



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pelham City Hall

Council Chambers

July 15, 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 15, 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 Leverett 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 15, 2024 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the July 1, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
3. **Resolution 2024-07-15-01** for consideration to appoint Councilmember Rick Wash as the Council Liaison to fill an unexpired term on the Pelham Board of Education.
4. **Resolution 2024-07-15-02** for consideration to approve the Economic Development Incentive Agreement between the City of Pelham, Alabama and Edgar's Pelham, LLC. (Edgar's Bakery & Café).
5. **Resolution 2024-07-15-03** for consideration to approve the Economic Development Incentive Agreement between the City of Pelham, Alabama and WCB Pelham, LLC (Waldos Chicken & Beer).
6. **Resolution 2024-07-15-04** for consideration to enter into an agreement with Uniti Fiber, LLC to provide Internet services and redundant "off-network" Internet services for the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. The project was budgeted in FY2024.

7. **Resolution 2024-07-15-05** for consideration to declare certain personal property (vehicles and trailer) of the City of Pelham, which are no longer needed for public or municipal purposes, as surplus.
8. **Resolution 2024-07-15-06** for consideration to accept the second and most responsive bid from Gillespie Construction, LLC for the Industrial Park Drive Turn Lane Extension and Water Main Replacement project. The project was budgeted in FY2024.

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 Harris 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

MAYOR'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Mayor Waters introduced Seth Greenberg, Executive Director at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena, regarding a pro rodeo event benefiting Kids Outdoors. Mr. Greenberg said the event is Friday and Saturday night at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Gretchen DiFante reintroduced Seth Greenberg, Executive Director of the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. Mr. Greenberg introduced Christian Newberry, Director of Skating. He stated Mr. Newberry is originally from Great Britain and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to Pelham about ice skating. Mr. Newberry addressed the city council regarding the growth of the skating program at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.

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. **Ordinance No. 256-01** for consideration to approve the renewal of an electric franchise agreement with Alabama Power Company which shall continue until August 5, 2054. **FIRST READING**

City Manager Gretchen DiFante explained Ordinance No. 256-01 and introduced Anna Catherine Roberson, Relationship Manager with Alabama Power Company.

Council President Mercer introduced and reviewed Ordinance No. 256-01 as a First Reading.

He stated a complete text of Ordinance No. 256-01 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.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Leverett stated having a sense of God in this room with all the activities occurring in our city. He noted many of our businesses regularly give back to the community. He stated he is proud of our city council for assisting the city's non-profit organizations.

Councilmember Wash noted the attempted assassination of former President Trump last Saturday. He stated Pelham gets along and there is a sense of unity in our community, and to be thankful for what we have. He thanked the staff of the city for their teamwork.

Council President Mercer agreed with the comments of Councilmember Leverett and Councilmember Wash. He reflected on the city council's adopted Civility Pledge.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 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.
2. A public hearing will be held on Monday, August 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the request by Alabama Power Company to renew their electric franchise agreement for an additional 30 years.
3. 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 Wash moved to adjourn the council meeting and Councilmember Leverett seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously by those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of July 2024.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

