



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pelham City Hall

Council Chambers

July 1, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

Proper notice of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Pelham City Council was given in advance of such a public meeting and the notice remained posted throughout the scheduled meeting.

Date: July 1, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Pelham City Hall – Council Chambers
Present: President of the Council Maurice Mercer
Councilmember Chad Leverett
Councilmember Rick Wash
Councilmember Michael Harris, Jr.
Mayor Gary Waters

Not Present: Councilmember David Coram

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Mercer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Wash led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Harris.

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 on the agenda at the discretion of the presiding officer and City Council.

1. Approval of the July 1, 2024 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the June 17, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
3. **Resolution 2024-07-01-01** for consideration to appoint Daniela Deluca to the unexpired term on the Pelham Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Place No. 7.
4. **Resolution 2024-07-01-02** for consideration to approve the Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Pelham and Dotry Enterprises, LLC (Edgar's Bakery and Café).
5. **Resolution 2024-07-01-03** for consideration to approve right-of-way agreements with Alabama Water Utilities, Inc. to install and maintain sanitary sewer systems within the Ballantrae and Weatherly subdivisions.
6. **Resolution 2024-07-01-04** for consideration to approve a right-of-way agreement with Shelby Ridge Utilities, Inc. to install and maintain sanitary sewer systems within the Grey Oaks subdivisions.

7. **Resolution 2024-07-01-05** for consideration to authorize a License Agreement to access real property across city-owned property.

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 Leverett made a motion 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>Not Present</u>
Chad Leverett, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Rick Wash, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Michael Harris, Jr., Council Member	<u>Yes</u>

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda passed unanimously by roll call vote of those members present and the President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING(S) – None

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

City Manager Gretchen DiFante called upon the department heads to introduce their new employees to the city council.

Pelham Fire Department: Introduced by Fire Chief Mike Reid

- Carson Dill, Recruit Firefighter
- Ben Marling, Recruit Firefighter
- Owen Williams, Recruit Firefighter
- Jake Englund, Recruit Firefighter
- Jacob Peacock, Firefighter
- Lance Hilyer, Fire/Medic
- Garrett Cobb, Firefighter
- Cody Melton, Fire/Medic
- Bryant Baker, Fire/Medic - (Unable to attend)

Pelham Police Department: Introduced by Police Chief Brent Sugg

- Dispatcher Jordan Ivey
- Officer Seth Lisenby
- Officer Klint Rhodes

Pelham Parks & Recreation: Introduced by Parks & Recreation Director Brian Cooper

- Jacob Sullivan, Maintenance Tech II

Pelham Public Library: Introduced by Library Director Mary Campbell

- Eric Kennedy, Circulation Manager

Finance introduced: Introduced by Finance Director Jamie Wagner

- Becky Wallace, Revenue Clerk – (Not Present)

Ballantrae Golf Club: Introduced by General Manager Hal Brown

- Tyler Mims, Assistant Golf Professional

MAYOR'S REPORT/COMMENTS - None

PROCLAMATION(S) AND RESOLUTION(S) BY THE MAYOR AND OTHERS - None

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Gretchen DiFante made the following comments.

- AmWaste Update
 - AmWaste will be using a third-party vendor for bulk collection, yard waste, and large items to improve efficiency and service.
 - AmWaste will be using new GPS technology on garbage trucks within the next month.
 - AmWaste has sent 15,580.96 tons of recycling to the processing plant this year. The cost of recycling was \$900,000.00, where the landfill cost would have been \$483,000.00. Recycling is an expensive process.
 - AmWaste will be performing daily inspections on their garbage trucks to detect hydraulic leaks.
- Shelby County District Attorney Matt Casey stated in a recent meeting with Mayor Waters and me how refreshing it is working with Shelby County law enforcement, especially Chief Sugg and the Pelham Police Department.

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 2024-07-01-06** for consideration of an ABC License application(s) for 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 - Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for applicant Narayanmuni, Inc. operating under the trade name Oak Mountain Mobil located at 2310 Pelham Parkway, Pelham, Alabama 35124.

