



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Pelham City Hall
City Council Chambers
September 2, 2025 – 12:00 Noon**

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: September 2, 2025
Time: 12:00 Noon
Place: Pelham City Hall – City Council Chambers
Present: President of the Council Maurice Mercer
Councilmember David Coram
Councilmember Chad Leverett
Councilmember Rick Wash
Councilmember Michael Harris, Jr.
Mayor Gary Waters

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Mercer called the meeting to order at 12:05 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 not present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Coram made a motion to approve the September 2, 2025 City Council Agenda as presented. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members of the council present and the Council President declared the same passed.

REPORT BY THE CITY MANAGER – None

PUBLIC HEARING(S) – None

MAYOR'S REPORT/COMMENTS – None

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

REPORT BY THE CITY ATTORNEY – None

REQUEST(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – None

OLD BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS – None

1. Provisional Ballot Canvass

Council President Mercer stated a provisional ballot is used to record a vote when a voter's eligibility cannot be immediately confirmed at the polling location. Some reasons for issuing a provisional ballot are the voter's name is missing from the poll list, identification issues, registration changes, and absentee ballot issues. During the August 26, 2025 General Municipal Election of the City of Pelham, five (5) provisional ballots were cast. On August, 27, 2025, prior to 12:00 Noon, the provisional ballots forms were delivered to the Shelby County Board of Registrars in Columbiana, Alabama to determine voter eligibility. Of the five (5) provisional ballots cast, it was determined four (4) were eligible to be counted.

City Clerk/Treasurer Jonathan Seale opened the sealed provisional ballot box and opened the applicable ballot envelopes. Mr. Seale delivered the secrecy envelopes to Council President Mercer who then read the votes for each race on each ballot. It was noted for the record all councilmembers participated in tallying each ballot and vote cast.

After a consensus was reached, Council President Mercer directed City Clerk/Treasurer Jonathan Seale to add the provisional vote totals to the election night vote totals and update Resolution 2025-09-02-01 to reflect said totals.

2. **Resolution 2025-09-02-01** for consideration to canvass the results of the 2025 Pelham Municipal General Election

Councilmember Coram made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-09-02-01 and canvass the results of the 2025 Pelham Municipal General Election. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.

Chief Inspector Lynn Waters confirmed only a majority of the polling officials are required to sign on the voting machine tabulation tapes.

There being no further discussion, Council President Mercer asked the City Clerk/Treasurer for a roll call vote to approve Resolution 2025-09-02-01.

The roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Maurice Mercer, Council President	<u>Yes</u>
David Coram, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Chad Leverett, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Rick Wash, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Michael Harris, Jr., Council Member	<u>Yes</u>

The motion to approve Resolution 2025-09-02-01 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.

Ron Griggs, 399 Oxford Way, Pelham, AL 35124 – Thanked Mayor Waters and the city council for their years of dedicated service to the City of Pelham.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no additional comments made by any member of the city council.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the city council, Councilmember Coram 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 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of September 2025.



Jonathan Seale, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

