

# *The City of Pelham*

## **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 21, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers**

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor James Eubanks	City Manager, Christian Drake	Kizzy Gordon
Mayor Pro Tem, Rhonda Brown	City Clerk, Lisa Austin	Lorranger Russell
Council Member, Bennett Adams	Attorney, Tommy Coleman	Trantaves Troutman
Council Member, Fredrick Davis	Police Chief, Nealie McCormick	
Council Member, Bobby Robinson	Assistant Chief, Rod Williams	
Council Member, Cody Shiver	Investigator, Adam Lamb	
Council Member, Mistry Troutman	Enterprise/Journal Randy Wind	
	Court Clerk, Helen Cody	
	DDA Director, Cameron Harris	

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mayor Eubanks provided the opening prayer.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Council Member Adams made a motion** to move item #3 (Alcohol Request-JD's) to item #1 and approve the amended agenda, **seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimously approved.**

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Lorranger Russell addressed the council and stated that he is applying for the alcohol license at JD's. Russell told the council that he should be able to hold the alcohol license without any problems.

Kizzy Gordon addressed the council and stated that she was in favor of Lorranger Russell obtaining an alcohol license for JD's.

Bruce Williams addressed the council and stated that he was in favor of Lorranger Russell obtaining an alcohol license for JD's.

## **COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Council Member Shiver made a motion** to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2024, and Work Session minutes for March 14, 2024, as presented, **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimously approved.**

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A review of all department reports.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

A review of the financial report.

## **ALCOHOL REQUEST JD'S**

Lorranger Russell has applied for a beer, wine, liquor (consumption only), license at JD's Bar and Grill located at 181 Mitchell Street, Pelham, Georgia 31779. Mr. Russell is requesting to be responsible party for JD's Bar and Grill. JDs has been approved for alcohol license in the past with a different responsible party.

Police Chief Nealie McCormick has done a background check and due to information in the records check has recommended to deny the alcohol license request.

City Attorney Tommy Coleman read Section E of the alcohol ordinance which states "Any person who has been convicted of, has entered a plea of nolo contendere to, or forfeited a bond to charge of violation of any state, federal, or local law involving the manufacture, sale distribution, or possession of alcoholic beverages, contraband, or any "controlled substances" as such term is utilized under laws of the state. Coleman also stated the ordinance states the city council in its sole discretion may decide to authorize the issuance of a license to a person who has in the past been convicted of plead guilty to, entered a plea of nolo contendere or forfeited a bond on any crime.

**Council Member Davis made a motion** to approve the alcohol license for JD's Bar and Grill located at 181 Mitchell Street to Lorranger Russell, **seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote in favor of the motion was Council Member Davis, Council Member Robinson, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, and Council Member Troutman. The opposed votes included were Council Member Shiver, and Council Member Adams. Mayor Eubanks stated the motion passes.**

## **ROAD CLOSURE-PELHAM MAIN STREET CAR SHOW**

Pelham Main Street is requesting approval to close West Railroad Street for the Pelham Main Street Car Show on April 13, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Local business owners open during the car show hours in which this will affect have been notified of the potential closure.

**Council Member Shiver made a motion** to approve the road closure on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the Pelham Main Street Car Show, **seconded by Council Member Troutman. The vote was unanimously approved.**

## **ALCOHOL REQUEST-MAIN STREET CAR SHOW**

Pelham Main Street is requesting approval for a temporary alcohol license for the Main Street Car Show which will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pelham Main Street will utilize a designated event area for alcohol sales and use bright wristbands for consumers once ID's are checked. The alcohol request is for beer consumption only, no liquor will be sold.

**Council Member Shiver made a motion** to motion to approve the temporary alcohol license to the Pelham Main Street for the purpose of the Pelham Main Street Car Show in the event area on Saturday, April 13, 2024, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.**

## **COUNCIL RETREAT**

A recommendation was presented to have the Carl Vinson Institute of Government facilitate the 2024 Council Retreat. This would be a 2-day retreat with a proposed date of May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Camilla Regional Commission Facility. The first day of the retreat will be from 5 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. for dinner and networking along with an introduction and ice breaker to get everyone ready for day two. The second day will be from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and will focus on strategic priorities and planning.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion** to approve a contract with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government to facilitate the 2024 Council Retreat, **seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimously approved.**

## **FARMERS MARKET WAREHOUSE LEASE**

Beall Tire Company has approached the city inquiring about leasing the warehouse space at the city's Farmers Market to Beall Tire for a period of one year. The warehouse space in question measures 3,276 square feet. This lease arrangement will facilitate Beall Tire's expansion by providing them with a return center while they construct a new structure for tire storage. The proposed rent is \$2 per square foot which will equate to \$546.00 per month. Allowing Beall Tire

to lease the warehouse space at the Famer’s Market supports local businesses by providing them with the infrastructure necessary for growth and expansion. The lease agreement generates revenue for the Famer’s Market facility, which can be reinvested into maintenance, improvements, and other initiatives aimed at enhancing the market’s façade. This agreement aligns with our goals of supporting local businesses, maximizing the utility of city-owned properties, and generating revenue for the improvement of facilities.

