

CITY OF PELHAM WATER DEPARTMENT

Pelham City Hall – Council Chambers

July 10, 2023

MINUTES

Proper notice of the meeting of the Pelham City Water Department was given at least 72 hours in advance of such public meeting and the notice remained posted throughout the scheduled meeting.

Members of the Pelham Water Department met on July 10, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Pelham City Hall. The meeting was open to the public.

Call to Order

The Pelham Water Department meeting was called to order by Council President Mercer at 4:32 p.m.

Record of Attendance

The following members of the Water Department were present:

Present: Councilmember Maurice Mercer
Councilmember Chad Leverett
Councilmember Rick Wash
Councilmember Mildred Lanier
Mayor/Superintendent Mayor Gary Waters

Not Present: Councilmember David Coram

Media Present: None

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.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Leverett moved to approve the June 20, 2023 Water Department Minutes and Councilmember Lanier seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote of those members present.

Old Business

1. Discussion – National League of Cities (NLC) Service Line Warranty Program

Council President Mercer discussed a service line warranty program sponsored by the National League of Cities. He had noted earlier learning about the program while attending the NLC

Conference in Washington, D.C. in March 2023. He stated information had been provided by HomeServe USA, a third-party vendor, as requested since the last Water Department meeting.

Councilmember Wash stated having serious concerns and questions about information the city would furnish to the vendor. Specifically, he said, using the city's database, name, and logo in their solicitation. Councilmember Leverett and Councilmember Lanier agreed with Councilmember Wash's comments. Both stated having additional questions for the vendor. Council President Mercer restated his concerns and said he also has additional questions.

Councilmember Wash made a motion to request a representative from HomeServe USA to meet in person and provide additional information to the Water Department. Said motion was seconded by Councilmember Lanier.

There being no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members present.


City Attorney Josh Arnold explained a recent reporting of issues between the Birmingham Water Works Board and HomeServe USA. He stated Section 94 causes him concern where the city would be giving a "thing of value" to a private business. He further stated there are contractual concerns which need to be addressed.

New Business – None

Adjournment

With no other business before the Pelham Water Department, Councilmember Leverett moved to adjourn the Water Department meeting and Councilmember Lanier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of July 2023.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

