

# *The City of Pelham*

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**May 20, 2021 – 6:34 p.m. – Council Chambers**

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor James Eubanks	City Manager, Craig Bennett	Sue Taylor
Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Brown	City Clerk, Lisa Austin	Ashley Adams
Council Member Bennett Adams	City Attorney, Tommy Coleman	Jen Williams
Council Member Fredrick Davis	Police Chief, Nealie McCormick	Cindy Pollock
Council Member Robert Hodges	Main Street/DDA Director-Christian Drake	Linda Pollock
Council Member Ansel Parris	Asst. Police Chief, Rod Williams	Janice Williamson
Council Member Bobby Robinson	Police Captain, Adam Lamb	Gloria Anderson
	Corporal, Angel Florence	Charlotte White
	Charles Groover, Program Manager	Jen Layton Williams
	Police Chief Albany, Michael Persley	Randy Wind, Enterprise-Journal

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:34 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 Hodges made a motion to approve the agenda as distributed, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

#### **COUNCILMAN TAD WILLIAMSON PROCLAMATION**

Council Member Clarence Cephas Williamson (Tad) served as a member of Pelham’s City Council from January 2016 until April 2021. Council Member Williamson passed away on April 25, 2021. Mayor Eubanks read and presented A Proclamation to Council Members Williamson’s family.

#### **PRESENTATION FROM THE GEORGIA POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL FOR PELHAM’S POLICE DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION**

The Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) has announced that the City of Pelham Police Department is now a State Certified Law Enforcement Agency. Program Manager Charles W. Groover, presented Police Chief Nealie McCormick with the State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification. Albany Police Chief Michael Persley presented Assistant Police Chief Rod Williams with a Certificate of Appreciation.

## COUNCIL MINUTES

**Council Member Hodges made a motion to approve minutes from April 15, 2021 Council Meeting and May 13, 2021 Called Meeting, as presented, seconded by Council Member Parrish. The vote was unanimous.**

### GEORGIA PINES LEASE-MITCHELL COUNTY HEALTH CLINIC

Georgia Pines is the organization, which rents the south end of the Police station in order to provide the Mitchell County Mental Health Clinic. Annually Georgia Pines sends us a lease to announce their commitment to lease the facility for another year. The standards of the lease call for:

- Rental Fee-\$4,794/month
- Georgia Pines responsible for utilities, janitorial and maintenance requirements
- Georgia Pines shall not make improvements without Lessor's consent.
- Georgia Pines must carry liability insurance for loss of property at a minimum of \$1,000,000/person and \$3,000,000/occurrence.

**Council Member Adams made a motion to execute the Georgia Pines Lease-Mitchell County Health Clinic, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

### GMA DISTRICT 10 BALLOT

GMA District 10 have the following nominees for the District Officials.

- President Judy Powell, Councilmember, City of Leesburg
- First Vice President Travis Wimbush, Mayor, City of Blakley
- Second Vice President Jay Flowers, Council Member, City of Thomasville
- Third Vice President Kelvin Owens, Mayor, City of Camilla

**Council Member Hodges made a motion in favor of the proposed slate of officers for the GMA District 10 Ballot, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.**

### SPECIAL ELECTION

Per the city charter, since there is more than 6 months left in Council Member Williamson's term a special election must occur to fill the remainder of the term. The council is a seven-member governing entity per the signed charter, and per the pending charter change, the seven-member council is regulated until December 31, 2023. Per the State Election Calendar, a Special Election can be held in 2021 on June 15<sup>th</sup>, September 21<sup>st</sup>, or November 2<sup>nd</sup>. City Manager Bennett recommends holding the special election along with the general election in

November. There is nothing in the election laws according to the City Attorney which precludes waiting until the November 2<sup>nd</sup> election date.

**CDBG APPLICATION RESOLUTION**

**Council Member Hodges made a motion** to approve the City of Pelham’s Resolution in support of a Community Development Block Grant for Housing application to Georgia Department of Community Affairs for \$750,000, **second by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Reviewed financial reports of April 2021 that were presented.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Reviewed department reports from April 2021 from the Pelham Police Department, Fire Department, Utility Department, and Code Enforcement.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Subject: City Manager's Report

Week of 3-21 May

**Coronavirus**

Area	Contracted COVID19		Died		%	
	Today	Previous Report	Today	Previous Report	Today	Previous Report
Global	164,523,894	149,910,744	3,412,032	3,155,168		2.1
U.S.	32,825,625	32,031,068	584,337	571,297		1.78
Georgia	891,502	878,827	17,849	17,534		2
Mitchell County	1,545	1,531	75	74		4.83

Area	Total Vaccinations		First Shot		Fully Vaccinated	
	Today	Previous Report	Today	Previous Report	Today	Previous Report
U.S.	277,290,173	237,360,493	159,174,963 47.9%	143,793,565	125,453,423 37.8%	99,668,945
Georgia (10.62M)	6,916,511	6,054,840	3,894,452 37%	3,574,950 34%	3,153,385 30%	2,581,080 25%
Mitchell County (22,192)	11,994	11,107	6,560 29%	6,237 28%	5,716 26%	5,146 23%

- See digital map at [https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases\\_casesper100klast7days](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_casesper100klast7days)
- A new community report can be seen daily at <https://beta.healthdata.gov/National/COVID-19-Community-Profile-Report/gqxm-d9w9>
- City staff a full strength.

#### Personnel

- Two Laborers in PW Road Crew resigned. One for a better paying job and one following a vehicle accident and refusing a drug test.
- Two employees await results of drug test and will start next Wednesday. One in Utility and one in Road Crew. This leaves two open spots on the Road Crew.
- A part time Police Officer has come on full time, another worn officer is going through the hiring process, and one unqualified candidate has cleared the hiring process and will be brought on staff once the police academy has a spot for him.
- Advertisements are out for all open positions, 1.) PW Director, 2.) Police Officers, 3.) Fire Fighter, 4.) Assistant Water and Wastewater System Operator, 5.) Road Crew Supervisor and 6.) Road Crew Laborer.
  - [Pelham Webpage](#)
  - [Pelham FB Page](#)
  - [GMA Job Board](#)

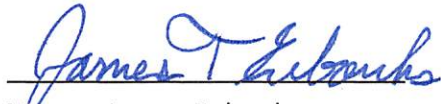
#### GEFA LOAN

- On May 11<sup>th</sup>, the GEFA Loan Board approved Pelham’s application for a \$672,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Loan and a \$644,000 Clean Water State Revolving Loan!
- Council will deliberate on the resolution to accept the loans next month.
- As a reminder the loans are to.
  - Repair well bearings, install new chemical feed equipment, and make other safety improvements such as ventilation at the Scott Marshall well.

- Backup generator and transfer switch for Cotton Ave well, install new chemical feed equipment, and make other safety improvements such as ventilation.
- Backup generator and transfer switch for the Hurst St. well, install new chemical feed equipment and make other safety improvements such as ventilation.
- Install two new chopper pumps and a new control cabinet, along with a backup generator and transfer switch at the Nursing Home lift station.
- Install two new pumps, along with transfer switches at the Harmony lift station.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, **Council Member Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:12 p.m.**

  
Mayor, James Eubanks

**AUTHENTICATED:**

This 17<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2021.

  
City Clerk, Lisa Austin

