

CITY OF PELHAM WATER DEPARTMENT

Pelham City Hall – Council Conference Room

June 20, 2023

MINUTES

Proper notice of the meeting of the Pelham City Water Department was given at least 72 hours in advance of such public meeting and the notice remained posted throughout the scheduled meeting.

Members of the Pelham Water Department met on June 20, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at Pelham City Hall. The meeting was open to the public.

Call to Order

The Pelham Water Department meeting was called to order by Council President Mercer at 4:00 p.m. The city clerk/treasurer announced the following members of the Department were present:

Present: Councilmember Maurice Mercer
Councilmember David Coram
Councilmember Chad Leverett
Councilmember Rick Wash
Mayor/Superintendent Mayor Gary Waters

Not Present: Councilmember Mildred Lanier

Media Present: None

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Coram moved to approve the April 17, 2023 Water Department Minutes and Councilmember Wash seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote of those members present.

Old Business

Discussion – Lawrence Neuhoff Request

Director of Development Services & Public Works Andre` Bittas provided background information on Lawrence Neuhoff's water leak and his request for a refund. He said Mr. Neuhoff's leak occurred over a number of months beginning in 2020. He explained the Water Department is following the approved refund policy regarding leaks and repairs. Mr. Bittas stated he does not recommend a refund to Mr. Neuhoff.

A motion was made by Councilmember Coram to deny Mr. Neuhoff's request for a refund. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wash. Councilmember Wash asked Mr. Bittas to provide Mr. Neuhoff a complete explanation for the reason his request is being denied. Council President Mercer concurred with Councilmember Wash's request. Said motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members present.

New Business

1. Discussion – Kyle Cotton

Director of Development Services & Public Works Andre` Bittas stated Mr. Cotton is not asking for a leak adjustment since he did not meet the refund requirements. Mr. Bittas explained Mr. Cotton will be receiving a higher sewer bill due to the water leak beginning in July. Mr. Bittas asked for permission from the Water Department to allow him to adjust Mr. Cotton's sewer rate to reflect normal use. A motion was made by Councilmember Leverett to reset Mr. Cotton's sewer rate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Coram. Said motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members present.

2. Discussion – National League of Cities (NLC) Service Line Warranty Program


Council President Mercer discussed a service line warranty program sponsored by the National League of Cities. He noted learning about the program while attending the NLC Conference in Washington, D.C. in March. Dantario Dansby, HomeServe USA Southern Region Representative for Business Development, joined the meeting by Zoom, regarding the Service Line Warranty Program offered by the National League of Cities. Mr. Dansby addressed the members of the Water Department and explained the cost and benefits of the program. A period of questions and answers followed from those attending the meeting.

It was the consensus of those in attendance to schedule the next Water Department meeting on July 10, 2023 if the requested information is received in a timely manner from HomeServe USA.


Adjournment

With no other business before the Pelham Water Department, Councilmember Wash moved to adjourn the Water Department meeting and Councilmember Coram seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of June 2023.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

