

# *The City of Pelham*

## **MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION**

**January 8, 2026 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers**

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor James Eubank	Accounts Payable Clerk, Jasmine Riddle
Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Brown	Enterprise-Journal, Randy Wind
Council Member Bennett Adams	Bruce Williams
Council Member Fredrick Davis	Doris Swarn
Council Member Bobby Robinson	Ray Muggridge
Council Member Cody Shiver	Sheldon Shelton
City Manager, Christian Drake	Ty Shelton
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick	Beka Shiver
Asst. Police Chief, Rod Williams	Jacob Shiver
Main Street/DDA Director, Felisha Draggs	

\*\*\*Absent from the meeting was Council Member Troutman. \*\*\*

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m.

### **SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

Judge Greg Williams swore in Council Members Brown, Robinson, and Shiver into their new terms.

### **REQUEST TO APPEAR-BRUCE WILLIAMS**

Mr. Bruce Williams, owner of Bruce Food Mart & BW Wings, appeared before the Council to discuss an issue regarding the alcohol license for his business Bruce Food Mart. He has stated that he was only able to have his alcohol license for one day, December 31, 2025, even though he applied for the license earlier in the year. He is stating that he believes the issue was caused by employees of the City and is requesting the alcohol license fee for 2026 be waived.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for approval: December 18, 2025 Council Meeting  
January 8, 2026 Work Session

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A review of all department reports.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

A review of the financial report.

## **PROPERTY DONATION TO THE CITY**

Mr. Ray Muggridge appeared before the Council to discuss donating two properties he owns to the City.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

## **WATER TANK MAINTENANCE CONTRACT RENEWAL**

Sheldon and Ty Shelton appeared before the Council to discuss the contract renewal for water tank maintenance services provided by their company, American Tank Maintenance.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve renewing the contract with American Tank Maintenance.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

**MAYOR PRO TEM 2026**

The Council discussed updating the charter to set more specific guidelines for selecting a Mayor Pro Tem. The Council also discussed selecting a new mayor pro tem for this year.

This will be an ACTION ITEM.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH PARADE CLOSURE

Dr. Anjel Gibson will be hosting the annual Black History Month Parade on February 21, 2026. She is requesting a road closure from 11:30 a.m. until the parade is over. The parade will follow the traditional parade route.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the road closure.

This will be an ACTION ITEM.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

## ADJOURN

Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 8:09 p.m.

James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 15th day of January 2025

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