

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

October 15, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks	City Manager, Craig Bennett
Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Brown	City Clerk, Lisa Austin
Council Member Bennett Adams-Zoom	Attorney, Hayden Hooks
Council Member Robert Hodges-Zoom	Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Council Member Ansel Parrish	Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin
Council Member Bobby Robinson	Main Street, DDA Director, Christian Drake
Council Member Tad Williamson	Pelham Chamber Director, Paige Whigham

****Absent from the meeting Council Member Fredrick Davis****

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mayor Eubanks provided the opening prayer.

REGULAR SESSION – LED BY MAYOR EUBANKS

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council Member Williamson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

RED RIBBON WEEK PROCLAMATION

Mayor Eubanks read the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation proclaiming October 23rd-31st, 2020 as Red Ribbon Week in the City of Pelham.

Council Member Hodges made a motion to adopt the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation, seconded by Council Member Williamson. The vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve minutes from September 17, 2020 Council Meeting, and minutes from September 24, 2020 Called Meeting as distributed, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

PELHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

City Manger introduced the new Chamber Director Paige Whigham. Ms. Whigham gave the following overview of Chamber events planned.

October:

- Paint Night at the Depot October 16th
- Pumpkin Painting or Carving Contest begins October 30th-November 13th

November:

- Christmas Parade/Christmas Festivities Begin
- Christmas Paint Night November 13th
- Cookie Kit November 20th
- Toy Drive November 21st

December:

- Shop Local-Elf on the Shelf
- Toys for Tots October 16th-December 7th
- Mistletoe Market December 5th

Upcoming Events:

- January 18th-Waist Away Challenge Kick-off
- January 28th- Annual Banquet

PELHAM DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND MAINTSTREET

Christian Drake Downtown Development Authority and Mainstreet Director reported on the following:

DDA

- Created a directory for our vacant building's downtown
- Acquired the building at 171 Mathewson Avenue with the help from the Mitchell County Development Authority. (The roof will be repaired next week)
- City gifted the Roses building to the Pelham Development Authority (The roof will be fixed within the next week)
- Website Redesign Completed
- Planning on having a stakeholder meeting to gauge what citizens want out of the DDA. That information will then be used to create the strategic plan for the city.

Main Street

- Back to school event was held and 310 bundles were given out to children and 26 people completed their census during that event.
- Mainstreet held a virtual concert and, raised \$525 dollars.
- During the back to school event and census events that have been held they were almost 100 volunteer hours put in from citizens.

ALCOHOL APPLICATION BACKSTREET SEAFOOD

Backstreet Seafood is a new licensed business in Pelham. Mr. Jesse Romero bought the former Captain's Dons. They are in the process of renovating the business and will open soon. Mr. Romero is applying for a retail malt beverage and wine consumption license.

Council Member Robinson made a motion to approve the alcohol license for Backstreet Seafood for Mr. Jesse Romero, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.

ALCOHOL APPLICATION DISCOUNT LIQUOR

Discount Liquor is being bought by Prestige Worldwide Liquor, LLC on Baggs Ave at US 19. Mr. Jesse Young is purchasing it from the previous owner. Mr. Young is applying for a retail malt beverage, wine and distilled spirits package licenses.

Council Member Robinson made a motion to approve the alcohol license for Discount Liquor for Mr. Jesse Young, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

ALCOHOL LICENSE RENEWAL 2021

The 2021 Alcohol License list was presented for approval of various business establishments in which sell alcohol. The 2020 business license expire on December 31, 2020.

Council Member Robinson made a motion to approve all the 2021 Alcohol License that were presented, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Reviewed financial reports of September that were presented.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reviewed department reports from September 2020 from the Pelham Police Department, Fire Department, Utility Department, and Code Enforcement.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Subject: City Manager's Report

Week of 12-16 October

Coronavirus

Area	Contracted COVID 19		Died		%	
	Today	Previous Report	Today	Previous Report	Today	Previous Report
Global		34,495,176		1,025,729		2.97
U.S.		7,310,625		208,118		2.85
Georgia		320,634		7,106		2.22
Mitchell County		820		45		5.49

City's Public Notice on Halloween

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT-HALLOWEEN

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on Halloween have identified traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating and other activities as high-risk activities and recommends avoiding these types of activities. The City of Pelham's Mayor and City Council concurs with the CDC and encourages everyone to adhere to the guidelines this Halloween season.

The guidelines identify other high-risk activities, which should also be avoided, such as:

- Trunk-or-treat events with treats handed out to large groups from trunks of cars,
- Indoor costume parties,
- Indoor haunted houses,
- Hayrides/tractor rides with people who are not in your household,
- Going to fall festivals outside your community

To this end, the City will not be setting hours for trick-or-treating this year.

The CDC guidelines identify other low-risk activities this holiday season, so you are encouraged to visit the CDC website.

<https://www.cdc.gov/.../daily-life-coping/holidays.html>... And see what other activities you may consider this Halloween season.

Way forward addressing violence in Pelham

- Regarding a task force. A task force is about bring partners together to deal with a problem. Pelham is already party to multiple different groups, such as Operation Turn Around and Georgia Gang Investigators Association. Another task force will not necessarily add value. A committee was another idea suggested. After dutiful consideration the Police Chief and I can not foresee a sufficient mission and objective for a committee.
- Going forward, recommend the Council lean on the staff to deliberate and coordinate solutions. The staff through the City Manager require elected official to keep us informed of what they are hearing from the community.
- To further collect information and interact with the community on the issue, the Police Chief is coordinating an outreach event at the Bonita Cochran neighborhood on October 29th.

Census

- Supreme Court overturned the lower courts and the Census has been concluded, it ends 23:59 tonight.


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 unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:14 p.m.**



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 19th Day of November 2020.


City Clerk, Lisa Austin