

THE CITY OF PELHAM, ALABAMA

COUNCIL MEETING
Pelham Senior Center
December 20, 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: December 20, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Pelham Senior Center
Present: Council President Maurice Mercer
Councilmember David Coram
Councilmember Larry Palmer
Councilmember Rick Wash
Councilmember Mildred Lanier
Mayor Gary Waters

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Mercer called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m. Pastor Tye Johnson, Day Spring Church of Pelham, led tonight's invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Palmer.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The city clerk/treasurer recorded all elected officials were in attendance and a quorum was present. City Manager Gretchen DiFante and City Attorney Josh Arnold were in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

A consent agenda is presented by the Council President at the beginning of a council meeting. Items presented on the consent agenda are considered routine and/or non-controversial, are organized apart from the rest of the agenda and are adopted by general consent and vote by the city council without debate. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any one member. Removed items may be considered 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 December 20, 2021 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the December 6, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of non-budgeted expenses from restricted fund account(s): None
4. **Resolution 2021-12-20-01** for consideration to approve a request by Dish Wireless for a special use permit to install their equipment on an existing facility located at 2000 Bearden Road
5. **Resolution 2021-12-20-02** for consideration to approve a request by Dish Wireless for a special use permit to install their equipment on an existing facility located at 5010 Oak Mountain Lane
6. **Resolution 2021-12-20-03** for consideration to approve the renewal of a rental agreement with Stelie, LLC for 401 Southgate Drive (Pelham City Hall)
7. **Resolution 2021-12-20-04** for consideration to approve a contract with the Cahaba Solid Waste Disposal Authority/AmWaste for residential garbage service
8. **Resolution 2021-12-20-05** authorizing a public works project for building repairs caused by water leaks at the Pelham Tennis Center

9. **Resolution 2021-12-20-06** approving a summary change order reflecting additional work performed related to water leaks at the Pelham Tennis Center
10. **Resolution 2021-12-20-07** for consideration to amend (increase) the FY2022 Parks & Recreation Department Budget for building repairs to the Pelham Tennis Center
11. **Resolution 2021-12-20-08** for consideration to amend (increase) the FY2022 Fire Department Budget for emergency building repairs to Fire Station No. 2
12. **Resolution 2021-12-20-09** approving a professional services contract for landscape architectural services at Pelham City Hall
13. **Resolution 2021-12-20-10** approving a summary change order for additional work performed for City Hall moving services
14. **Resolution 2021-12-20-11** accepting responsibility for paying only the power bill for 10 new streetlights in Simms Landing
15. **Resolution 2021-12-20-12** authorizing a summary change order and additional work for the Warrant Office Improvements in the Police & Court Building
16. **Resolution 2021-12-20-13** for consideration to amend (increase) the FY2022 Municipal Court Budget for Warrant Office renovations

Councilmember Lanier moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented by Council President Mercer. Councilmember Coram seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, the motion to adopt the consent agenda passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the council president declared the same passed and adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING(S) – None

PROCLAMATION(S) BY THE MAYOR AND OTHERS – None

MAYOR'S REPORT/COMMENTS

- Mayor Waters noted the security issues and concerns in recent Christmas parades around the country. He thanked the Pelham Police Department, Pelham Strong and all those involved in the success of the inaugural Pelham Christmas Parade.
- Thanked Communications Manager Ainsley Allision and her staff for producing an excellent Pelham Pathways news magazine
- Noted the passing of former city employee Charles Dunnaway last week.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

- Provided an updated regarding the city's flood recovery.
 - Reviewed the Top 10 payouts from the National Flood Insurance Program since 1978
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency's Next Steps
 - City Response
 - Determining Substantial Damage

REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY – None

REQUEST(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – None

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Resolution 2021-12-20-14** for consideration to approve a contract for Hydraulic Modeling & Drainage Studies for the Bishop Creek & Buck Creek drainage basins and further approve funding for said project was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Coram moved to adopt Resolution 2021-12-20-14 and Councilmember Lanier seconded the motion.

