

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

September 17, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks
Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Brown
Council Member Bennett Adams
Council Member Fredrick Davis
Council Member Robert Hodges
Council Member Ansel Parrish
Council Member Bobby Robinson
Council Member Tad Williamson

City Manager, Craig Bennett
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
Attorney, Flin Coleman via Zoom
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
Enterprise-Journal, Dawn Clark
GA South Productions, Rhonda Brown
GA South Productions, Kenneth Brown
Monica Davis
Marjorie Harris
Melvin Patterson

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mayor Eubanks provided the opening prayer.

SWEAR IN TO OFFICE FREDRICK DAVIS

City Clerk/Election Superintendent Lisa Austin administered the Oath of Office to new Council Member Fredrick Davis.

REGULAR SESSION – LED BY MAYOR EUBANKS

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council Member Hodges made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve minutes from August 20, 2020 as distributed, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.

CARES ACT BUDGET AMENDMENT

The State has the authority to potentially allocate \$1.23b of their CARES Act fund to local governments. Pelham's initial allocation is \$181,436.08. Pelham has received 30% of the 30% that has been distributed to local governments. The remaining 70% of 30%, is \$127,005.96 of revenue which has also been received. The recommended budget amendment for the revenue of \$127,005.96 is restoring the following budget shortfalls:

- Christmas Bonus \$25,561.29
- Fireman \$27,551.36
- Road Repair \$25,000
- House Demolition \$7,200
- Education, Conference, Travel \$10,000
- Balance \$31,693.31

Council Member Adams made a motion to recommend the budget amendment presented to the City Council by the City Manager at work session includes reinstating Christmas Bonuses, Fireman position, Road Repair, House Demolition, Education, Conference, Travel, and keeping the balance of \$31,693.31 as a contingency to be approved as presented seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL

The City received two quotes from GIRMA and Dover-Rock Insurers for the Annual Personal & Liability Insurance Renewal. The current central policy is with the carrier HCC Public Risk, Georgia, affiliated with Tokio Marine HCC-Public Risk Group. The HCC coverage is the same coverage, with one exception. The deductible on equipment has gone from \$1,000 per claim to \$5,000 per claim to match the deductible on buildings. Dover-Rock premium has been proposed for the policies at \$124,531 annually. This premium is only a 6.6 increase over last year's premium. Dover-Rock ancillary policy is Cyber, and the annual premium is \$2,454 for a total of all policies of \$126,985. GIRMA ancillary policy is with Cyber and the total of all policies is \$124,691. GIRMA policy includes additional coverages and exceed coverage for comparable polices, but Dover-Rock policies do have a couple of coverages that exceeds GIRMA.

Council Member Hodges made a motion to award the Property/Liability Insurance renewal to Dover-Rock second by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

2021 CDBG WAY FORWARD

In order to move forward with the 2021 CDBG applications are due at the end of March 2021. In order to do an application a procurement for a grant administer and possibly an engineer needs to occur well in advance of the application deadline. The CDBG 21 application timeline, and the history of past CDBG projects were provided. The following needs were outlined:

- Housing
- Storm Water Drainage (ditch improvements)
 - From West R.R. St. south of the fire station in a southern direction to city limits
 - From Hollingsworth St. to US 19 an easterly ditch/creek
 - Both run through a flood area in Pelham
- City-wide sewer rehabilitation
 - Continuous of the long running rehabilitation of very aged sewer system throughout the City
- Asbestos water line on Cotton Ave.
 - Replacement of an identified carcinogenetic material in a vital infrastructure connecting the Cotton well with the north water tower.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion for the coming year CDBG 21 be for housing, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Reviewed financial reports of August were presented.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reviewed department reports from August 2020 from the Pelham Police Department, Fire Department, Utility Department, and Code Enforcement.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Subject: City Manager's Report

Week of 14-18 September

Coronavirus

Area	Contracted COVID 19		Died		%	
	Today	Previous Report	Today	Previous Report	Today	Previous Report
Global	29,737,453	28,040,853	937,391	906,092	3.15	3.23
U.S.	6,613,331	6,381,013	196,277	191,353	2.97	3.00
Georgia	300,903	290,781	6,474	6,246	2.15	2.15

Mitchell County	765	744	45	45	5.88	6.05
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- New Governor's order came out on Tuesday, this was sent out via separate correspondence.

Francis Davis Park

- The Georgia Power Legacy project for the park has been approved. The volunteers are scheduled to start Saturday, November 7th.
- We will be coordinating with local groups for additional volunteers!

Murder-Mize Street Housing Area

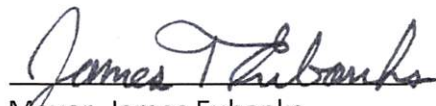
- Deprince Florence, 29, was killed by gunfire at 223 Mize Street, Cochran Homes. Ronald Madeiras, 27, was arrested by U.S. Marshalls on September 12th in the Orlando area and charged with felony murder. This is an ongoing investigation.

CARES Act Funds

- Tuesday evening, the remainder of the current authorized CARES Act funds arrived in our accounts!

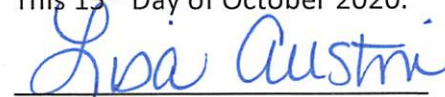
ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **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 7:24 p.m.


 Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 15th Day of October 2020.


 City Clerk, Lisa Austin