

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

February 20, 2025 –6:00p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks
Mayor Pro-Tem Rhonda Brown
Council Member Bennett Adams
Council Member Cody Shiver

City Manager, Christian Drake
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
DDA/Main Street Director, Cameron Harris
Enterprise/Journal Randy Wind
City Attorney Tommy Coleman

****Absent from the Public Hearing are Council Member Fredrick Davis, Council Member Bobby Robinson, and Council Member Mistry Troutman****

Mayor Eubanks called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Eubanks stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the Intent to opt Out of HB581-Floating Homestead Exemption.

City Manager Drake presented a power point detailing the purpose of HB 581, and the process of opting out, and why the city intended to opt out. HB581 was passed in the 2024 General Session. Constitution Amendment voted on and passed in November 2024. No action could be taken on this until January 1, 2025. A 60-day timeline for decisions and March 1, 2025, is the deadline to opt out of HB581. Local legislation could be introduced to enact a local Homestead Exemption on top of the current Homestead Exemption (\$2,000). Also, it gives local control and allows for more thorough evaluation of how this affects the local tax structure.

No citizens were present at the meeting.

The public hearing was declared closed 6:05 by Mayor Eubanks.