Councilmember Wash expressed his desire to be able to review completed drainage studies previously performed by Kimley-Horn and Associates. He further stated he was not opposed to the study. Council President Mercer commented he would like to review the study once completed and be able to implement it. He noted the significant cost of the study and supports receiving additional documentation. Councilmember Lanier stated her agreement with the comments of Council President Mercer. She further stated the city needs to do something and we trust the professionals once the study is approved. She said she would expect city officials to set priority goals based upon what was found.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-12-20-14 passed by a voice vote of 3-2 of those members present with Councilmember Palmer and Councilmember Wash dissenting. Council President Mercer declared the same passed and adopted.

2. **Resolution 2021-12-20-15** for consideration to establish emergency reserves from General Fund unassigned fund balance reserve allocations was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Coram moved to adopt Resolution 2021-12-20-15 and Councilmember Wash seconded the motion.

Councilmember Lanier stated there were no limitations to the Mayor's approval authority in the resolution under consideration by the city council.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-12-20-15 passed by a voice vote of 4-0-1 of those members present with Councilmember Lanier abstaining. Council President Mercer declared the same passed and adopted.

3. **Resolution 2021-12-20-16** for consideration to establish emergency reserves for facilities improvements from General Fund unassigned fund balance reserve allocations was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Wash moved to adopt Resolution 2021-12-20-16 and Councilmember Coram seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-12-20-16 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the council president declared the same passed and adopted.

4. **Resolution 2021-12-20-17** for consideration to establish reserves for IT systems and equipment from General Fund unassigned fund balance reserve allocations was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Coram moved to adopt Resolution 2021-12-20-17 and Councilmember Lanier seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-12-20-17 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the council president declared the same passed and adopted.

5. **Resolution 2021-12-20-18** for consideration to establish reserves for Parks & Recreation from General Fund unassigned fund balance reserve allocations was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Wash moved to adopt Resolution 2021-12-20-18 and Councilmember Coram seconded the motion.

Councilmember Lanier expressed concerns about \$2 million being placed in reserves for Parks & Recreation.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-12-20-18 passed by a voice vote of 4-1 of those members present with Councilmember Lanier dissenting. Council President Mercer declared the same passed and adopted.

6. **Resolution 2021-12-20-19** for consideration to establish reserves for vehicle replacements from General Fund unassigned fund balance reserve allocations was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Coram moved to adopt Resolution 2021-12-20-19 and Councilmember Lanier seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-12-20-19 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the council president 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 physical address prior to making their comments in a respectful manner.

There were no public comments or statements.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Coram noted the success of the recent Pelham Christmas Parade. He announced Pelham First Baptist Church would be having two Christmas Eve services on Friday.

Councilmember Palmer wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holiday season.

Councilmember Wash asked everyone to take time for your friends and family during the Christmas season.

Councilmember Lanier wished everyone a blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Council President Mercer thanked Pastor Johnson for tonight's invocation. He wished Parks & Recreation Director D. Tyrell McGirt success in his new position in Asheville, North Carolina. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holiday season.

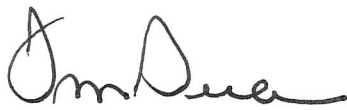
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. City offices will be closed Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 27th for the Christmas Holidays and Monday, January 3, 2022 for New Year's Day.
2. The city council has rescheduled the January 3, 2022 work session and council meeting to January 10, 2022 and the January 17, 2022 work session and council meeting to January 24, 2022. Starting times to be announced.
3. Public hearings will be held on Monday, January 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Pelham Senior Center to consider the following:
 - a. An amendment to the Future Land Use Map adopted in the Pelham Comprehensive Plan for the City of Pelham
 - b. Amending certain sections of the existing Zoning Ordinances of the City of Pelham as follows:
 - i. Article XVII – B-4 Mini Warehouse District
 - ii. Article XXI – Corridor Overlay District
 - iii. Article XXV- Detailed Use Regulations

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the council, Councilmember Coram moved to adjourn the council meeting and Councilmember Wash seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously by those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of December 2021.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

