



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pelham City Hall
Council Chambers
April 17, 2023 – 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: April 17, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Pelham City Hall – Council Chambers
Present: Council President Maurice Mercer
Councilmember David Coram
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 7:21 p.m. Mayor Waters led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Lanier.

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 April 17, 2023 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the April 3, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
3. **Resolution 2023-04-17-01** for consideration to accept the City of Pelham's Fiscal Year 2022 audit as prepared and presented by Truitt Tingle Paramore & Argent, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, the city's independent auditors
4. **Resolution 2023-04-17-02** for consideration to enter into an agreement with the Shelby County Commission to accept a grant award for support of senior services which promotes public health, welfare and education
5. **Resolution 2023-04-17-03** for consideration to accept a grant from America Walks to provide call box(es) along the Pelham City Park portion of the Pelham Greenway Trail
6. **Resolution 2023-04-17-04** for consideration to participate in the State of Alabama's 2023 "Back to School" Sales Tax Holiday the weekend of July 21-23, 2023

7. **Resolution 2023-04-17-05** having received a single bid, consideration to approve the bid from Eagle Pro, LLC for the FY2023 HVAC Improvements-Project A at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. The HVAC improvements are funded as a multi-fiscal year project budgeted across two (2) fiscal years.
8. **Resolution 2023-04-17-06** having received a single bid, consideration to approve the bid from McAbee Construction for the FY2023 HVAC Improvements-Project B at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. This work has been budgeted for FY2023.
9. **Resolution 2023-04-17-07** for consideration to approve additional professional engineering consulting services for upgrading the detection equipment at two traffic signals to video detection systems. This work has been budgeted for in FY2023.
10. **Resolution 2023-04-17-08** having received a single bid, consideration to approve the bid from Mark Johnson Construction, LLC for the installation of grit and grease removal equipment at the Pelham Wastewater Treatment Plant and to the amend the FY2023 Sewer Department Enterprise Fund.

Council President Mercer stated the complete text of the agenda, minutes, ordinance(s) and resolutions 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 Lanier 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>
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 – None

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

Mayor Waters introduced and read in its entirety a proclamation proclaiming April 2023 as “Sexual Abuse Awareness Month” in Pelham, Alabama. Janelle Sierra, Executive Director, SafeHouse of Shelby County and Shelby Hull, Sexual Assault Services Program Manager were present to accept the proclamation. Ms. Sierra and Ms. Hull addressed and thanked the city council for their support.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Gretchen DiFante made the following comments.

- On May 8th Challenge Golf, as a part of the Region’s Tradition Golf Tournament, Tom Lehman and others will host a free golf clinic at Ballantrae Golf Club. The event will air on ESPN2 later in the year. She said this is a great opportunity to spotlight Pelham.
- The Pelham Garden Club has provided bluebird houses along the Pelham Trail. She said this is another example of citizen engagement in our community.
- There are two bid openings scheduled this week. The ADA sidewalk enhancement project and the city’s annual paving project.

- Mike Eddington has been hired as the city's new Deputy Director of Public Works.
- Parks & Recreation Director Brian Cooper announced Katie Augsburger has been hired as the Recreation Coordinator-Senior Center, Bill Wilder as the Recreation Programs Supervisor and Grant Sasser has been promoted to Park & Racquet Club Superintendent. Mr. Cooper thanked Dr. Judy Mannings for her efforts in getting Parks & Recreation the America Walks grant approved.
- Dr. Mannings thanked the city council and Parks & Recreation Director Brian Cooper. She noted securing a grant from the Alabama State Walking College to improve walkability in Pelham in the amount of \$4,000.00. She said she is working to secure additional funding for the Walking Trail.
- Noted the recent Racquet Club Tournament for those 40 and Over. She said the tournament director spoke of the Racquet Club's outstanding customer service and fantastic facility. She thanked Racquet Club Director Chaney Mills and her staff for providing an excellent experience for the participants in the tournament.
- Thanked Acting Police Chief James Grier for serving the city over the past five months and leading the Police Department. She said he has done an outstanding job serving the city.
- Introduced Brent Sugg as Pelham's new police chief. She said the search for a new police chief was extremely competitive and there were many outstanding candidates. She stated the final group of candidates went through three rounds of interviews. Chief Sugg thanked the city council and Mayor Waters. He said he is excited for the opportunity to serve the City of Pelham.

