

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

December 19, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor, James Eubanks
Mayor Pro-Tem, Rhonda Brown
Council Member, Fredrick Davis
Council Member, Bobby Robinson
Council Member, Mistry Troutman

City Manager, Christian Drake
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
Attorney, Joel Wright
Police Chief Nealie McCormick
Asst. Chief, Rod Williams
DDA/Main Street Director, Cameron Harris
Police Officer, Richard Taylor
Enterprise/Journal, Randy Wind
Janet Haro
Jesus Haro

****Absent from meeting Council Member Bennett Adams and Council Member Cody Shiver****

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Robinson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimously approved.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2024, and the Work Session Minutes for December 12, 2024, as distributed, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Eubanks presented Officer Richard Taylor with the employee of the year award for the Pelham Police Department.

Police Chief McCormick noted he appreciates the dedication, and compassion that Officer Taylor shows as a police officer to the citizens of Pelham.

Attorney Joel Wright gave a presentation on House Bill 581. This legislation authorizes a statewide floating homestead exemption for all local governments including an opt-out provision, and revises the tax estimate, three-year lock, sales ratio study, and settlement conference statutes. It also simplifies the local sales tax cap and creates a new type of local sales tax for property tax relief.

ANNUAL CALENDAR

The 2025 annual calendar was presented to the council. The calendar outlines the dates of the work session and council meetings scheduled for 2025. The calendar will remain consistent with the second and third Thursday of each month for council meetings. The holiday calendar models the 2024 calendar apart from the removal of Columbus/Indigenous People's Day.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve the 2025 annual calendar, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimously approved.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The 2025 board appointments were presented. The council representation will remain the same for 2025. They are two new appointments for the Pelham Downtown Development Authority/Pelham Development Authority with their terms of office.

Council Representation:

Main Street: Council Member Mistry Troutman

DDA/PDA: Mayor James Eubanks

Chamber of Commerce: Mayor Pro-Tem Rhonda Brown

Recreation Board: Council Member Fredrick Davis

Pelham Downtown Development Authority/Pelham Development Authority

Janet Haro (2025-2031)

Jeremy Hege (2025-2031)

Council Member Davis made a motion to approve the board appointments as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.

ELECTION ORDINANCE

The election ordinance is required to fix and publish the qualifying fees for offices subject to the election in the year of 2025. The election will be held on Tuesday next to the following first Monday in November in the year 2025. The qualifying fee for City Council District 1 and District 11 shall be \$72.00 and the qualifying fee for School Board District 1 and District 11 shall be \$36.00.

Council Member Davis made a motion to adopt the Election Ordinance and dispense with the second reading, seconded by Council Member Troutman. The vote was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN


Council Member Robinson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:13 p.m.



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 16th day of January 2025



City Clerk, Lisa Austin