

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

May 16, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks	City Attorney, Tommy Coleman
Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Brown	Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Council Member Bennett Adams	Fire Chief, Shane Stinson
Council Member Fredrick Davis	Enterprise-Journal, Randy Wind
Council Member Bobby Robinson	DDA/Main Street Director, Cameron Harris
Council Member Cody Shiver	Tommy Jackson
Council Member Mistry Troutman	Bridgette Machuca
City Manager, Christian Drake	Kassandra Machuca
City Clerk, Lisa Austin	Pelham Investigator, Adam Lamb
	Bharat Patel
	Tonya Johnson
	Janet Haro
	Teresa Robinson

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Council Member Troutman provided the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the agenda as distributed, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.

GA CITIES WEEK WINNER PRESENTATION

Georgia Cities Week is an annual celebration sponsored by the Georgia Municipal Association for 25 years. It is a time to honor community achievements, spotlight city government services, share information about the valuable services cities provide to residents, including an inside look into city operations and how cities positively impact their quality of life. This year as part of Georgia Cities Week the City of Pelham organized various activities, including a special event where several of our department heads conducted mock interviews at the high school. They interviewed approximately 60 of the business students, using real job descriptions from Pelham City Hall. This year first place winner received a \$100 gift card, and the second-place winner

received a \$25 gift card. Mayor Eubanks along with DDA Main Street Director Cameron Harris presented the following awards:

1st place winner- Bridgette Machuca

2nd place winner-Nightha Patel

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Davis made a motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2024, and Work Session minutes for May 9, 2024, as presented, **seconded by Council Member Adams. The vote was unanimous.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Manager Drake shared with the City Council an award received from the Gas Authority for the 2023 Natural Gas Enterprise Growth & Development Award. The City of Pelham was recognized for a special project initiative for the work done at Southern Gin Project.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A review of the financial report.

EVENT ORDINANCE

The event ordinance is an ordinance of the City of Pelham, Georgia regulating the rental or use of properties for events; as herein defined; providing for regulatory supervision; providing for conduct of events; regulating the dispensing and consumption of alcohol at events; providing license and regulatory fees; and for other purposes.

Council Member Shiver made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-5-16-1 regulating the rental or use of properties for events, providing regulatory supervision; providing for conduct of events; regulating the dispensing and consumption of alcohol at events; and providing license and regulatory fees and dispense with the 2nd reading, **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.**

STITCHES CONTRACT

This is an annual contract between Stitches for Mitchell County, Inc. referred to as Stitches and the City of Pelham for the purpose of acquiring, establishing, maintaining and operating a shelter for animals, and providing animal control services related. The contract will be for a one-year term beginning August 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. The monthly sum of \$1,270.00 shall be paid monthly. Either party may terminate this agreement for any reason by giving the other party a sixty-day written notice.

Council Member Adams made a motion to renew the contract with Stitches for Mitchell County for the purpose of acquiring, establishing, maintaining and operating a shelter for animals, and providing animal control related services, **seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimously approved.**

GEORGIA PINES CONTRACT

This is a lease agreement made and entered into on July 1, 2024, by and between The City of Pelham and Georgia Pines Community Service Board for approximately 8,746 square foot of office space located at 333 Pride Street in Pelham, Georgia. The rental rate is \$4,794.00 per month.

Council Member Davis made a motion to renew the lease agreement between the City of Pelham and Georgia Pines Community Service Board to lease the southern portion of the office building at 333 Pride Street for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, **seconded by Council Member Troutman. The vote was unanimously approved.**

PELHAM MAIN STREET/DDA RESTRUCTURING

A recommendation from Pelham Main Street and DDA for the approval to restructure the economic development entities of the City. The dissolving of Pelham Main Street, Inc. would allow for the opportunity to establish a new entity or restructure existing mechanisms better suited to addressing the current needs and aspirations of the community. This would pave the way for exploring alternative strategies and models for downtown revitalization that are more responsive to the evolving needs of Pelham residents and businesses.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion for the restructuring of the Pelham Main Street Program and the Downtown Development Authority as recommended by staff, **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimously approved.**

ALCOHOL LICENSE REQUEST-250 W. RAILROAD STREET

The Family Dollar/Dollar Tree Store located at 250 W. Railroad Street is requesting an alcohol license for beer and wine package only. A background records check was conducted on Marcia D. Holland for the purpose of beer package only and wine package only license in accordance with City Ordinance. No record was found to disqualify the applicant, and approval of licenses is recommended from the Chief of Police.

Council Member Shiver made a motion to approve the alcohol license request at 250 W. Railroad Street for the purpose of beer package only and wine package only license, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.

CHAMBER ALCOHOL REQUEST SLICE OF SUMMER

The Pelham Chamber of Commerce is requesting permission for vendors to serve alcohol at this year's Slice of Summer event. To ensure the safety of event attendees all alcohol served at the event must be served in identical, see-through cups, and vendors must use identical wristbands to distinguish that alcohol was purchased from one of the designated vendors. All vendors that intend on selling alcohol must have a current business license with the City of Pelham, as well as the proper state license or permit to serve alcohol off premises. The Slice of Summer event will be June 29th from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Council Member Adams made a motion to allow for the sell and consumption of alcohol within the designated event area at the Pelham Chamber of Commerce's Slice of Summer Event, **seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimously approved.**

ROAD CLOSURE-SLICE OF SUMMER

The Chamber of Commerce is requesting that a portion of Mathewson Avenue from the intersection of East Railroad Street (Old GA 3) to the intersection of West Railroad Street be blocked off from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for the Slice of Summer Event.

Council Member Davis made a motion to close Mathewson Avenue from the intersection of East Railroad Street to the intersection of West Railroad Street from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on June 29, 2024, for the Pelham Chamber of Commerce's Slice of Summer Event, **seconded by Council Member Troutman. The vote was unanimously approved.**

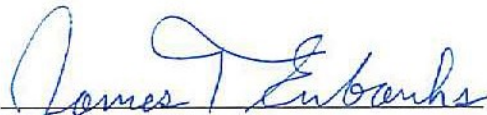
PUBLIC SPACE ORDINANCE

This is a Resolution establishing office areas in the City of Pelham buildings as private; authorizing the city manager to designate certain areas of public buildings where unauthorized persons are prohibited; authorizing the city manager to establish public areas within the city buildings; repealing all resolutions in conflict herewith; and for other purposes.

Council Member Davis made a motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2024-5-16-2 establishing office areas in the City of Pelham buildings as private; authorizing the city manager to designate certain areas of public buildings where unauthorized persons are prohibited, **seconded by Council Member Troutman. The vote was unanimously approved.**

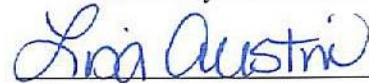
ADJOURN

Council Member Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimously approved. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:04 p.m.


Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 20th day of June 2024


City Clerk, Lisa Austin