Chief Sugg stated the applicant is compliant with the city's ordinances. Owner Dinkar Patel was in attendance and thanked the city council for the opportunity to operate a business in Pelham.

Councilmember Wash moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2024-07-01-06 and Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-07-01-06 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

2. **Ordinance No. 519** for consideration to declare that certain real property of the City of Pelham, Alabama, is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes and further described as Lots A, B, C, D and E of the Resurvey of Lot 3, according to the Final Plat of The Pelham Park Subdivision, a Commercial Subdivision, as recorded in Map Book 60, Pages 13-A and 13-B in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama. **FIRST READING**

Director of Economic Development Michael Simon explained Ordinance No. 519.

Council President Mercer introduced Ordinance No. 519 and read it in its entirety as a First Reading.

He stated a complete text of Ordinance No. 519 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.

Councilmember Wash moved that all rules which would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 519 be suspended and immediate consideration given. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Leverett.

Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer for a roll call vote. The vote to suspend the rule for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 519 was recorded as follows:

Maurice Mercer, Council President	<u>Yes</u>
David Coram, Council Member	<u>Not Present</u>
Chad Leverett, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Rick Wash, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Michael Harris, Jr., Council Member	<u>Yes</u>

Council President Mercer announced the motion to suspend the rule for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 519 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those councilmembers present.

Councilmember Leverett moved to adopt Ordinance No. 519 as presented and Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer for a roll call vote to adopt Ordinance No. 519.

The roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Maurice Mercer, Council President	<u>Yes</u>
David Coram, Council Member	<u>Not Present</u>
Chad Leverett, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Rick Wash, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Michael Harris, Jr., Council Member	<u>Yes</u>

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 519 passed unanimously by roll call vote of those members present and the President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

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.

None

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Leverett expressed his excitement with the new employees introduced tonight. He noted the quality leadership of the city, including the City Manager and the department heads. He mentioned Jack's and the progress in building their new restaurant on Shelby County Highway 35.

Councilmember Wash welcomed the new employees to the City of Pelham and said it was an honor to meet each. He noted the excellent service he received recently from AmWaste.

Councilmember Harris wished everyone a safe Independence Day.

Council President Mercer wished everyone a safe Independence Day. He welcomed the new employees to the City of Pelham. He thanked City Manager Gretchen DiFante and Finance Director Jamie Wagner for providing the monthly financial reports and updates to the city council.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. The City of Pelham will host its annual *Fire on the Water* celebration in partnership with Oak Mountain State Park this Wednesday, July 3rd. The event begins at 5:00 p.m. with activities, music, food trucks, and more. The fireworks show begins at 9:00 p.m. Gates will close promptly at 7:00 p.m. to allow ample time for everyone to make their way to the beach before the show. Please plan accordingly.
- 2. Pelham City Offices will be closed this Thursday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.
- 3. Pelham Parks & Recreation Activities – Friday, July 12. * Games * - 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., * Movie * - *Migration*, 8:15 p.m. Location: Pelham City Park. For additional information, call 205-620-6426.
- 4. The Water Department will meet on Monday, July 15, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at Pelham City Hall.
- 5. The 2024 “Back to School” Sales Tax Holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 19, 2024 and ends at twelve midnight on Sunday, July 21, 2024.
- 6. The Pelham City Council is accepting letters of interest and resumes through Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. from those Pelham residents who would like to be considered for an appointment to one of the following municipal boards: Pelham Public Library Board, Pelham Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Pelham Storm Water Board, Pelham Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeal, or the Pelham Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The application is on the city’s website at www.pelhamalabama.gov. The city clerk/treasurer will acknowledge receipt of the application by email.

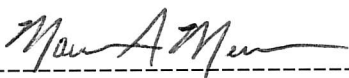
ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the city council, Councilmember Leverett moved to adjourn the council meeting and Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously by those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of July 2024.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

