



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Pelham City Hall
City Council Chambers
August 3, 2026 – 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: August 3, 2026
Time: 7:00 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 7:07 p.m. Council President Leverett 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 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 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 August 3, 2026 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the July 23, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and the July 30, 2026 Special Called Council Meeting Minutes

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

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 recognized the three businesses below and thanked them for their commitment to the City of Pelham.

1. Recognition of The Shelby County Chamber's Small Business of the Year for 2026
 - Advanced Landscape Services, Inc. (6-10 Employees)
 - Specification Rubber Products (More than 21 Employees)
 - Cahaba Spay Neuter (New Business)

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

REPORT BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Gretchen DiFante reported the City of Pelham continues to receive excellent service from Amwaste, with a missed-collection rate of only 0.02 percent—the lowest among the cities served in the Cahaba Solid Waste Disposal Authority. She credited the route manager and the City's Water Department customer service staff for their coordination and responsiveness. She also noted budget work sessions would begin tomorrow and she is excited to get started.

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

1. **Ordinance No. 135-271** to amend the zone district boundaries of the City of Pelham changing the present zoning R-1 (Single Family Detached) to R-4 (Townhouse) for property located along King Valley Drive for applicant L & L Property Enterprises, LLC (**First Reading was on July 23, 2026**)

Councilmember Townes moved to adopt Ordinance No. 135-271 as presented and Councilmember Snowden seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 135-271 was given vote, and the roll call vote was 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>

Ordinance No. 135-271 passed by unanimous roll call vote of the council and the Council President declared the same passed.

2. **Ordinance No. 531** to adopt new language regulating the authority of the Pelham Police Department's vault and property storage room (**First Reading was on July 23, 2026**)

Councilmember Snowden moved to adopt Ordinance No. 531 as presented and Councilmember Power seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 531 was given vote, and the roll call vote was 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>



Ordinance No. 531 passed by unanimous roll call vote of the council and the Council President declared the same passed.

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

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.

There were no comments from any members of the public.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President Leverett thanked Mayor Wash for bringing in Pelham citizens and businesses to recognize them during city council meetings. He closed by reading Joshua 1:9.

Councilmember Snowden congratulated and thanked the Pelham businesses in attendance tonight for their accomplishments. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight.

Councilmember Harris was not present.

Councilmember Power thanked the Pelham businesses for being here tonight. She stated she is excited to work on the budget over the next week. She wished everyone a great evening.

Councilmember Townes thanked the Pelham businesses for their success and for being in attendance tonight. She thanked everyone for attending tonight's council meeting.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Applications and resumes are now being accepted through August 7, 2026 for the Pelham Parks & Recreation Advisory Board: Places 5, 6, 7, and 8 (Student Representative). Please visit pelhamalabama.gov for more information or contact City Clerk/Treasurer Jonathan Seale by calling 205.620.6404.
2. The Pelham City Council will hold the following Special-Called Work Sessions to review and discuss FY2027 departmental budgets:

Dates: Tuesday, August 4, 2026, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Saturday, August 8, 2026, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the city council, Councilmember Power moved to adjourn the council meeting and Councilmember Townes seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously by those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of August 2026.



Jonathan Seale, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Chad Leverett, President of the Council

