



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pelham Police & Court Building

November 7, 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: November 7, 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 members of American Legion Post 555.

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 November 7, 2022 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the October 17, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of non-budgeted expenses from restricted fund account(s): None
4. **Resolution 2022-11-07-01** for consideration to approve the lowest, most responsive and responsible bid to JG Willens Building, LLC for renovations to Fire Station No. 2. This project has been budgeted in FY2023.
5. **Resolution 2022-11-07-02** for consideration to authorize replacement of the Buck Creek Sewer Lift Station Pump. This replacement project has been budgeted in FY2023.
6. **Resolution 2022-11-07-03** for consideration to purchase a John Deere 1570 TerrainCut Commercial Front Mower and Fastback Commercial Rear Discharge Deck through the Sourcewell Grounds Maintenance Cooperative Purchasing Contract and to amend the Public Works/Street Department FY2023 budget due to an equipment price increase
7. **Resolution 2022-11-07-04** for consideration to enter into an agreement with the United States Geological Survey to perform required field and analytical work as directed through the city's MS4 Program and Storm Water Ordinance. This work has been budgeted in FY2023.

- 8. **Resolution 2022-11-07-05** for consideration to enter into a professional services agreement with Barrett Architecture Studio LLC to provide design services for interior renovations at the Pelham Racquet Club. The work has been budgeted in FY2023.
- 9. **Resolution 2022-11-07-06** for consideration to enter into a public works contract with Byrd Contractors, Inc. for the purpose of repairing water main leaks on Shelby County Highway 336 and on Shelby County Highway 35
- 10. **Resolution 2022-11-07-07** for consideration to authorize an agreement with Alabama Power Company for the installation of two new streetlights on Wooddale Lane and accepting responsibility for the monthly electrical bill
- 11. **Resolution 2022-11-07-08** for consideration to enter into a public works contract with Morrow Water Technologies to remove the High Service pump at the Chandalar Well, to perform necessary repairs and reinstall the pump. This work has been budgeted in FY2023.
- 12. **Resolution 2022-11-07-09** for consideration to enter into a public works contract with Morrow Water Technologies to remove the pump at the Campbell Ridge Well, to perform necessary repairs, videoing the existing well and reinstall the pump. This work has been budgeted in FY2023.
- 13. **Resolution 2022-11-07-10** for consideration to award the contract for the City Hall Landscape Project, having received no bids, to Sweetwater Construction LLC. This project was budgeted in FY2023.
- 14. **Resolution 2022-11-07-11** for consideration to enter into a professional services agreement with EEFS to provide surveying and engineering design services for an additional parking lot on the west side of the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. This project has been budgeted in FY2023.
- 15. **Resolution 2022-11-07-12** for consideration to execute public works contracts for improvements to the Pelham Tennis Center to William's Drywall and Painting LLC, Cardinal Roofing and Home Repair Service. These improvement projects have been budgeted in FY2023.
- 16. **Resolution 2022-11-07-13** for consideration to authorize the purchase of furniture for the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena through the Alabama Department of Finance's State Bid Contracts and TIPS Purchasing Cooperative. These purchases have been budgeted in FY2023.
- 17. **Resolution 2022-11-07-14** for consideration to appoint citizens to the Pelham Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Place No. 3 and Place No. 4
- 18. **Resolution 2022-11-07-15** for consideration to appoint citizens to the Pelham Public Library Board - Place No. 1 and the unexpired term of Place No. 5

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

Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer for a roll call vote. The vote to adopt the 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

Mayor Waters noted the celebration of Veterans Day on Friday, November 11. He asked everyone to honor our veterans by voting in tomorrow's local and state election.

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

Mayor Waters proclaimed November 9, 2022 as Sons of the American Legion Squadron 555 Day in the City of Pelham, Alabama.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Gretchen DiFante provided the following updates.

- The city has acquired all the rights of entry to move forward with the Buck Creek Debris cleanup project. The pre-construction meeting with the contractor and NRCS is scheduled for Monday, November 14. Following this meeting a notice to proceed will be issued and the contractor will start mobilizing. Work should start within a week.
- We anticipate beginning to move into City Hall in December and will be open to the public in January 2023.
- Open House and ribbon cutting for Fire Station No. 3 is Sunday, November 13, 2022 from 2:00 pm. until 4:00 p.m.
- The Shelby County Highway 11 water main replacement project begins on Monday. There has been a lot of communication and notifications with the public regarding this project.
- Tractor Supply is under construction and anticipate opening in March 2023.
- Our zoning team is focusing on abandoned pole signs along Highway 119 and I-65. The city is working with McDonalds and Circle K ownership on the truck parking area along Highway 119 and Oak Mountain State Park Road.
- The city is in discussions with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) about acquiring their property across Oak Mountain State Park Road from Creekside BBQ.
- At council's request, we began looking into the water rates and providing a reduced rate for fixed income customers. We realized there were a lot more details involved. We need to do a more comprehensive study in order to compare apples to oranges. For example, Alabaster does the exact same thing we do for water as far as discounting, but their rates are much higher for water. Shelby County does not have a discount available for water or garbage. Calera does not have a water discount, but they offer a \$12 garbage fee exemption. We have reached out to several entities to get this information, however, we have yet to hear back from all.

Communications and Branding Manager Ainsley Allison recapped the city's efforts in promoting the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena through strategically placed billboard advertising.

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 – None

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 reminded everyone the 5K Race at the Pelham Recreation Center is this weekend. He encouraged everyone to vote tomorrow.

Councilmember Palmer echoed the comments of Councilmember Coram regarding tomorrow's vote. He recognized members of American Legion Post 555. He congratulated Pelham High School for a tremendous win in the football playoffs last Friday. Councilmember Palmer asked everyone to remember Veterans Day on Friday.

Councilmember Wash stated the 2022 Christmas Parade is December 10th. He said the number of floats has been expanded to 55 and the theme this year is Christmas movies. He stated the Christmas Tree lighting and free ice skating will follow the parade.

Councilmember Lanier thanked all our veterans for their service.

Council President Mercer wished Councilmember Wash a Happy Birthday. He acknowledged the success of the Pelham Panthers and wished them good luck in the second round of the state football playoffs. He thanked members of American Legion Post 555 for their attendance tonight and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. City offices will be closed Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.
2. Open House – The city will hold a ribbon cutting and grand opening for Fire Station No. 3 on Sunday, November 13, 2022 from 2:00 pm. until 4:00 p.m.
3. City offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th for the Thanksgiving Holidays.
4. The Pelham City Council is accepting letters of interest and resumes through Wednesday, November 30, 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 Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeal and Pelham Zoning Board of Adjustment. Please submit your application (available online) and resume to Pelham City Clerk/Treasurer Tom Seale at Pelham City or email tom@pelhamalabama.gov prior to the deadline.

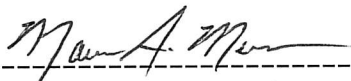
ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the council, Councilmember Coram moved to adjourn the council meeting and Councilmember Palmer seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously by those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 7th of November 2022.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

