

# *The City of Pelham*

## **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**OCTOBER 8, 2025 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers**

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor James Eubank  
Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Brown  
Council Member Bennett Adams  
Council Member Bobby Robinson  
Council Member Cody Shiver  
City Manager, Christian Drake

Asst. Police Chief, Rod Williams  
Investigator, Adam Lamb  
Main Street/DDA Director, Felisha Drag  
Accounts Payable Clerk, Jasmine Riddle  
Enterprise-Journal, Dawn Clark  
Kurstien Harrell  
Holly Phillips

\*\*\*Absent from the meeting were Council member Davis and Council Member Troutman. \*\*\*

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:47p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for approval: September 18, 2025 Council Meeting  
October 8, 2025 Special Called Meeting

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A review of all department reports. Ms. Holly Phillips, the library director, appeared before the Council to give an update on the library, highlighting the reopening of the library after being closed for an extended amount of time due to the air conditioner units having to be replaced and mold remediation, giving a brief update on the renovation project for the library as well as stating that the position for the branch manager at Pelham Carnegie Library was open. Mrs. Felisha Draggs, the Main Street/DDA Director, appeared before the Council to give an update on current events, highlighting the Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign that started October 6<sup>th</sup> and would end October 11<sup>th</sup> as well as the Dining for A Cure Fundraising Banquet that would take place October 25<sup>th</sup>. City Manager Drake highlighted the Code Enforcement Department's report, specifically the permit violations that were listed. He also discussed the paving project, stating that it was beginning within the next week.

## **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.

## **SET MILEAGE 2025/TAX COLLECTION CONTRACT**

City Manager Drake presented the 5-year tax history, 2025 Tax Levy Resolution, Ordinance 2025-10-08-1, and the contract for the County Tax Office to receive tax payment on behalf of the City to the Council.

**Council Member Robinson made a motion to approve the resolution establishing the mileage rate of 17.00 mills, seconded by Council Member Adams. The vote was unanimous.**

**Council member Shiver made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-10-08-1 levying the 2025 ad valorem property taxes at 25.645 mills, dispensing with the second reading, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

**Council Member Adams made a motion to approve renewal of the contract with the County for property tax billing and collection services for 2025 at the rate of \$3.00 per parcel, totaling \$5,331.00, seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimous.**

## **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

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the purchase of a 2023 Dodge Ram from the

local Chrysler dealership in the amount of \$37,859, utilizing \$11,500 from the insurance settlement and a \$10,000 trade-in allowance for the Chrysler sedan, for a net cost of approximately \$16,359.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

### **POLICE BODY CAMERA**

City Manager Drake presented three quotes for new body cameras for the police 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

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve entering into a contract with Trusted Technology for the purchase of body cameras for the police department.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

### **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

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the purchase of 15 sets of turnout gear from

NAFECO in the amount of \$56,967.00 and SCBA and Air-Pak units from American Safety & Firehouse in the amount of \$60,360.48.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

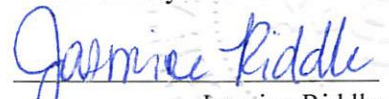
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**Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 8:03 p.m.**

  
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Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 16th day of October 2025

  
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Jasmine Riddle