out of continuing the flock cameras, the city would not have to pay anything. After discussion, it was decided the city would not enter into the agreement.

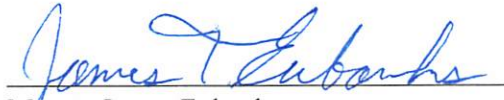
CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Doris Swarn appeared before the Council speaking in agreement about the need for flock cameras but made note that the City should not get them if it placed a financial burden on taxpayers and no outside funding was available.

Ms. Trudie Ward appeared before the Council to voice her concern about the Council allowing alcohol to be sold at events.

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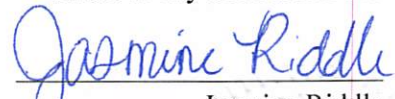
Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:36 p.m.



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 19th day of March 2026



Jasmine Riddle

