

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION

September 14, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor, James Eubanks	City Manager, Christian Drake	Patti Adams
Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Brown	Police Chief, Nealie McCormick	Doris Swann
Council Member Bennett Adams	Main Street Director, Cameron Harris	
Council Member Fredrick Davis	Utility Clerk, Jasmine Riddle	
Council Member Rhonda Brown	Randy Wind, Enterprise-Journal	
Council Member Cody Shiver	Janet Haro	

****Absent from the meeting was Council Member Robinson. ****

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mrs. Patti Adams, Chairman of the Pelham Board of Education, invited the Council to the community workshop that will be held at the elementary school on September 18th at 6:30p.m.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A review of all department reports. City Manager Drake highlighted the Project Search program that has been housed in City Hall. He also spoke on the school system receiving funding to allow for a school resource officer who will cover all three schools. City Manager Drake also highlighted the municipal court system receiving a 100% efficiency rating from the state. Mayor Eubanks asked to publicly recognize the municipal court employees at the next Council Meeting.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes for approval: August 17, 2023 Council Meeting
September 14, 2023 Work Session

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

SET TAX MILEAGE FOR 2023

City Manager Drake is recommending the City maintain the current millage rate at 17. Maintaining this rate would generate approximately \$134,000.00 that would cover half of the funds needed for the necessary fire department positions needing to be filled to maintain the City's current ISO.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

TAX COLLECTION CONTRACT

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the City renewing the annual contract to allow Mitchell County to continue to bill and collect the City's ad valorem tax.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

INVENTORY TAX EXEMPTION

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council adopt a resolution to reaffirm the adoption of inventory tax exemption that was passed on November 7, 1978.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

ALCOHOL REQUEST-CHUY'S BAR & GRILL

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the alcohol request for Chuy's Anniversary event that will be held on October 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The request is to allow for their customers to be able to take their alcohol purchased from Chuy's outside in the event area. The event area will be on Mathewson Ave from the intersection of Blythe to the intersection of McLaughlin and the parking lot across the street from Chuy's.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

ROAD CLOSURE-HOMECOMING PARADE

The Pelham City Charter School System is requesting a road closure for the Homecoming Parade that will take place on September 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. They are requesting the road closure be in effect from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The parade will follow the same route that is used for the Christmas parade. City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the road closure.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

ROAD CLOSURE-CHUY'S ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Chuy's Grill & Bar is requesting a road closure for their anniversary event that will take place on October 21, 2023. The road they are requesting to be closed is Mathewson Ave from the intersection of Blythe to the intersection of McLaughlin. City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the road closure.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

ROAD CLOSURE-TRUNK OR TREAT

Pelham Chamber of Commerce and Chuy's Bar & Grill will be hosting a Trunk or Treat on October 28, 2023n from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. They are requesting a road closure from the intersection of Mathewson Ave and Church St to the intersection of Mathewson Ave and McLaughlin St. City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the road closure.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

ARTS & HERITAGE COUNCIL

MainStreet/DDA Director Haris is requesting the Arts & Heritage Council be made a sub-committee of MainStreet. Council Member Adams suggested the Council tour the museum before voting on this matter. The Council made plans to tour the museum the following Tuesday.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

YOUTH PROGRAM TO UTILIZE THE DCC

Our Village, a youth program founded by Council Members Rhonda Brown and Fredrick Davis, and Ms. Doris Swarn is requesting that the City allow them the use of the Donnie Cochran Community Center to host their program. To start, the program will meet once a month. The Council did not see any reason as to why the program would not be able to utilize the building. However, Mayor Pro Tem Brown did raise concerns about the program utilizing the football field, citing safety issues.

DEEDING INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPERTY TO DDA

The Council discussed deeding industrial park property to the DDA. The property is directly behind the old Farmer's Market and is a total of three parcels. The DDA has more options to market the property and currently has interested parties.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

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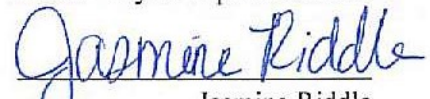
Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:56 p.m.



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 26th day of September 2023



Jasmine Riddle



