# The City of Pelham

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

September 15, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers PRESENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Brown Council Member Bennett Adams Council Member Rhonda Brown Council Member Fredrick Davis Council Member Bobby Robinson Council Member Cody Shiver City Manager, Christian Drake
City Clerk, Lisa Austin
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Utility Clerk, Jasmine Riddle
Enterprise-Journal Randy Wind
GA. South Productions, Kenneth Brown
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman

\*\*\*Absent from the Council Meeting was Mayor Eubanks\*\*\*

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Council Member Davis provided the opening prayer.

#### **REGULAR SESSION-LED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BROWN**

#### APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the agenda as distributed, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

#### **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Council Member Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of August 18, 2022, Regular Meeting, Called Meeting Minutes August 25, 2022, and Work Session Meeting September 8, 2022, seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimous.

#### TAX COLLECTION CONTRACT RENEWAL

Renewal of an annual agreement that the city has with Mitchell County to bill and collect Ad Valorem Tax.

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the renewal of the annual agreement with Mitchell County to bill and collect Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Pelham, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.

#### FREEPORT EXEMPTION RESOLUTION

This Resolution is to affirm the adoption of inventory tax exemption passed on November 7, 1978 but does further show that the City does not have any local Freeport exemptions.

**Council Member Shiver made a motion** to accept the Freeport Exemption Resolution, **seconded** by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.

#### MILLAGE

The School Board set their millage rate at 8.645 and the City set their millage rate at 17.00 for a total of 25.654 mills upon all tangible property in the City of Pelham including public utilities in the respective millage. The levies of taxation are subject to such exemptions of homestead and personal property as directed by law.

**Council Member Robinson made a motion** to adopt the millage rate and accept the 2022 Tax Levy Resolution, **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.** 

#### ORDINANCE FOR CHANGING STREET NAMES

To create a standard operating procedure that allows for the council to achieve consistency and fairness when a citizen or group of citizens requests to change the name of a street in the City of Pelham.

**Council Member Brown made a motion** to adopt the Ordinance for Changing Street Names and approve the Application for Renaming of Street within the City of Pelham, **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.** 

#### **YOUTH INVOLVEMENT**

Council Member Brown stated she had a survey for kids attending school in Pelham. The purpose of the survey is to give the kids a voice. This survey will be presented to the School Board at their next meeting and if they approve the survey it given to the kids.

**Council Member Robinson made a motion** to support the concept of Council Member Brown going before the Pelham School Board to promote the survey to give kids a voice, **seconded by Council Member Adams**. The vote was unanimous.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Council reviewed financial report for August 2022 that were presented.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Council reviewed department reports for August 2022 from the Pelham Police Department, Fire Department, Utility Department, and Code Enforcement.

#### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Drake asked everyone to keep an employee in their prayers who was in a bad accident. On September 30 the city will hold an employee appreciation lunch from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and invited all council members. City Manager Drake also discussed the gas appliances program and how customers could get these appliances and be billed monthly on their utility bills.

### **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 Pro Tem Brown declared the meeting closed at 6:58 p.m.

Mayor, James T. Eubanks

**AUTHENITICATED:** 

This 20th Day of October 2022.

City Clerk, Lisa Austin