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PRIORITIZING PROJECTS

City Council Adopts FY 2024 Budget

The Pelham City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY 2024) budget on Monday, September 18, 2023. The budget is just over \$93.8 million and reflects the City's commitment to continued growth and prioritizes the concerns and preferences of Pelham's residents.

The 2022 Citizen Satisfaction Survey allowed city leaders to obtain a baseline measurement of residents' perceptions and has been used to inform budget priorities for the second consecutive year. The top priorities from the survey are stormwater management, traffic congestion, and road and facilities maintenance. These priorities are evident throughout the FY 2024 budget, including projects such as the CR-52 railroad flyover, Highway 261 widening, drainage improvements, and traffic light intersection improvements.

The budget reflects a predicted continued increase in the cost of goods and services next year and health and liability insurance increases. While the personnel costs reflect higher benefit rates for existing and retired employees and regular step increases for salaries, total operations expenses are kept within 3% of last year despite the rising cost of inflation. While the new one-cent sales tax increase on some goods results in an overall sales tax increase in this budget, we are budgeting revenue conservatively with a predicted 3% decrease in sales tax revenues year over year, as economic predictors experience rapid fluctuation and a slight downward trend in some of our sales tax categories over the last three months.



Renovations Moving Along

The clubhouse renovations at Ballantrae Golf Club are about four months along. According to General Manager Hal Brown, the new enclosed patio and new front vestibule are taking shape. He said windows are being installed, and a new roof is next. After that, sheetrock and painting will begin. New roofs are planned for the starter's building and course restrooms.

Brown said the new space will create a welcoming atmosphere for customers. "They can enjoy food and beverages while watching television and enjoying the view of the 18th hole."

Brown said the project should be finished by January, weather permitting.



The Pelham Pathway wins National Awards

The Pelham Pathway magazine won two Awards of Excellence in the 2023 Savvy Awards presented by the City-County Communications and Marketing Association (3CMA). The magazine was a finalist in the categories of Printed Publications - External Publications and Graphic Design - Publications.

The Savvy Awards, an annual event hosted by 3CMA, are designed to honor the outstanding work of communications and marketing professionals within local government agencies across the United States. These accolades shine a spotlight on innovative and impactful campaigns that educate, engage, and inspire communities.



The Pelham Pathway is produced by the City's Communications team, but it is a collaborative effort, with contributions from all city departments. "It serves as a window into the heart of our community, and we hope it is a source of pride for our residents," said Ainsley Allison, Pelham's Communications Manager. "We appreciate the City Council and Mayor's support of the magazine and their continued commitment to keeping the publication ad-free."

The Pelham Pathway is printed quarterly and mailed to all Pelham residents with a Pelham Water Works account.



Your City at Work

Here are some of the recent items approved by the Pelham City Council. For the complete text of the agendas, minutes, ordinances, and resolutions, please visit www.pelhamalabama.gov.

- Declared certain personal property of the City of Pelham Police Department and Public Works as surplus.
- Accepted a bid for the purchase of three 2023 Dodge Chargers for the Police Department.
- Amended and established guidelines for funding requests from the City of Pelham.
- Entered an Inmate Housing Contract with the Shelby County Commission to provide the housing of inmates of the Pelham Municipal Court. The contract excludes prescription drugs and medical and dental care.
- Entered into a contract with C-Spire Business to transfer from the current vendor and host the city's Microsoft 365 Services and the city's Duo Multi-Factor Authentication Services.
- Authorized the release of street bond money and accepted the dedication of certain public streets, sidewalks, and rights-of-way for Ambergate, Dunrobin, Stoneykirk, Gleneagles, and Carnoustie Crest at Ballantrae.
- Authorized a public works contract to install lighting in the existing batting cages in City Park.
- Approved a quote from Landscape Structures to provide materials and build the pavilion at Campus No. 124 Park. Public works contracts will coordinate the work for electrical and footings.
- Authorized a public works contract for a new fence at the Senior Center Pickleball Courts. This contract is separate from the work agreement entered with SCPARA.
- Approved Change Order No. 1 and closed the project for the Stratford Sidewalk Repairs for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Awarded a bid for Water Department Warehouse Building Improvements.
- Authorized an expenditure of up to \$100,000 for the purchase and replacement of the clarifier, appurtenances, and equipment at the Pelham Wastewater Plant.

