

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

November 16, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor, James Eubanks	City Manager, Christian Drake	City Attorney, Tommy Coleman
Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Brown	City Clerk, Lisa Austin	Enterprise-Journal Randy Wind
Council Member Bennett Adams	Assistant Police Chief Rod Williams	
Council Member Rhonda Brown	Fire Chief, Shane Stinson	
Council Member Fredrick Davis	Investigator Adam Lamb	
Council Member Bobby Robinson	Code Enforcement Officer James Timmons	
Council Member Cody Shiver		

Public Attendance:

Ansel Parrish	Holly Phillips	Jerome Vick	Diane Vick	Tucker McCarthy
James Hall	Trudie Ward	Jan Shellnut	James Willis	Chloe Willis
Brandy Willis	Nila Pitts	Carole Johnson	Michael McCarthy	Lisa Beckwith
Kaylee Beckwith	Lauren Beckwith	Nan McPherson	Zachary Hill	Mary Palmer
Christopher Gravbelle	Cameron McCarthy	Jonathon Swatzenruber	Wendy Barton	Chester Shellnutt
LaWayne Moore	John Pitts	Jennifer McCarthy	Melissa Stills	Betsy McPherson
Teresa Robinson	Steve McCarthy	Bruce Williams	Mistry Troutman	Doris Swarn
Dennis Woodard				

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Eubanks opens the Public Hearing at 6:31 p.m. and states the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear citizens' comments regarding the rezoning application of 625 Sapp Avenue from R1 to R2.

Citizens in favor of changing the 625 Sapp Avenue from R1 to R2 to allow mobile homes are:

Wendy Barton of 615 Sapp Avenue SW Pelham, GA.
Holly Phillips of 2661 GA Hwy 37 Camilla, GA.
Melissa Stills of 4279 Mt. Olive Road Pelham, GA.
Bruce Williams of 224 Mill Street SE Pelham, GA.

Jennifer McCarthy 279 Primitive Avenue Pelham, GA.
Jonathan Swartztruder 582 Sapp Avenue Pelham, GA.
LaWayne Moore 1209 U.S. Hwy 19 Meigs, GA.
Teresa Robinson 2115 Old Pelham Road Pelham, GA.
Steve McCarthy 615 Sapp Avenue Pelham, GA.

Citizens opposed to changing 625 Sapp Avenue from R1 to R2 to allow mobile home are:

Ansel Parrish 349 Rawson Circle SW Pelham, GA.
Betsy McPherson 257 Hand Avenue Pelham, GA. Read a letter from Cynthia and David Drury opposing the change.
Chester Shellnutt 201 Rawson Circle Pelham, GA. Also, read a letter from Judy Sherrod opposing the change.
Gary Pitts 200 Rawson Circle SW Pelham, GA.

Mayor Eubanks closed the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m. and reconvened the regular scheduled council meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

COUNCIL MEETIN MINUTES

Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 19, 2023, the Special Called Meeting of October 26, 2023, and the Work Session of November 9, 2023, as presented **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimously approved.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The council reviewed the department reports that were presented.

REZONING APPLICATION-625 SAPP AVE

A rezoning application was submitted for 625 Sapp Avenue to rezone the property from R-1(Single Family Residential District) to R-2(One, Two Family Residential District). The Regional Commission recommended that the application be denied due to adverse impacts to the surrounding properties that could take place if the application was approved. The Pelham Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider the application, where they voted to recommend denial of the application. The vote was unanimous. Their reasoning for the denial is that rezoning the property would allow for a wider range of uses that may not align with the current character of the neighborhood and could negatively impact surrounding properties.

Council Member Davis made a motion to approve the rezoning request for 635 Sapp Avenue from a R1 to R2, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was three votes in favor of the motion and three votes opposed of the motion. In favor of the motion included Council Member Davis, Council Member Brown, and Council Member Robinson. Opposed to the motion included Council Member Adams, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, and Council Member Shiver. With a tied vote Mayor Eubanks broke the tie denying the rezoning application from R1 to R2 for 625 Sapp Ave. The motion will not carry.

FY23 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The council was presented with a table outlining the amendments that need to be made to the final totals of the fiscal year 2023 budget.

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the budget amendments for FY23, seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimously approved.

ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR 2024

The council was provided a list of alcohol licenses for approval for the 2024 license renewal for alcohol.

Council Member Shiver made a motion to approve the alcohol license renewal for 2024 business license that was presented, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimously approved.

CITY HALL ROOF RFP

The City of Pelham published a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking qualified contractors to submit proposals for the roof repair of Pelham City Hall located at 108 Hand Ave. W. Pelham, GA. 31779. As per our purchasing policy, the RFP was opened for 14 days and published in our local paper, the Georgia Procurement Registry, and the City of Pelham website. The following were the sealed bids that were received:

- David Taylor Construction bid amount \$41,310.00 facia estimate \$6,957.40 for a total amount of \$48,267.40.
- Trust Roofing bid amount \$43,500.00 no facia estimate was included total amount of bid \$43,500.00.
- Findlay Roofing bid amount \$58,383.45 facia estimate \$15,048.42 for a total amount of \$73,431.87.
- Lee H. Williams Construction bid amount \$65,267.44 no facia estimate was included total amount of bid \$65,267.44.

Council Member Brown made a motion to award the RFP to David Taylor Construction with a total bid amount of \$48,267.40 which includes \$6,957.40 for facia, **seconded by Council Member Adams. The vote was unanimously approved.**

EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS BONUS

The city council discussed the approval of the distribution of employee bonuses to our dedicated department heads and employees in recognition of their hard work and commitment throughout the year. The proposed budget amendment for employee Christmas bonuses is \$25,000.00 Mayor Eubanks stated he would like to amend the proposed budget amount to \$26,500.00 to include the city manager of getting the Christmas bonus as well.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve the budget amendment of \$26,500.00 for employee Christmas bonus to be paid as one week of pay for fulltime employees, **seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimously approved.**

GEFA LEAD GRANT

The City has been awarded a grant from GEFA to assist with the Lead Copper rule compliance. The scope of the work will be completed with the awarded funds provided to the council.

Council Member Adams made a motion to adopt a Resolution DWLSL2022 to authorize the mayor and/or city manager to borrow \$105,000.00 from Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, administered by Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance a portion of the costs of acquiring, constructing, and installing the environmental facilities described in Exhibit A to the hereinafter defined Logan Agreement between the borrow and the lender, **seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.**

POLICE VEHICLE

Council Member Brown made a motion to purchase a Ford Interceptor in the amount \$46,400.00 from Brannen Ford in Unadilla, GA. and the funds come from the SPLOST Fund, **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.**

CITY OF CIVILITY

A resolution for “Pledging to practice and promote civility in the City of Pelham, was presented. The members of the Council will sign the resolution, pledging to promote an environment that is respectful and professional for all colleagues, staff, and members of the public.

Council Member Robinson made a motion to adopt the Resolution pledging to practice and promote civility in the City of Pelham, **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.**

ADJOURN

Council Member Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m., seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 16th day of November 2023



City Clerk, Lisa Austin



