# The City of Pelham

# MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

October 19, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

#### PRESENT:

Mayor, James Eubanks
Mayor Pro-Tem, Alfred Brown
Council Member, Bennett Adams
Council Member, Rhonda Brown
Council Member, Fredrick Davis
Council Member, Cody Shiver

City Manager, Christian Drake City Clerk, Lisa Austin Police Chief, Nealie McCormick Fire Chief, Shane Stinson Assistant Chief, Rod Williams Court Clerk, Helen Cody Judge, Gregory Williams Randy Wind, Enterprise/Journal Bill Robinson Reggie Feagin Barbara Feagin Andrea Feagin Jayden Feagin

\*\*\*Absent from the meeting was Council Member Bobby Robinson and the City Attorney\*\*\*

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

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizens requested to speak.

## PROMOTION CERMONY

Mayor Eubanks presented Reginald D. Feagin, Jr. with a certificate of promotion to lieutenant in the Pelham Police Department. As a lieutenant, you fulfil your role in the efficient accomplishments of the Pelham Police Department. You are therefore charged to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties required by this promotion.

Mayor Eubanks presented Judge Greogory Williams, and Court Clerk Helen Cody with a certificate. Municipal Court of Pelham for Clearance Rate Excellence for the service and continued efforts to improve the administration of justice in all Georgia courts through collaboration, innovation, and information.

Mayor Eubanks also presented the Judicial Council of Georgia Administrative office of the courts letter which Congratulated the Pelham Municipal Court as a Clearance Rate Excellence Award recipient. This award recognizes the top 10% of courts in each class of court that demonstrate exceptional performance in maintaining clearance rates, a key indicator of a court's ability to effectively manage its caseload. Clearance rates are calculated by dividing the number of disposed cases by the number of filed cases and expressing the result as a percentage. Cases not disposed of in a timely manner contribute to a backlog of cases awaiting disposition. A clearance rate of 100% or higher demonstrates a court ability to resolve at least as many cases as were filed each year. The Pelham municipal court is meeting the 100% or better clearance rate and has distinguished itself amongst its peer courts.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

The council reviewed the department reports that were included in the packets. City Manager Drake reminded the council and public of some events which include:

- Chuy's 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration- October 21, 2023, at 6 p.m.
- Boy & Girls Club Tournament-Annual Golf Tournament held at Pinecrest in Pelham beginning at 9 a.m.
- Early Voting-Beginning October 16<sup>th</sup> and Ending November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Also, two Saturday dates of October 21<sup>st</sup>, and October 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of council meeting September 14, 2023, work session, council meeting September 26, 2023, council meeting and October 12, 2023, work session minutes, as presented seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.

### **TRICK OR TREAT 2023**

Council Member Shiver made a motion to set the time and date for trick or treating in Pelham as Tuesday, October 31, 2023, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.

# **ADJOURN**

Council Member Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m., seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.

Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 16th day of November 2023

City Clerk, Lisa Austin