

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

September 18, 2025 – 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
Council Member Mistry Troutman
City Manager, Christian Drake

City Attorney, Tommy Coleman
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
Investigator, Adam Lamb
Enterprise-Journal, Dawn Clark

*****Absent from the meeting was Mayor Eubanks and Council Member Robinson*****

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro Tem Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening prayer provided by Council Member Davis.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Davis made a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to remove the action item for the SEAS Community Partners, **seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimous.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Shiver made a motion to approve August 21, 2025, Council Meeting and September 11, 2025, Work Session minutes as presented, **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A review of all department reports. City Manager Drake reminded the Council of the upcoming city-wide clean up that will start October 13th. He also reminded the Council of the Foam Party hosted by Main Street that would take place on September 20 in Freedom Park. He stated that there could be a decrease in tax due to the city if the millage remains the same. Finally, after several members of the Council stated that they would not be able to attend the October 9th Work Session as scheduled, it was decided to move the Work Session to Wednesday, October 8th.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A review of the financial report.

ROAD CLOSURE-BREAST CANCER AWARENESS 5K

Pelham Main Street will be hosting a Breast Cancer Awareness 5K on October 11, 2025. City Manager Drake presented the proposed route.

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the road closure for the 5k as presented on the map, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.

ROAD CLOSURE-TRUNK OR TREAT

Chuy's Grill & Bar will be hosting their annual Trunk or Treat on November 1, 2025. They are requesting Mathewson Ave be closed from the intersection of Church St. to the intersection of McLaughlin St from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Council Member Shiver made a motion to approve the road closure for the Trunk or Treat, seconded by Council member Adams. The vote was unanimous.

TRICK OR TREAT 2025

City Manager Drake is requesting the Council set the City's official Trick or Treating date and time for October 30, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. This is due to the Pelham High School Senior Night taking place on October 31, 2025. City Manager Drake stated the City's Public Safety departments would not be able to handle both events on the same day.

Council Member Shiver made a motion to approve setting citywide Trick or Treat for October 30th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., seconded by Council Member Adams. The vote was unanimous.

FY BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

City Manager Drake presented the required FY25 Budget Adjustments that need to be made to account for expenditures made to make the City's overall budget balance in accordance with standard practice and audit compliance requirements.

Council Member Troutman made a motion to approve the proposed FY25 Budget Adjustments, seconded by Council member Davis. The vote was unanimous.

GEORGIA OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

City Manager Drake presented information regarding the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program. This program would allow the city to apply for funding that would be used to construct a new playground at Twitty Park. He stated the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission has agreed to write the grant application at no cost to the city.

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve pursuing a grant application under the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program and authorize the mayor to provide a letter of support on behalf of the city, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.

AUDIT SERVICES

City Manager Drake presented the proposals received for the City's audit services. Three firms submitted proposals:

- CKH CPAs and Advisors, LLC: \$25,000
- Francis Business Consulting LLC: \$28,500
- Mauldin & Jenkins CPAs & Advisors: \$32,000

Council Member Troutman made a motion to award the audit RFP to CKH CPAs and Advisors, LLC for \$25,000, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

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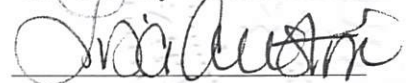
Council Member Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Troutman. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Pro Tem Brown declared the meeting closed at 7:04 p.m.



Mayor Pro Tem, Rhonda Brown

AUTHENTICATED:

This 16th day of October 2025



City Clerk, Lisa Austin