

*The City of Pelham*  
**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION**  
**June 8, 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 Bobby Robinson  
Council Member Cody Shiver  
City Manager, Christian Drake  
City Clerk, Lisa Austin  
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick

Fire Chief, Shane Stinson  
Investigator Adam Lamb  
Main Street Director, Cameron Harris  
Utility Clerk, Jasmine Riddle  
Doris Swarn  
Edward Wilcox  
Teresa Jones  
Teresa Robinson  
Marrakesh West  
Zariah Green

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Charles Brimberry  
B. Keith Jones  
Greg Icard  
Howard McKinnon  
Anthony Bebe  
Kenneth Brown

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Council Member Davis provided the opening prayer.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

**REQUEST TO APPEAR-TERESA ROBINSON**

Ms. Teresa Robinson appeared before the Council to address issues regarding the utility rate increases that will go into effect July 1, 2023, and raises for city employees.

**REQUEST TO APPEAR-JUSTIN ANDERSON**

Mr. Justin Anderson did not attend the meeting.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A review of all department reports. City Manager Drake highlighted two public works projects that have been completed: Corrected a safety hazard at Collingsworth Park regarding the playground equipment and used the milling received from the road paving project recently completed on Everett Alley. City Manager Drake also discussed the receipt of a full-time fire fighter application, the first in several years, within one month of the fire department moving to the 24/48 shift.

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for approval: May 18, 2023 Regular Council Meeting  
June 8, 2023 Work Session

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

### FY24 BUDGET

City Manager Drake went over the proposed FY24 budget.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**

### PURCHASING POLICY

City Manager Drake presented a new purchasing and accounts payable policy. He is recommending the Council adopt the new policy.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

### AMB PRESENTATION

Mr. Greg Icard appeared before the Council to discuss the next step for the City regarding the energy solutions ABM has found and presented to the Council.

### ARPA OBLIGATIONS

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the obligation of the rest of the City's ARPA funds totaling \$608,900.23. The suggested obligations are: \$200,000 to transfer into the General fund, \$200,000 for City facilities, and \$208,900.23 for infrastructure improvements.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

### JESTES PROGRAM


Mr. B. Keith Jones appeared before the Council to discuss the organization Juvenile Empowerment Strategies to Enhance Success (JESTES), a youth violence prevention program. He gave an overview of the program.

**MAIN STREET PROGRAM MOVIE NIGHT ROAD CLOSURE**

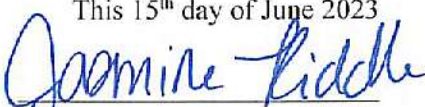
City Manager Drake the possible road closure of a portion of Mathewson Ave for the Main Street Movie Night that will be held June 9, 2023 starting at 8:30 pm. The Council could not vote on the subject but suggested that the road not be closed and that there be an increased police presence during the event.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

  
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Mayor, James T. Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023  
  
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Jasmine Riddle

