

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION

April 9, 2026 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Brown	Teresa Snellgrove
Council Member Bennett Adams	Mike Snellgrove
Council Member Fredrick Davis	Lila Johnson
Council Member Bobby Robinson	Morgan Romero
Council Member Cody Shiver	Jesse Romero
City Manager, Christian Drake	Blaire McGalliard
Investigator, Adam Lamb	Kirk McGalliard
Lt. Reggie Feagin	Rusty Davis
Sgt Angel Florence	Miachel Longstreet
Accounts Payable Clerk, Jasmine Riddle	Daniel Landers
Code Enforcement Officer, James Timmons	John Maloy
Enterprise-Journal, Dawn Clark	Mervin Hoover
Tammy Williams	Greg Fenn
Lorraine Williams	Dontae Gibson
Mickey Williams	Devery Spence
Brandi McGalliard	Eugene Lewis
Katie Sadler	Teresa Robinson
Jack Wood	Nila Pitts
Jan Barwick	Lindy Barwick
Eddie Cannon	Drew Thornton
Hunter Flynt	Randy Due
David Chambers	

*** Mayor Eubanks and Council Member Troutman attended the meeting via Zoom. ***

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro Tem Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for approval: March 19, 2026, Council Meeting
April 9, 2026, Work Session

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A review of all department reports. City Manager Drake gave an update on the installation of the flock cameras. He also stated that the draft for the FY27 budget will be available to the public starting May 1st. He also discussed the city-wide clean up that will be taking place April 20-24. City Manager Drake also gave an update regarding the mental health building; Georgia Pines will be leaving the facility in Pelham but will remain in Mitchell County at a new location.

PROCLAMATION: MR. KAHN-COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS

Council Member Adams discussed issuing a proclamation in honor of Mr. Jerome Kahn, who recently passed, for his contributions to Pelham, including donating the land for what is now Kahn Park.

REZONING APPLICATION-203 W RAILROAD ST S

The Market IGA, located at 203 W Railroad St S, has submitted a conditional use application for the purpose of placing gas pumps on their property. The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission has found that the proposed use is permitted and that the application generally complies with zoning and development standards. The City's Planning Commission reviewed the application and recommended approval with a majority vote. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 16th starting at 6:00 p.m. regarding this application.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

HOTEL MOTEL TAX BUDGET APPROVAL

City Manager Drake presented the proposed budget for the Hotel/Motel tax funds. The estimated budget of \$15,000 has been allocated according to two main categories: Tourism, Conventions & Trade Shows and Tourism Product Development.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the budget for the Hotel/Motel Tax funds.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE

City Manager Drake presented draft ordinance 2026-04-16-01. The purpose of the ordinance would be to amend the current property maintenance ordinance. Council Member Robinson stated that the word "tag" needs to be removed from the ordinance as that is what is causing issue for the citizens. After discussion, it was decided this will not be an item on the agenda for voting next week.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

ORDINANCE REGULATING OUTDOOR STORAGE IN DOWNTOWN

City Manager Drake discussed the option of creating an ordinance to regulate outdoor storage in the downtown area due to concerns that have been identified by staff and citizens.

CARD SERVICE CHARGES

City Manager Drake discussed the option of adding a service charge or convenience fee for all credit card payments made to the City of Pelham. The service charge would be a small percentage. He stated that the City currently spends between \$16,000 and \$20,000 annually on processing fees. Implementing a service charge would help offset that cost and help align the city with common practices used by other municipalities. Council Member Robinson suggested doing a flat dollar amount, such as \$1, instead of a percentage. After discussion, it was decided this will not be an item on the agenda for voting next week due to needing more information.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY: COTTON BLOOM MASONIC LODGE 135-MAYOR PRO TEM BROWN

Mayor Pro Tem Brown discussed the City being a pass-through entity for grant funding for the Cotton Bloom Masonic Lodge #135. Council Member Adams cited concerns about keeping the funding separate from other City funds if the grant was awarded but otherwise had no objections. City Manager Drake stated that if the funding was granted, a separate bank account would be created for the funds.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

UDC CEMTERY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT- COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS

City Manager Drake presented the 1999 agreement between the Pelham Business Women's Civic Club and the City for upkeep of the cemetery located on Cemetery Rd and a trust agreement established in 2004. The agreement stated that the city would receive funding for the maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery. The city has not received funding since 2021 but has continued to provide maintenance and upkeep services. Since the City has not received funding, it has been asked that the agreement be reviewed. After discussion, members of the Council asked for more clarification regarding the agreement. This item will not be on the agenda for voting next week.

RESOLV DELINQUENT FINE RECOVERY PROGRAM

City Manager Drake presented a service agreement for the Resolv Delinquent Fine Recovery Program. The Municipal Court was approached regarding participation in this program. Resolv works with courts to identify and locate individuals with delinquent fines and direct the individuals to the court for payment to be made. There would be no upfront costs to the city and payments would be made directly to the city.

Resolv would collect 30% of the fine for in-state fines and 40% of the fine for out of state fines. Accounts would be referred to Resolv after being delinquent for 61 days. Currently, the city has approximately \$184, 378 in delinquent fines from January 1, 2020, through April 8, 2026.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve entering into the service agreement with Resolv Delinquent Fine Recovery Program.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

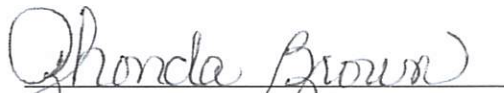
Ms. Lila Johnson appeared before the Council to suggest ACH processing for utility bill payments. She also mentioned an issue with littering in her neighborhood near Everett St. She also stated that there is an issue with speeding on Baggs Ave. She also asked for clarity on the requirement of needing to pay for a yard sale permit to have a yard sale on private property.

Mr. Mervin Hoover appeared before the Council to discuss an issue with a leaking fire hydrant near his property, stating that the constant leak has caused erosion that will cause ore issues with his driveway if not addressed soon.

Ms. Nila Pitts appeared before the Council to discuss the Flock cameras that were voted on during a previous meeting, stating that she and her neighbors have some concerns about privacy.

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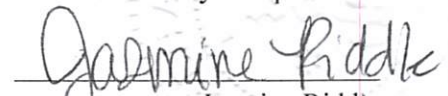
Mayor Pro Tem Brown declared the meeting closed at 7:46 p.m.



Mayor Pro Tem, Rhonda Brown

AUTHENTICATED:

This 16th day of April 2026



Jasmine Riddle