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## CITY OF PELHAM WATER DEPARTMENT

Pelham City Hall – Council Conference Room

March 18, 2024

### 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 March 18, 2024 at 4:45 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at Pelham City Hall. The meeting was open to the public.

#### Call to Order

The Pelham Water Department meeting was called to order by Councilmember Mercer at 4:46 p.m.

#### Record of Attendance

The following members of the Water Department were present:

Present: Councilmember Maurice Mercer  
Councilmember David Coram  
Councilmember Chad Leverett  
Councilmember Michael Harris, Jr.

Not Present: Councilmember Rick Wash  
Mayor/Superintendent Gary Waters

Media Present: Shelby County Reporter

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 Coram moved to approve the November 6, 2023 Water Department Minutes.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harris. There being no further discussion, Councilmember Mercer announced the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members present.

Old Business – None

New Business

1. Request to Address the Water Department – Dr. Micah Whitson

Director of Development Services & Public Works Andre` Bittas explained Dr. Micah Whitson, 734 Cahaba Manor Trail, Pelham, Alabama 35124, has requested the waiving of a \$500 tampering fee for cutting off the lock on a water meter located at his rental property. Mr. Bittas explained the procedures in “locking-out” a closed account. Mr. Bittas further explained the procedures and events which led to the account being locked out.

Dr. Whitson addressed the Water Department and explained the sequence of events related to the water account. He gave an explanation as to three possible scenarios why the lock was tampered with. He felt there was an honest mistake on the part of a city employee regarding locking the meter. Dr. Whitson requested a refund of the \$500 tampering fee.

Councilmember Leverett made a motion to approve Dr. Whitson’s request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Coram. There being no further discussion, Councilmember Mercer announced the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members present.

Adjournment

With no other business before the Pelham Water Department, Councilmember Coram moved to adjourn the Water Department meeting and Councilmember Leverett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of March 2024.



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Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



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Maurice Mercer, Councilmember

