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CITY OF PELHAM WATER DEPARTMENT

Pelham City Hall – Council Conference Room

January 22, 2025 – 4:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Proper notice of the meeting of the City of Pelham 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 Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 4:30 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 4:34 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 Rick Wash
 Councilmember Michael Harris, Jr.
 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 July 15, 2024 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 – Jamilla Broom
2. Request to Address the Water Department – Maggie Bidy

Due to scheduling conflicts, Councilmember Coram moved to remove the two requests to address the Water Department from the January 22, 2025 agenda.

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.

Councilmember Wash moved to add discussion regarding sewer lift stations to the January 22, 2025 Water Department agenda.

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

3. Sewer Lift Stations

Director of Development Services & Public Works Andre' Bittas stated there are two remaining private sewer lift stations in Pelham, Eagle Cove and Holland Lakes. He reviewed a request made many years ago from the Royal Chase Homeowner's Association (HOA) to assume the maintenance and responsibility of their sewer lift station. Mr. Bittas noted the deficiencies at that time with the sewer lift station which resulted in the city denying the request. Mr. Bittas said significant repairs were made, which met all the requirements for the city to accept the sewer lift station. The Royal Chase Lift Station was accepted by the city in 2019. He further stated there have been no issues since the lift station was accepted. City Attorney Josh Arnold stated the city, under an emergency declaration, could intervene, make specific repairs, and charge the property owners for the cost of repairs to a privately owned lift station. He said the city would have no liability. Chris Cousins, Municipal Consultants, Inc., explained how the sewer lift stations operate in Ballantrae and Simms Landing. Mr. Bittas and Mrs. Cousins stated all lift stations are now built to city specifications.

Adjournment

With no other business before the Pelham Water Department, Councilmember Coram moved to adjourn the Water Department meeting and Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of January 2025.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, Councilmember

