

THE CITY OF
PELHAM, ALABAMA

COUNCIL MEETING

**Pelham Senior Center
August 2, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Proper notice of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Pelham City Council was given in advance of such public meeting and the notice remained posted throughout the scheduled meeting.

Date: August 2, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Pelham Senior Center
Present: Councilmember David Coram
Councilmember Larry Palmer
Councilmember Rick Wash
Councilmember Mildred Lanier
Mayor Gary Waters

Not Present: Council President Maurice Mercer

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Pro Tempore Coram called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Lanier led tonight's invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Palmer.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The city clerk/treasurer recorded all elected officials, with the exception of Council President Mercer, were in attendance and a quorum was present. City Manager Gretchen DiFante and City Attorney Josh Arnold were also in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

A consent agenda is presented by the Council President Pro Tempore at the beginning of a council meeting. Items on the consent agenda are considered routine and non-controversial, are organized apart from the rest of the agenda and are adopted by general consent without debate. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any one member. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda is approved or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the Council President and City Council.

1. Approval of the August 2, 2021 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the July 19, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of non-budgeted expenses from restricted fund account(s): None

Hearing no objections, Council President Pro Tempore Coram declared the consent agenda approved as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARING(S) – None

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Waters thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers following the recent death of his father, Herbert Waters.

PROCLAMATION(S) BY THE MAYOR – None

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager DiFante made the following report to the city council:

- Provided information to the city council regarding the replacement of street lights. Stated Phase 1, the replacement of street lights in the city’s residential areas, should be completed in 60-90 days. She said Phase 2 is the replacement of city and Alabama Power Company owned street lights along U.S. Highway 31.

REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY – None

REQUEST(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – None

OLD BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 508** for consideration to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way (ROW) located along Amphitheater Road and more particularly described in the legal description of said ROW was reintroduced by Council President Pro Tempore Coram. The First Reading was on July 19, 2021.

He stated a complete text of Ordinance No. 508 is available at Pelham City Hall and online at www.pelhamalabama.gov.

Councilmember Palmer moved to adopt Ordinance No. 508 and Councilmember Lanier seconded the motion.

Council President Pro Tempore Coram asked the city clerk/treasurer for a roll call vote. The vote to adopt said Ordinance was recorded as follows:

Maurice Mercer, Council President	<u>Not Present</u>
David Coram, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Larry Palmer, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Rick Wash, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Mildred Lanier, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 508 passed unanimously by a roll call vote of those members present and the council president pro tempore declared the same passed and adopted.

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Resolution 2021-08-02-01** for consideration to approve the expending of a portion of the Commercial Development Authority’s monthly lodging tax revenues to support the salary of the City of Pelham’s Director of Economic Development was introduced by Council President Pro Tempore Coram.

Councilmember Wash moved to adopt Resolution 2021-08-02-01 and Councilmember Palmer seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-08-02-01 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the council president pro tempore declared the same passed and adopted.

2. **Resolution 2021-08-02-02** for consideration to authorize the Mayor to negotiate for the purchase of 11.082 acres (+-) of undeveloped land was introduced by Council President Pro Tempore Coram.

Councilmember Lanier moved to adopt Resolution 2021-08-02-02 and Councilmember Wash seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-08-02-02 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the council president pro tempore declared the same passed and adopted.

3. **Resolution 2021-08-02-03** for consideration to authorize the City Manager to terminate the contract with Advanced Disposal/Waste Management before the end of the contract term effective January 1, 2022 was introduced by Council President Pro Tempore Coram.

Councilmember Palmer moved to adopt Resolution 2021-08-02-03 and Councilmember Lanier seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-08-02-03 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the council president pro tempore declared the same passed and adopted.

4. **Resolution 2021-08-02-04** for consideration to enter into a professional services agreement with Jackson Renfro and Associates to provide engineering design, support and specifications for upgrading the security cameras at the Pelham Police & Court Building was introduced by Council President Pro Tempore Coram.

Councilmember Palmer moved to adopt Resolution 2021-08-02-04 and Councilmember Wash seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-08-02-04 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the council president pro tempore declared the same passed and adopted.

5. **Resolution 2021-08-02-05** for consideration to accept the lowest responsible bid from A.T. Mechanical for replacement of HVAC equipment at the Pelham Police & Court Building was introduced by Council President Pro Tempore Coram.

Councilmember Wash moved to adopt Resolution 2021-08-02-05 and Councilmember Palmer seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-08-02-05 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the council president pro tempore declared the same passed and adopted.

6. **Resolution 2021-08-02-06** for consideration to approve a public works contract with Hulon Construction for security improvements to the Warrant Office room in the Pelham Police & Court Building was introduced by Council President Pro Tempore Coram.

Councilmember Wash moved to adopt Resolution 2021-08-02-06 and Councilmember Palmer seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-08-02-06 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the council president pro tempore declared the same passed and adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Individuals wishing to address the City Council may after being recognized approach the podium and state their name and address prior to making their comments in a respectful manner.

Phillip Romei, 3110 Cummings Street, Pelham, Alabama, addressed the city council regarding the flooding problems in the area.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lanier asked the mayor and city manager to look into the flooding issues along Cummings Street. She made announcements regarding the Pelham City Schools Foundation and the Community Associations Institute's (CAI) forthcoming training sessions.

Council President Pro Tempore Coram noted his absence from the July 19, 2021 city council meeting due to his serving on a mission trip to Uganda.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The city council will hold budget work sessions to discuss the FY2022 city budgets at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena on August 4th, August 5th at 4:30 p.m., August 6th at 2:00 p.m. and August 9th at 3:30 p.m. All work sessions are open to the public but is not a public hearing.
2. A public hearing will be held on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pelham Senior Center to consider a request by Grants Mill, LLC to rezone 4.64 acres of vacant property located along Huntley Parkway, Pelham, Alabama 35124

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the council, Councilmember Wash moved to adjourn the council meeting and Councilmember Lanier seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously by those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of August 2021,



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



David Coram, President Pro Tempore of the Council

