



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pelham Police & Court Building

July 18, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

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: July 18, 2022
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Pelham Police & Court Building
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 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Lanier led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Palmer.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The city clerk/treasurer recorded the attendance of the elected officials and announced 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 presiding officer 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 presiding officer and City Council.

1. Approval of the July 18, 2022 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the July 5, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of non-budgeted expenses from restricted fund account(s): None
4. **Resolution 2022-07-18-01** for consideration to authorize a public works project to construct a training room in the Police & Court Building in an amount not to exceed \$49,500.00
5. **Resolution 2022-07-18-02** for consideration to authorize a public works project for the repair of storm water blockage located on Ryecroft Circle in an amount not to exceed \$36,500.00
6. **Resolution 2022-07-18-03** for consideration to authorize partnering with the Shelby County Highway Department as administrator for the installation of road striping and rumble strips along Shelby County Highway 11 and the City of Pelham paying 50% of project expenses in the amount of \$15,416.89

7. **Resolution 2022-07-18-04** for consideration to approve Change Order No. 1 to reflect the expense for the realignment of storm water lines from the original design in the Oak Mountain Trail Mass Grading Project which is budgeted in FY2022
8. **Resolution 2022-07-18-05** for consideration to authorize the purchase of a drone system and associated equipment/accessories from FarrWest in an amount not to exceed \$48,670.00 through the HGAC purchasing cooperative from a donation provided by Kinder Morgan
9. **Resolution 2022-07-18-06** for consideration to authorize the City of Pelham to join the State of Alabama and other local governments as participants in current and future opioid settlements

Council President Mercer stated the complete text of the agenda, minutes, ordinance(s) and each resolution are available at Pelham City Hall and online at www.pelhamalabama.gov.

Councilmember Wash moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented by Council President Mercer. Councilmember Coram seconded the motion.

Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer for a roll call vote. The vote to adopt said Consent Agenda was recorded as follows:

Maurice Mercer, Council President	<u>Yes</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>

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda passed unanimously by roll call vote of those members present and the council president declared the same passed and adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Councilmember Coram moved to recess the city council meeting in order to hold a public hearing for which proper notice had been given. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wash and approved unanimously by voice vote of those members present. The council meeting recessed at 7:03 p.m.

Council President Mercer explained the purpose of the public hearing was to consider an amendment to the zone district boundaries of the City of Pelham changing the present zoning A-1 (Agriculture District) to M-1 (Light Industrial District) for property located adjacent and north of 1980 Huntley Parkway, Pelham, Alabama 35124. The applicant is Ed Monroe, 55 Monroe Drive, Pelham, AL 35124.

Council President Mercer announced the public hearing was in session regarding the amending of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Pelham as noted in proposed Ordinance No. 135-250. He further stated the city council would now hear comments both for and against the consideration to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Pelham.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Sherry Proctor explained the history of the property and the purpose of the rezoning request. She stated the proposed improvement is a 15,000 square foot building.

Speaking in favor of amending the Zoning Ordinance:

- Ed Monroe, 55 Monroe Drive, Pelham, Alabama, 35124, spoke in favor of the rezoning. He noted there will be additional employment opportunities in Pelham with the expansion.

Speaking against amending the Zoning Ordinance:

- None

Council President Mercer called the July 18, 2022 City Council Meeting back to order at 7:06 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT/COMMENTS - None

PROCLAMATION(S) BY THE MAYOR AND OTHERS – None

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER - See the July 18, 2022 Work Session Minutes for the City Manager’s full report.

- City Manager Gretchen DiFante asked Director of Development Services & Public Works Andre` Bittas to address the city council regarding the new solid waste provider, Amwaste. Mr. Bittas provided the city council with information from the city’s Request Tracker since January 2022. He stated the service is much improved over the previous vendor. He further stated Amwaste’s response time is excellent, and their service is high level. He said city staff is proactive in quickly resolving customer service issues.

REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY – None

REQUEST(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – None

OLD BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 135-250 an amendment to the zone district boundaries of the City of Pelham changing the present zoning A-1 (Agriculture District) to M-1 (Light Industrial District) for property located adjacent and north of 1980 Huntley Parkway, Pelham, Alabama 35124 was introduced and read in its entirety by Council President Mercer as a First Reading.

Applicant: Ed Monroe, 55 Monroe Drive, Pelham, AL 35124

He stated a complete text of Ordinance No. 135-250 is available at Pelham City Hall and online at www.pelhamalabama.gov.

Council President Mercer announced this Ordinance will likely be considered by the city council at a future city council meeting.

Councilmember Palmer moved that all rules which would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 135-250 be suspended and immediate consideration given. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wash.

Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer for a roll call vote. The vote to suspend the rule for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 135-250 was recorded as follows:

Maurice Mercer, Council President	<u>Yes</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>

Council President Mercer announced the motion to suspend the rule for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 135-250 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those councilmembers present.

Councilmember Wash moved to adopt Ordinance No. 135-250 as presented and Councilmember Coram seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer for a roll call vote to adopt Ordinance No. 135-250. The roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Maurice Mercer, Council President	<u>Yes</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>

Council President Mercer announced Ordinance No. 135-250 was passed and adopted by unanimous roll call vote of those councilmembers present.

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.

- Robert Kirkland, 108 Windsor Lane, Pelham, Alabama 35124 addressed the city council regarding a structure built in the neighborhood.
- Larry Jackson, 104 Windsor Lane, Pelham, Alabama 35124 addressed the city council regarding a structure built in the neighborhood.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Coram echoed previous comments regarding police and fire response to the structure fire today at Poppa G's Billiards and the 2022 World Games. He stated due to a scheduling conflict he will not be attending the August 1, 2022 work session and city council meeting.

Councilmember Palmer stated he was happy the 2022 World Games were hosted in the Birmingham area. He further stated he hoped all the vendors benefitted. He noted the success of the Pelham Games.

Councilmember Wash acknowledged the success of both the 2022 World Games and the Pelham Games, hosted by the BEAT. He said both Games were excellent events.

Councilmember Lanier echoed the comments from other members of the city council. She commended Chad Leverette and Communications Manager Ainsley Allison on their efforts regarding the 2022 World Games and Pelham Games.

Council President Mercer commended Communications Manager Ainsley Allison and the Pelham first responders for a successful 2022 World Games. He congratulated Birmingham Barons public address announcer Kurt Bloom on being called up to the Chicago White Sox. Council President Mercer congratulated retired Command Sergeant Major Jerry McClain for being inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Pelham Parks & Recreation Activities – July 2022

- a. Munch, Magic & Movie Night In The Park
Friday, July 22, 2022
Movie: *Aladdin* (Non-Animated)
- b. Youth Volleyball Clinic (Indoor and Sand)
July 26, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon
- c. Grandparent's Day at Senior Center
Thursday, July 28, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

For additional information regarding the Parks & Recreation events, call 205-620-6426.

- 2. The Pelham City Council is accepting letters of interest and resumes through Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. from those citizens who would like to be considered for an appointment to one of the following municipal boards: Pelham Storm Water Board, Pelham Planning Commission, Pelham Board of Adjustments, Pelham Zoning Board of Adjustments, Pelham Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and Pelham Public Library Board. Please submit your application (available online) and resume to Pelham City Clerk/Treasurer Tom Seale at Pelham City Hall or email tom@pelhamalabama.gov prior to the deadline.

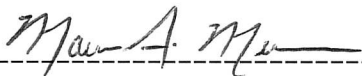
ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the council, Councilmember Coram 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 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 18th of July 2022.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, Council President