**Council Member Robinson made a motion** to enter into a lease agreement with Beall Tire for 1-year for warehouse space located at the Farmer’s Market and charge \$546.00 per month for the rental of the space, **seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimously approved.**

### **SEAT BELT POLICY**

A proposed seat belt policy was presented to the council to add to the City of Pelham personnel handbook. The seat belt policy states all occupants in a city vehicle will always wear seatbelts properly. The policy will be added under Section 23.01 City Vehicles-Employee Utilization.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion** to add the seat policy to the City of Pelham personnel handbook under Section 23.01 City Vehicles-Employee Utilization, **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimously approved.**

### **SAFETY MITIGATION POLICY**

Each department is responsible for the safety of their department. Fire Chief Stinson will oversee the safety policy of the city and report to the city manager any findings in violation of the safety policy.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion** to appoint Fire Chief Shane Stinson to oversee the Safety Mitigation Policy for the city, **seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimously approved.**

### **SURPLUS VEHICLES**

A list of vehicles and equipment was provided to the council to declare as surplus and to be sold on Gov Deals to create revenue for the city. The list included the following:

Trailer 1	C2947
Caterpillar M60 Bulldozer	3ZD00718
Caterpillar D-7G Bulldozer	3ZD00412

Trailer 2	N/A
Trailer 3	1S9US1725DM063173
Trailer Cargo M105A2	2510-01-237-2413
Articulating Front End Loader	N/A
International 2 1/12 Ton Truck	85K117-40-10063

**Council Member Davis made a motion** to declare the above equipment/vehicles as surplus for the City of Pelham and to be sold on Gov Deals for revenue to the city, **seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimously approved.**

**DONNIE COCHRAN COMMUNITY CENTER BASKETBALL GYM**  
**SUMMER HOURS**

In ongoing efforts to transform the Donnie Cochran Community Center into a vibrant community hub, and opening the gym for public use during specific days and times a list of dates, times and volunteers include:

Dates - May 1 to July 31<sup>st</sup>

Times – Tuesday, and Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To ensure the smooth operation of the gym during the proposed schedule, the following volunteers have agreed to oversee activities:

- Randavis Balom
- Devery Spence
- Mathew Bulloch
- Roscoe Jones
- Nicole Moore
- Bobby Hoskins

**Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion** to approve the proposed schedule for the Donnie Cochran Community Center gym, **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimously approved.**

**PDA/DDA BOARD APPOINTMENT**

The PDA/DDA Main Street Board Appointments are:



Pelham Main Street Board – Jasmine Riddle

Pelham Downtown Development Authority- Dr. Bonita Richter-White and Lisa Austin

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**Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion** to approve the appointment of Jasmine Riddle to the Pelham Main Street Board and approve the appointments of Dr. Bonita Richter-White and Lisa Austin to the Pelham Downtown Development Authority and the Pelham Development Authority, **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimously approved.**

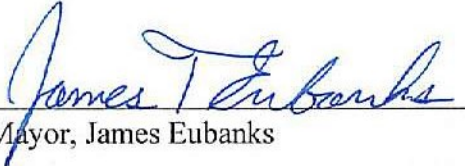
**MITCHELL COUNTY AND CITIES JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

A “Resolution Formally Adopting the Updates to The Mitchell County and Cities Joint Comprehensive Plan” was presented. After discussion, the council was not in favor of adopting the comprehensive plan resolution presented.

**Council Member Shiver made a motion** to deny the approval of the Mitchell County and Cities Joint Comprehensive Plan Resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.

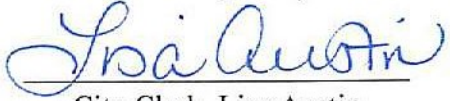
**ADJOURN**

With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, Council Member Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimously approved. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:37 p.m.

  
Mayor, James Eubanks

**AUTHENTICATED:**

This 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024

  
City Clerk, Lisa Austin