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. **Resolution 2023-04-17-09** for consideration of an ABC license application for a 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor License for applicant Tequilas Mexican Grill and Cantina, LLC operating under the trade name Tequilas Mexican Grill and Cantina located at 3018 Pelham Parkway, Suite 101, Pelham, Alabama 32124 was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Coram moved to adopt Resolution 2023-04-17-09 and Councilmember Wash seconded the motion.

Jose` Salado, 3018 Pelham Parkway, Suite 101, Pelham, Alabama, stated he was happy to be a part of the community. He said the restaurant would do things properly.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-04-17-09 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the council president declared the same passed and adopted.

2. **Resolution 2023-04-17-10** for consideration of an ABC license application for a 010 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class 1 license request for applicant Bad Boy Toys, Inc. operating under the trade name Bad Boy Toyz Pitstop located at 983 Yeager Parkway, Pelham, Alabama 35124 was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Council President Mercer announced Resolution 2023-04-17-10 had been removed from the agenda by city council action during tonight's council work session.

3. **Resolution 2032-04-17-11** for consideration of an ABC License application for 011 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package) license for applicant FNA Investments LLC operating under the trade name Pelham Exxon Package Store, located at 2264 Highway 52 East Suite B, Pelham, Alabama 35124 was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Council President Mercer called for a motion regarding Resolution 2023-04-17-11.

Council President Mercer announced Resolution 2023-04-17-11 died for the lack of a motion.

4. **Ordinance No. 512** for consideration to vacate a public utility easement located in the Camellia Ridge sub-division, Phase 3 Sector 3. was introduced and read in its entirety by Council President Mercer as a First Reading.

He stated a complete text of Ordinance No. 512 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.

David Hubbard, attorney representing Pelham Exxon regarding their ABC license request, addressed the city council. He stated the application has been signed off by all departments, with the exception of the Fire Department. He stated in his opinion the request was put on the agenda prematurely.

Dr. Judy Mannings, 524 Wild Ridge Circle, Pelham, Alabama 35124, thanked the city council for the new fire station on Highway 11. She said Station No. 3 has provided excellent service to the community.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Coram noted the many exciting things happening in Pelham. He thanked the city staff and the Pelham Commercial Development Authority.

Councilmember Wash congratulated Chief Sugg as the new police chief. He said he is looking forward to his leadership. He thanked Acting Chief Grief and Dr. Mannings. He said the city has great employees.

Councilmember Lanier welcomed the new chief. She thanked all city staff and employees regarding their dedication and expertise.

Council President Mercer concurred with the comments previously made by the city council. He thanked Acting Chief Grief for his service. He thanked Dr. Mannings for her grant writing efforts on behalf of the city.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Pelham City Council will hold a special work session on Monday, April 24, 2023 for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the vacancy on the Pelham City Council, Place No. 2, time to be announced. Council meeting: 4:00 p.m. Work Session 4:15
2. Brent Sugg will be sworn in as Pelham's new police chief on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at Pelham City Hall. A reception will follow.
3. *Love Letters*, a dinner theater presented by South City Theatre and the Pelham B.E.A.T., is planned for May 5th and 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. Tickets are \$50 each. Tickets may be purchased online.
4. The 8th Annual *Palooza in the Park* is Saturday, May 20th from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on the Pelham Trail located at the Pelham Recreation Center. The 2023 Palooza will feature the Nashville Yacht Club Band and a Pelham Youth Athletes Parade and Recognition.

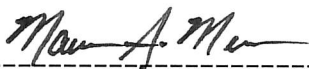
ADJOURNMENT

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 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of April 2023.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

