

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

March 19, 2026 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubank
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 Clerk, Lisa Austin
Attorney, Flinn Colman
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick
Enterprise-Journal, Randy Wind
Investigator, Adam Lamb
Jesus Hara
Trudie Ward
Howard McKinnon

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer was provided by Council Member Davis.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Due to the Council deciding not to move forward with the Flock Camera Agreement during the Work Session, several Council members questioned the purpose of the Flock Camera Agreement being an agenda item for this meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Brown stated that she wanted to discuss it further because it is a great opportunity for the City. Council Member Davis stated that due to the finances, it would be a moot point to discuss it further. Council member Shiver stated that there was a limited time to take advantage of the new offer of a 60-day trial.

Council Member Robinson made a motion to remove Agenda Item 7, Flock Camera Agreement, seconded by Council Member Davis. After some more discussion, a vote was taken. Council Members Adams and Robinson voted in favor of amending the agenda, Mayor Pro Tem Brown and Council Members Davis and Shiver voted in opposition of amending the agenda. Council Member Troutman abstained from voting which counted as a vote in favor. Mayor Eubanks broke the tie and voted to not change the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Shiver. Mayor Pro Tem Brown and Council Members Davis, Shiver and Troutman voted in favor. Council Members Adams and Robinson were opposed.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve the minutes for February 12, 2026, Work Session, February 19, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, and March 12, 2026, Work Session Minutes as presented, **seconded by Council Member Troutman. The vote was unanimously approved.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Manager Drake presented updates to the department reports.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

City Manager Drake presented the financial report for review.

ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST-CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

Chuy's Grill & Bar will be hosting their annual Cinco De Mayo Celebration on May 9th from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. In conjunction with the Cinco De Mayo Celebration, Pelham Music Center will be hosting a School of Rock. They are requesting that a portion of Mathewson Ave be temporarily closed from the intersection of Blythe Street and Mathewson Avenue to the intersection of Blythe Street and McLaughlin Street.

Council Member Shiver made a motion to approve the temporary road closure for the Cinco De Mayo Celebration on May 9th as presented, **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.**

ALCOHOL REQUEST-CINO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

The event organizers (Chuy's Grill and Bar and Pelham Music Center) are requesting that the council allow attendees to purchase alcoholic beverage from Chuy's Grill and Bar and consume those beverages within the designated even area along the street during the Cinco de Mayo Celebration. The event is scheduled to take place on May 9th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to approve the alcohol request as presented for the Cinco de Mayo Celebration, **seconded by Council Member Shiver. Council Member**

Troutman abstained from the vote. Mayor Eubanks stated the majority is in favor and the motion will carry.

ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST-PELHAM MAIN STREET CAR SHOW

Pelham Main Street will be hosting their annual Car Show & Cornhole Tournament on May 9th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The event is hosted to promote downtown activity and support local businesses. The requested road closure will be along West Railroad Street, beginning at the intersection of Hand Avenue and West Railroad Street.

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the road closures subject to contacting business owners being notified of such road closure, **seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimously approved.**

ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST-GA CITIES WEEK

Pelham Main Street will host a Georgia Cities Week community event on April 25, 2026. Georgia Cities Week is a statewide initiative that highlights the importance of cities and services they provide to residents. The event is scheduled to take place on April 25, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To safely accommodate vendors and pedestrian traffic between the city parks, organizers are requesting a temporary road closure on Mathewson Avenue, beginning at the intersection of West Railroad and Mathewson Avenue and extending to the intersection of East Railroad Street and Mathewson Avenue.

Council Member Troutman made a motion to approve the road closure as presented for Georgia Cities Week on April 25, 2026, **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimously approved.**

SAFETY POLICY

The Local Government Risk Management Services conducted a risk management walkthrough. Upon completion, it was recommended the City formalize and adopt a comprehensive Safety Policy. City Manager Drake presented a Safety Policy to the Council.

Council Member Davis made a motion to approve the safety policy as presented, **seconded by Council Member Troutman. The vote was unanimous.**

GA POWER CHARGING STATION

Representatives from Georgia Power have approached the City to participate in their community electric vehicle charger program. They have chosen three spaces that would be suitable for hosting the charger:

-128 W Railroad Street South

-100 Hand Place

137 Hand Place

The City would not incur any costs associated with the charger and Georgia Power would maintain the charging stations.

Council Member Adams made a motion to authorize entering into an agreement with Georgia Power to place the charging stations, seconded by Council Member Shiver. The vote was unanimous.

FLOCK MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT

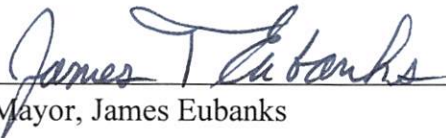
The Council discussed the Flock Camera Agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Brown stated that the City would miss out on a great opportunity if they decided not to utilize the 60 day opt-out period where the City would be able to try out 13 cameras. Previously, it was discussed that the City would not enter into the agreement due to not having the funds readily available to proceed with the contract after the trial period.

Council Member Robinson made a motion to turn down the agreement, seconded by Council Member Adams. Council members Adams and Robinson were in favor of turning down the agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Brown and Council Members Davis, Shiver, Troutman were opposed to turning down the offer.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown made a motion to proceed with the 60-day trial, seconded by Council Member Troutman. In favor were Mayor Pro Tem Brown and Council Members Davis, Shiver, and Troutman. Opposed were Council Members Adams and Robinson.

ADJOURN


Council Member Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Troutman. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:26 p.m.



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 16th day of April 2026



City Clerk, Lisa Austin

