

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION

October 10, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Brown
Council Member Bennett Adams
Council Member Fredrick Davis
Council Member Bobby Robinson
Council Member Cody Shiver

City Manager, Christian Drake
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Asst. Police Chief Rod Williams
Investigator, Adam Lamb
DDA/Main Street Director, Cameron Harris
Enterprise Journal, Randy Wind
Danny Ashley
Barbara Shelton
Dr. Keith Jones

Absent from the meeting were Mayor, James Eubanks, and Council Member Mistry Troutman

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro Tem Brown called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Danny Ashley commended the city for the efforts of the storm clean up from Hurricane Helene. Danny recommended the city develop a list of citizens with heavy equipment who can be called into action to assist in storm recovery work in an emergency. Also, gave recommendations of things that could be changed before the next storm occurs.

Barbara Shelton addressed the council about concerns of grass growing out of control on private property from Malaga Street to Vine Street next to the Old Highway 3. She also expressed concerns about blight properties in District 1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for approval: August 15, 2024, Council Meeting
September 12, 2024, Work Session
September 26, 2024, Council Meeting
October 10, 2024, Work Session

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A review of all department reports.

Dr. Keith Jones addressed the council and spoke about the Change Program he is working on with the City of Pelham Police Department. Also, to form a committee to target gang activity in each city of Mitchell County.

FINANCIAL REPORT

City Manager Christian Drake gave a review of the financial report.

MENTAL HEALTH CO-RESPONDER PROCLAMATION

September 15-23 is National Mental Health Co-Responder Week. This proclamation recognizes the importance of the week and expresses our appreciation for our local mental health co-responders. It also reaffirms our ongoing commitment to addressing mental health and substance abuse challenges in our community.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

ETHICS BOARD

The Board of Ethics of the City shall consist of three (3) residents of the City, one appointed by the mayor, one appointed by the city council, and the third appointed by the mayor and approved by a majority of the city council.

The nominees are as follows:

Mayor Nomination: Leslie Lamb

Mayor with Council Approval: Randall Chew

Council Nomination: Alfred Brown, Bruce Williams

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 34 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF PELHAM ENTITLED "CIVIL EMERGENCIES"; ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 34 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF PELHAM ENTITLED "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES" TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE TO THE EMERGENCY

MANAGEMENT FOR THE CITY OF PELHAM; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

FY24 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The FY24 Budget Amendments were provided to the council for approval. The budget amendments are being presented in order to bring the FY2024 General Fund into compliance.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

PICKLEBALL COURTS

DDA/Main Street Director addressed the council to recommend the installation of two pickleball courts at Frances Davis Park. This project will utilize one of the pre-existing concrete pads currently used for basketball. The total cost of the project is \$34,300.00, and it will involve resurfacing the concrete pad to meet pickleball court standards. After evaluating multiple vendors, I recommend awarding the project to Premier Surface Solutions from Tallahassee, Florida Premier Surface Solutions provided the most competitive pricing compared to other vendors, including FlexCourt, Lewis Concrete, and Innovative Sport Surfacing.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.


ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Brown declared the meeting closed at 7:54 p.m.


Mayor Pro Tem Brown

AUTHENTICATED:

This 17th day of October 2024


City Clerk, Lisa Austin