



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Pelham City Hall
City Council Chambers
June 18, 2026 – 5:30 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: June 18, 2026
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Pelham City Hall – City Council Chambers
Present: President of the Council Chad Leverett
Councilmember Michelle Power
Councilmember Christine Townes
Councilmember Markus Hal Snowden
Mayor Rick Wash

Not Present: Councilmember Michael Harris

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Leverett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Councilmember Townes led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Power.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The City Clerk/Treasurer recorded the attendance of the elected officials and announced a quorum was present. City Attorney Josh Arnold was 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 and 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 taken up either immediately after the consent agenda is approved or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the presiding officer and City Council.

1. Approval of the June 18, 2026 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the June 4, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
3. **Resolution 2026-06-18-01** for consideration to declare certain items (vehicles, equipment, supplies) as surplus personal property and to authorize the disposal of the same
4. **Resolution 2026-06-18-02** for consideration to accept proposals from AllSteel Fence, CRV Surveillance, and 1-Call Contractors for repairs and upgrades related to the Pelham Water Department entrance gate. This project was budgeted for FY2026.
5. **Resolution 2026-06-18-03** for consideration to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid from Massey Asphalt Paving, LLC for the City Park South Parking Lot Resurfacing Project. This project was budgeted for FY2026.
6. **Resolution 2026-06-18-04** for consideration to authorize the purchase of two security camera trailers for the Pelham Police Department. FY2026 budget funds are available for this purchase.

Council President Leverett stated the complete text of the agenda, minutes, ordinances, and resolutions are available at Pelham City Hall and online at www.pelhamalabama.gov.

Councilmember Townes made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented by Council President Leverett. Councilmember Power seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, Council President Leverett asked the City Clerk/Treasurer for a roll call vote. The vote to adopt the Consent Agenda was recorded as follows:

Chad Leverett, Council President	<u>Yes</u>
Michelle Power, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Christine Townes, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Markus Hal Snowden, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Michael Harris, Council Member	<u>Not Present</u>

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.

MAYOR'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Mayor Wash reminded everyone of the America 250 Fire Hydrant Initiative noting the first 25 neighborhoods or HOAs who apply and get their designs approved will be eligible to participate. He said the winning neighborhood will receive a Mayor-hosted neighborhood cookout.

He said the City had a meaningful flag retirement ceremony on Sunday at the City Cemetery to commemorate America 250 and Flag Day. He said they retired over 400 flags and was told that was the single most flags retired on one day in Alabama history.

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

REPORT BY THE CITY MANAGER

Assistant City Manager Justin Smith introduced the following new employees:

1. Introduction of New City of Pelham Employees

- Lara Wheeler, Administration
- Owen Leonard, Ballantrae Golf Club
- Timothy Senft, Court
- Shellie McKown, Court
- Stephen Brock, Police Department
- Rebeca Herrera, Police Department
- Yasmin Ramirez, Police Department, Dispatch
- William Atchley, Police Department
- Maddison Burgess, Police Department
- Jeremy Tindle, Police Department
- Daniel Yeates, Police Department
- William Beam, Public Works
- Jordan Loving, Public Works
- James Weaver, Public Works
- Zachery Haney, Water Department

REPORT BY THE CITY ATTORNEY – None

PUBLIC HEARING(S) – None

REQUEST(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – None

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

1. **Resolution 2026-06-18-05** for consideration to approve or deny an ABC License Application 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor – for applicant Margarita Grill 280 LLC, operating under the trade name Creekside BBQ located at 1020 Oak Mountain State Park Road, Pelham, Alabama 35124 was introduced by Council President Leverett.

Councilmember Power made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2026-06-18-05. Councilmember Townes seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2026-06-18-05 passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members present and the President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

2. **Resolution 2026-06-18-06** for consideration to approve or deny an ABC License Application 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only), 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only), and 990 Tobacco and Alternative Nicotine Products for applicant SunnyStar LLC, operating under the trade name Cahaba Chevron located at 560 Cahaba Valley Road, Pelham, Alabama 35124 was introduced by Council President Leverett.

