

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

October 16, 2025 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubanks
Mayor Pro Tem, Rhonda Brown
Council Member Bennett Adams
Council Member Fredrick Davis
Council Member Bobby Robinson
Council Member Cody Shiver
Council Member Mistry Troutman
City Manager, Christian Drake
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Asst Police Chief, Rod Williams

Accounts Payable Clerk, Jasmine Riddle
Enterprise-Journal, Randy Wind

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer provided by Council Member Troutman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Brown made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 25, 2025 Council Meeting, October 8, 2025 Special Called Meeting and October 14, 2025 Special Called Meeting, **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A review of all department reports. City Manager Drake announced that work on the sidewalk in front of Pelham Loan Company would begin on October 17th. Mayor Eubanks presented certificates to Police Chief Nealie McCormick and Asst. Police Chief Rod Williams for completing 120 hours of training, receiving certification that most police departments in the state did not have.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A review of the financial report.

CITIZEN COMMENTS POLICY

City Manager Drake presented a citizen comments policy to the Council. The policy dictates the requirements for a person to be allowed to speak during a Council Meeting as well as what a person could do if they do not meet the requirements for comments to be made during the meetings.

Council Member Adams made a motion to adopt the ordinance to adopt the citizen comments policy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. Council Members Shiver, Davis, Troutman, Adams, and Mayor Pro Tem Brown voted in favor. Council member Robinson was opposed. The second reading could not be dispensed. This will be on the agenda for next month.

PURCHASE POLICE VEHICLE

City Manager Drake presented three quotes for the purchase of a new vehicle for the police department. The three quotes are:

- Dodge Ram 2023 19 miles \$37,859 Local dealership, eligible for trade allowance
- Ford F-150 2023 New \$42,175 Standard Police upfit option available
- Chevrolet Silverado 1500 2023 New \$54,000 Highest cost option, limited availability

Council Member Adams made a motion to surplus the Chrysler 300 for the purpose of trading it in to purchase a new police vehicle, seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimous.

Council Member Shiver made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2023 Dodge Ram from the local Chrysler dealership, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.

POLICE BODY CAMERAS

City Manager Drake presented three quotes for new body cameras for the policy department. All of the quotes include cloud storage and a contract term of five years. The three quotes (with notes from Investigator Lamb) are:

- **Pro-Vision- \$44,460:** this is the company we presently use also the one we have trouble with the cameras.
- **Axon- \$72,494.20:** most robust system with a lot of added programs that we will not use that often but would run the cost up even more.
- **Trusted Technology- \$28,792.80:** This is the company we are testing now and has been a good fit for what we need

Council Member Shiver made a motion to approve the purchase of police body cameras from trusted Technology Solutions, seconded by Council member Davis. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES-AFG EQUIPMENT

City Manager Drake stated that the fire department has been awarded the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$137,523.81. The funds will be used to purchase new turnout gear, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units, and a washer and dryer set designed for turn out gear. He presented three quotes for the turnout gear:

- NAFECO: \$3,797.80 per set
- MTS Safety: \$3,911.73 per set
- Alert Visions: \$3,987.69 per set

He also presented two quotes for the SCBA units:

- American Safety & Firehouse: \$60,360.48
- MES: \$63,174.84

Council Member Davis made a motion to approve the purchase of SCBA units from American Safety & Firehouse, seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimous.

FY 2024-2025 LMIG & LRA LMIG ADDITIONS

The City's current road paving project was originally approved at a total cost of \$1,110,871.00. Since the initial approval, two additional items have been identified as costeffective enhancements to the existing scope of work.

1. W. Railroad Street Widening:

This addition proposes widening W. Railroad Street by 2 feet on each side for approximately 0.65 miles. This improvement was discussed during the preliminary review but not included in the RFP.

Cost: \$73,091.25

2. Howard Street Resurfacing:

Howard Street is a one-way street located off Mize Street, which is already included in the current paving schedule. Adding this segment will improve connectivity and ensure consistent pavement conditions in the surrounding area.

Cost: \$29,838.00

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the additions to the FY 2024-2025 LMIG Project, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-LITIGATION


Council Member Shiver made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of litigation, seconded by Council Member Troutman. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the regular meeting closed at 7:12 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

Council Member Adams made a motion to come out of the executive session and reconvene the regular session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the Regular Meeting back in order at 8:26 p.m.

ADJOURN

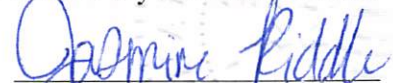
Council Member Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Troutman. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 8:28 p.m.



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 20th day of November 2025



Jasmine Riddle