



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pelham Police & Court Building

October 3, 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: October 3, 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 7:22 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 present.

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 October 3, 2022 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the September 19, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of non-budgeted expenses from restricted fund account(s): None
4. **Resolution 2022-09-19-01** for consideration to approve a contract between the City of Pelham and Bham Hockey Club, LLC
5. **Resolution 2022-10-03-01** for consideration to adopt the City of Pelham Highway 31 Corridor Redevelopment Plan Update 2022
6. **Resolution 2022-10-03-02** for consideration of an ABC license application(s) for a 160 – Special Retail – More than 30 Days, for applicant Shugah's LLC operating under the trade name Shugah's LLC located at 3187 Lee Street, Pelham, Alabama 35124

Resolution 2022-10-03-02 was removed from the October 3, 2022 agenda by city council action.

- 7. **Resolution 2022-10-03-03** for consideration to participate in the 2023 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday – February 24-26, 2023
- 8. **Resolution 2022-10-03-04** for consideration to approve a lease agreement of five annual payments for (1) range picker, (2) beverage carts and (3) utility carts at Ballantrae Golf Club
- 9. **Resolution 2022-10-03-05** for consideration to approve a lease agreement of five annual payments for (70) electric golf carts at Ballantrae Golf Club
- 10. **Resolution 2022-10-03-06** for consideration to approve a lease agreement of three annual payments for turf equipment: (1) sprayer, (2) topdresser and (1) gas utility cart at Ballantrae Golf Club
- 11. **Resolution 2022-10-03-07** for consideration to accept the design plans for the Highway 261 widening project
- 12. **Resolution 2022-10-03-08** for consideration to enter into an agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) to accept maintenance of traffic control signals as part of the Highway 261 widening project within the city limits of Pelham
- 13. **Resolution 2022-10-03-09** for consideration to approve the first amendment to the solid waste collection and disposal contract with the Cahaba Solid Waste Disposal Authority concerning fuel surcharges
- 14. **Resolution 2022-10-03-10** for consideration of an ABC License application(s) for a 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor license for applicant Oak Mountain Brewing Company, LLC operating under the trade name Oak Mountain Brewing Company located at 110 Cahaba Valley Road, Pelham, AL 35124

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) – None

MAYOR'S REPORT/COMMENTS

PROCLAMATION(S) AND RESOLUTION(S) BY THE MAYOR AND OTHERS

Mayor Waters proclaimed October 2022 as Down Syndrome Awareness Month in the City of Pelham. Beth and Kathy Olive were present and accepted the Proclamation from Mayor Waters.

Mayor Waters proclaimed the week of October 9-16, 2022 as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Pelham, Alabama. Fire Chief Mike Reid and Fire Marshal Wes Greene were present and accepted the Proclamation from Mayor Waters.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Gretchen DiFante made the following comments.

- Stated the bid for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service's grant for debris removal in Buck Creek will be opened Friday.
- Provided an update on the radio read water meter replacement project. She said 8,418 radio read water meters have been installed with 2,711 remaining to complete the project.
- The first round of interviews for the position of Information Technology (IT) Director were completed last week.
- The Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program (RCEGP) through the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration application deadline has been extended to October 11th. She stated the city's application will be submitted on Friday, October 7.
- Stated the RCEGP match commitments are almost complete.
- The Employee Engagement Survey is underway, using the Police Department as a test department.
- The Job Fair on September 27th was a fantastic success. She said 120 attendees were present, many having on the spot interviews. She thanked everyone involved with the planning of the event.

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 288-15** for consideration to adjust the municipal business license issuance fees was introduced and read in its entirety by Council President Mercer as a First Reading.

Finance Director Jamie Wagner explained the business license issuance fee covers the cost of postage, envelopes and licenses. She stated as a part of the 2007 statewide comprehensive update of the business license statutes, the Alabama Department of Revenue (ALDOR) is responsible for establishing and publishing adjustments to the municipal business license issuance fees every five years. Mrs. Wagner stated ALDOR has authorized an increase of the issuance fee from \$12 to \$14, subject to approval by each municipality, effective January 1, 2023.

He stated a complete text of Ordinance No. 288-15 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.

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.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Coram noted the tremendous success on the city's first job fair which was held on September 27, 2022. He thanked everyone involved with the planning of the event. He asked everyone to keep the Hurricane Ian victims in Florida, the Carolinas and Puerto Rico in their thoughts and prayers.

He reminded everyone to sign up for Pelham youth sports at City Park. Registration ends October 10th.

Councilmember Wash encouraged everyone to attend National Night Out on Tuesday, October 4 at City Park. He said this is a great opportunity to meet our first responders.

Councilmember Lanier thanked everyone involved with the planning of the job fair, including Ainsley Allison, Gina, Womack, Paula Holly and Tracy Hill.

Council President Mercer echoed the thoughts of Councilmember Coram and Councilmember Lanier regarding the job fair. He said it was good to meet our new city employees and say goodbye and best wishes to our retiree.

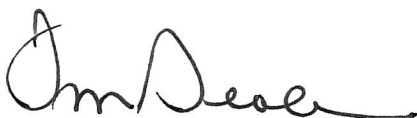
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. The Pelham Police Department will host National Night Out, tomorrow night, October 4th, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Pelham City Park. National Night Out is designed to strengthen partnerships between first responders and the community. Enjoy public safety demonstrations and good conversations with your Pelham Police Officers and Pelham Firefighters.
- 2. Music in the Park begins this weekend.

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 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd of October 2022.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