Councilmember Townes made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2026-06-18-06. Councilmember Snowden seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2026-06-18-06 passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members present and the President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

3. **Resolution 2026-06-18-07** for consideration to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bids and authorize agreements for services related to the Pelham Sports Park Renovations Project - Phase II. Partial funding for this project was included in the FY2026 budget, but will require a budget amendment. This item was introduced by Council President Leverett.

Councilmember Townes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-06-18-07. Councilmember Power seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2026-06-18-07 passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members present and the President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

4. **Resolution 2026-06-18-08** for consideration to authorize a one-time longevity payment to eligible City of Pelham retirees, per Act 2026-608 was introduced by Council President Leverett.

Councilmember Power made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-06-18-08. Councilmember Townes seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2026-06-18-08 passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members present and the President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

5. **Ordinance No. 399-08** to amend the City of Pelham Code of Ordinances regarding the meeting schedule of the Pelham City Council (**First Reading**)

Ordinance No. 399-08 was introduced and read in its entirety by Council President Leverett as a First Reading. He stated Ordinance 399-08 would likely be considered at a future city council meeting.

He stated a complete text of Ordinance No. 399-08 is available at Pelham City Hall and online at pelhamalabama.gov.

6. **Ordinance No. 135-269** an amendment to the zone district boundaries of the City of Pelham changing the present zoning A-1, B-1, R-1, and R-3 to PUD-R for property located off State Park Road for applicant Harris Doyle Homes (**First Reading**)

Ordinance No. 135-269 was introduced and read in its entirety by Council President Leverett as a First Reading. He stated Ordinance 135-269 would likely be considered at a future city council meeting.

He stated a complete text of Ordinance No. 135-269 is available at Pelham City Hall and online at pelhamalabama.gov.

Council President Leverett offered his comments on the rezoning application since he will be absent on July 9, 2026 when a vote is likely to occur.

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.

Please note, the public comment period is intended for comments only. It is not a public hearing, nor is it a time for dialogue, debate, or questions to the City Council. Any questions or requests for additional information will be noted and may be addressed by the appropriate City staff or officials at a later time.

- Marty Gilbert, 111 Emerald Lakes Drive, Pelham, AL 35124 – Regarding the Oakmont rezoning application.
- Gary Williams, 101 Legacy Parc Drive, Pelham, AL 35124 – Regarding the Oakmont rezoning application.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Power stated how meaningful the flag retirement ceremony was to her at the City Cemetery on Flag Day. She said seeing over 400 flags being retired was incredible. She welcomed the new City employees and thanked them for choosing Pelham as the next step in their career. She spoke briefly on the rezoning application for the Oakmont development.

Councilmember Townes spoke to the rezoning application for the Oakmont development. She wished everyone a happy Juneteenth and Independence Day. She commented on how wonderful it is to live in this country and concluded by reading Joshua 24:13.

Council President Leverett spoke to recent cultural events happening around the country this past week. He closed by reading John 3:16.

Councilmember Snowden wished everyone a happy Juneteenth and Independence Day. He encouraged everyone to be safe. He spoke to the rezoning application for the Oakmont development and the recent demographic study results released by the Pelham Board of Education.

Councilmember Harris was not present.

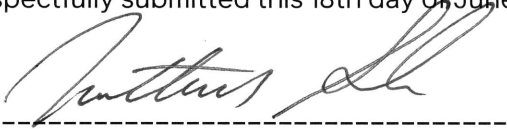
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The City of Pelham will hold two public hearings during the regular City Council meeting on July 9, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Pelham City Hall to consider a rezoning application for property located at the corner of Hwy 52 and Racquet Club Parkway, changing the present zoning Agriculture to B-2 (General Commercial); and to consider the annexation of property located at 5025 CR-11. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and provide input. Individuals with disabilities needing special services to participate are requested to coordinate their needs in advance. If special accommodation is required, please contact the City at 205.620.6404.
2. Pelham City Offices will be closed on Friday, June 19, 2026 and Friday, July 3, 2026 in observance of Juneteenth and Independence Day, respectively.
3. The City of Pelham will host its annual *Fire on the Water* celebration in partnership with Oak Mountain State Park on Friday, July 3, 2026. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the city council, Councilmember Townes moved to adjourn the council meeting and Councilmember Power seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously by those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of June 2026.



Jonathan Seale, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Chad Leverett, President of the Council

