

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

October 18, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chamber

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks
Council Member Jeremy Hatcher
Council Member Loys Johnson
Council Member Ansel Parrish
Council Member Bobby Robinson
Council Member Tad Williamson

City Manager, Craig Bennett
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
MCTV, Jerry White
Main Street, Alyssa Blakley
Chamber Director, Caitlyn Hatcher
Representative, Michael Bryant

****Absent from the meeting Mayor Pro-Tem Brown and Council Member Winfred Parker****

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

REGULAR SESSION – LED BY MAYOR EUBANKS

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve the agenda with changes adding (7) Executive Session-Legal Litigation to the agenda, seconded by Council Member Hatcher. The vote was unanimous.

MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Council Member Parrish made a motion to approve minutes from the September 20, 2018 Regular Council Meeting, and October 11, 2018 Called Council Meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Chamber Director Caitlyn Hatcher reported on the following:

July events included: GACCE Annual Convention-Jekyll, Book signing at Library-TM Brown a book about Pelham, Back to School Bash-Freedom Park, Back to School Convocation, and IDP Meeting-retail Space HTC.

August events included: Ribbon Cutting-Pelham High School Field House, Regional Chamber Meeting-Thomasville, Young Gamechangers Graduation and Final Presentation, State Superintendent-Book Delivery, South Region AG Meeting-PCS, spoke at Camilla Kiwanis meeting to update them on Pelham, Ground Breaking for Southeast AG, Began Locate South Georgia LEADS, and Pelham City Schools Community Work Session.

September events included: Wildlife Auction, National Chamber Week, Locate South Georgia LEADS, and Youth Leadership Initial Meeting.

MAIN STREET REPORT

Main Street Director Alyssa Blakley reported of the following:

Projects include: Downtown Streetscape-Flowers will be rotated out to fall/winter flowers into the adopted beds. Pending debris removal by the city from Hurricane Michael. Downtown Murals-Awarded \$5,000 for a 2nd mural downtown by Georgia Council for the Arts.

Community Development includes the following: Collingsworth Park-Fencing will be replaced, Kahn Park-Trees pruned, Francis Davis Park-Mitchell Co. Recreation reconditioning baseball diamond, estimates have been given on repairing the fence, Beautification Enhancement Program (GDOT Grant) \$29,200- Awarded in July 2018 will supply landscaping to the U.S. 19 and HWY 93 corridor connecting to the T-project on East Rail Road Street.

Downtown Development Authority reports include: "Hotdog Stand" has been rented to Lola Brinkley opening pending remodel of drive thru window, Old Pelham Hotel-Working with DCA Design Team who will provide a conceptual rehabilitation drawing of the building for marketing.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reviewed department reports from Pelham Police Department, Municipal Court, Fire Department, and Code Enforcement.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Craig Bennett reported on the following: Since Hurricane Michael all of the city water utilities are back up with a few exceptions, the boiling water advisor has been rescinded, the electricity has been restored for the citizens that are connected to Georgia Power with a few exceptions to some homes, FEMA will be coming and Mitchell County has been deemed a Public Assistance County on Sunday night and on Tuesday night it was designated as an Individual Assistance. You can register with FEMA online at www.disasterassistance.gov. City Hall during normal business hours will have a computer available for citizens to come in and do their application for FEMA online. Storm debris can be left on the curb or the right way natural debris

should be separated from manmade debris. Citizens will also be allowed to take the debris to the dump site behind the Farmers Market which has been established as a temporary dump site for natural debris. The city had up to 15% of property damaged during the storm with the most noticeable being the roof at the depot which is 80% gone which has caused some water damage inside. Also had damage to the roof on the Hand Building, parks and cemeteries are not covered under the current insurance. The curfew was modified from 12 midnight until 6 a.m. Commended the efforts of the Police Force, Fire Force, Utilities and Public Works.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Johnson made a motion to close Regular Session and enter Executive Session for Legal Litigation, seconded by Council Member Hatcher. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:10 p.m. for the discussion of Legal Litigation.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION


Council Member Johnson made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Reconvene Regular Session, seconded by Council Member Parrish. Mayor Eubanks declared the Regular Session was back in session at 7:23 p.m.

DECISION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action taken during executive session.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **Council Member Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:25 p.m.**



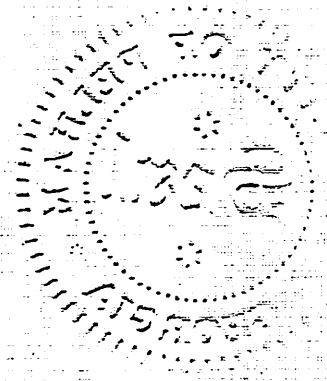
Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 15th Day of November 2018.



City Clerk, Lisa Austin



AFFIDAVIT

Before an officer duly authorized to administer oaths appeared Mayor, City Council who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

(1) I am competent to make this Affidavit and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.

(2) Pursuant to my duties as Mayor, I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Pelham City Council held on the 18th day of October, 2018. A portion of said meeting was closed to the public.

(3) It is my understanding that O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the person presiding over such meeting or, if the agency's policy so provides, each member of the governing body of the agency attending such meeting, shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

(4) The subject matter of said meeting, or the closed portion thereof, was devoted to matters within exceptions to public disclosure provided by law. Those specific relevant exceptions are identified as follows. The only matter(s) considered or discussed during the closed portion or executive session of the meeting is/are as checked below.

 A. Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the settlement of a matter covered by the attorney-client privilege as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1) and 50-14-3(b)(1)(A). The subject discussed was _____

 B. Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(B).

- _____ C. Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(C).
- _____ D. Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(D).
- _____ E. Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(E).
- _____ F. Meeting to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).
- _____ G. Meeting to interview one or more applicants for the position of the executive head of an agency as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).
- H. Pursuant to the attorney-client privilege and as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1), a meeting otherwise required to be open was closed to the public in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial action brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved and the matter discussed was legal litigation.
- _____ I. Staff meeting held for investigation purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-3(a)(1).
- _____ J. Meeting to consider records or portions of records exempt from

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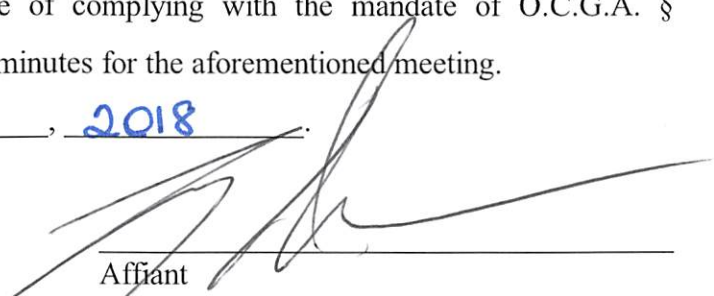
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public inspection or disclosure pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Georgia Code because there are no reasonable means to consider the record without disclosing the exempt portions.

This Affidavit is executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) and is to be filed with the official minutes for the aforementioned meeting.


This 18th day of October, 2018.



Affiant







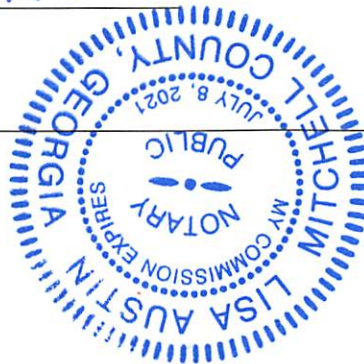


Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 18th day of October, 2018



Notary Public

My commission expires _____.



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