

# *The City of Pelham*

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**February 17, 2022 – 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 Cody Shiver  
Council Member Rhonda Brown  
Council Member Bobby Robinson

Interim City Manager, Stephen Collier  
DDA Director, Christian Drake  
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman  
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick  
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin  
Enterprise-Journal, Randy Wind  
DDA Director, Christian Drake

Pelham Superintendent, Floyd Fort

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 Adams made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

#### **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Council Member Shiver made a motion to approve the January 20, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes as distributed, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

#### **REAPPORTIONMENT ORDINANCE**

A proposed district map sent from the State Legislative and Reapportionment Office was presented to the city council. This office uses data provided to the State of Georgia by the U.S. Census Bureau for the purpose of redistricting.

**Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the ordinance reapportioning the election districts in which the members of the governing authority of the City of Pelham are elected,**

**seconded by Council Member Shiver. Two in favor: Council Member Adams, Council Member Shiver, Four opposed: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Davis, Council Member Brown. Motion did not carry.**

### **TAX LEVY RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF PELHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Council Member Shiver made a motion to approve the Tax Levy Resolution for the City of Pelham Board of Education, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

Pelham City Superintendent also explained to the council that beginning July 1, 2022, Pelham will start receiving 52% of the ESPLOT dollars in Mitchell County. That is a 14% increase from what was received in years past.

### **TRAVEL/ TRAINING AND PER DIEM**

**Council Member Brown made a motion to adopt the State Of Georgia Approved Rates for travel expenses, including per diem, seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimous.**

### **PUBLIC EVENTS FOR 2022 CALENDAR YEAR**

**Council Member Robinson made a motion to set a Covid-19 case threshold for having public events at a rolling weekly average of 10 cases a day or lower, seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

### **REPORT FROM CHAMBER**

The Pelham City Council's Chamber of Commerce liaison, Council Member Brown, provided the council with an update from the latest Chamber of Commerce Meeting. Council Member Brown discussed the Chamber's plan for their annual banquet. Council Member Brown also updated the City Council on the Chamber's Executive Director search. They are currently still taking applications for the position. Council Member Brown also let the board know that a few Chamber board positions would be open due to members' terms expiring. The Chamber also discussed the plans for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. Finally, the Chamber addressed a sign that directs people to downtown on Curry St. that needs to be moved because it was not visible. That concluded Council Member Brown's Chamber of Commerce Report.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Council reviewed financial reports of January 2022 that were presented.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Council reviewed department reports from January from the Pelham Police Department, Fire Department, Utility Department, and Code Enforcement.


## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro- Tem Brown recognized Michael Bryant from United States Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.'s office for his help with the Railroad project in Pelham.

Council Member Davis discussed the possibility of having a town hall meeting where the city council can discuss raising taxes/ utility rates with citizens. He believes that being open with the citizens of Pelham about what the City's current financial needs are would make them more receptive to raising rates.

## 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 7:35 p.m.**

  
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Mayor, James T. Eubanks

**AUTHENTICATED:**

This 17th Day of March 2022.

  
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Christian Drake