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- Awarded a bid for upgrades to the traffic signal detection system.
- Approved a proposal for rehabilitation of the Pelham Wastewater Treatment Plant Influent Screen.
- Held a public hearing to consider amending the zone district boundaries of the City of Pelham changing the present MX-C (Mixed Use Development District) to R-T (Townhouse Residential District) for property located on the east side of Huntley Parkway approximately 1,500 feet north of Simmsville Road.
- Passed Ordinance No. 513 declaring certain real property of the City of Pelham as surplus. This property is located at 1297 Shelby County Highway 52E, also known as the Old Fire Station No. 3 property. The Council then authorized the sale of the property to Southeastern Construction Partners, LLC.
- Amended Chapter 11, Article VII of Ordinance No. 418-01 to establish a Pelham Arts & Entertainment District.
- Amended the zone district boundaries from B-2 (General Business District) to R-T (Townhouse Residential District) for property located on the north side of Midridge Lane approximately 400 feet east of Pelham Parkway.
- Entered into an agreement with ALDOT and ADCNR to maintain certain portions of Oak Mountain State Park Road within the City of Pelham.
- Approved liquor license for the following: Mi Pueblo Supermarket - 7th Hispanic Independence Day Festival; Circle K; Marathon Grocery.
- Approved a settlement and release agreement between the City of Pelham and Thrive Operations.
- Adopted the City of Pelham's Fiscal Year 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets.
- Approved a quote for the purchase of 11 double-wide lockers for the Fire Station No. 1 Improvement Project.
- Authorized a public works contract to provide labor and materials for paving and striping of the parking lot at Coker Park.
- Approved a proposal for the replacement of the polymer preparation and feed system at the Pelham Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Accepted a bid for the Pelham Wastewater Treatment Plant Filter Equipment Replacement Project.

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- Accepted a bid for the installation of the clarifier equipment at the Pelham Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Authorized a public works contract for repairing and resurfacing the nine tennis courts at Pelham City Park.
- Adopted the Second Amendment to the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Contract.
- Accepted a bid for Clubhouse Patio Furniture at Ballantrae Golf Club.
- Amended the Public Works Department's FY2023 budget to apply proceeds from the sale of assets to fund the purchase of a new lawnmower.



Firefighter Challenge

Pelham Firefighter/EMT Jake Lanier will soon need a bigger trophy case. Lanier, who joined the Pelham Fire Department in October 2021, has made a name for himself as an elite athlete in the Firefighter Challenge, a globally recognized sport that simulates the physical demands of real-life firefighting situations.

Last month, Lanier collected several awards in the U.S. National Champions Firefighter Challenge, held at the Hoover Met. Lanier placed 2nd overall in the Under 40 Male Division 1 category.

In addition to the individual title, Lanier and teammate Brian Riebe of St. Lucie County, Florida Fire District, won the Under 40 Male Tandem with a time of 1:08:72.

Lanier was a Southeast Lions Overall Male Hybrid Relay Team member who won the category.

Also at the competition, several Pelham firefighters competed in the Alabama Fire Service Showdown. Pelham Fire Department's Kenny Wilhoit, Captain Mitchell Hicks, Scott Lee, Ken Mays, and Buddy Ingleright competed in the Over 40 Relay. The team finished with a time of 2:03:13. The competition announcer even gave a shoutout to 62-year-old Ken Mays, who just retired with 34 years of fire service.





Firefighter/Paramedic Buddy Ingleright, Detective Isaac Cruz, Detective Todd McCann, Detective Donnie Petersen, and Detective Sgt. Brad Jordan were honored by The Shelby County Chamber on September 27, 2023. Sgt. Jordan was unable to attend the luncheon.

The Shelby County Chamber 2023 Public Safety Awards

Firefighter of the Year: Buddy Ingleright

Firefighter/Paramedic Buddy Ingleright is the Pelham Fire Department's Firefighter of the Year for 2023. Buddy's nomination for this award was a testament to his impeccable EMS skills, which have played a pivotal role in the success of the RSI pilot program coordinated through the Alabama Office of EMS. The program aimed to enhance the level of care for patients in the field, focusing on Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI). This skill allows medics to better manage a patient's airway in critical situations, and Buddy has been the lead medic in multiple life-saving cardiac arrest cases. Recently, Buddy achieved the highest level of training for a paramedic by becoming a Critical Care Paramedic, and he will soon pursue certification in the challenging Smoke Divers program at the age of 52.

Lt. Judson Houston praised Buddy's consistently positive attitude, emphasizing how it has positively impacted the department's morale and camaraderie. Buddy is an integral part of the PEER Support team and contributes to the department's breast cancer research awareness and fundraising initiatives.

Criminal Investigations Division: Sgt. Brad Jordan, Det. Isaac Cruz, Det. Donnie Petersen and Det. Todd McCann

The Pelham Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division, under the leadership of Sgt. Brad Jordan received the 2023 Public Safety Award from The Shelby County Chamber for their unwavering commitment to safeguarding society's most vulnerable demographic – our children.

This dedicated team of investigators works tirelessly in collaboration with the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. Over the past year, they have taken on complex and stressful investigations, resulting in the identification and arrest of individuals who have exploited and harmed our children in unimaginable ways.

The CID's dedication to protecting our community's children exemplifies their commitment to the law enforcement profession and the welfare of our citizens. We extend our gratitude for their service and celebrate their successes, which are the result of their collective knowledge, skills, and unwavering dedication.

Please join us in congratulating first responders for their well-deserved recognition.



Pickleball for All

Excitement was in the air as the City of Pelham held a ribbon cutting for two new outdoor pickleball courts at the Pelham Senior Center. Pelham Parks & Recreation spearheaded the construction of the new courts, but as Director Brian Cooper mentioned, the project wouldn't have come to fruition without collaboration between City departments, the Pelham City Council, and Shelby County Parks & Recreation.

Pickleball players eagerly awaited the signal to take the courts and begin play. "The demand is high. We're excited to have our own outdoor courts. We have two today, and we'll see where that takes us in the future. The community is going to love it. Players will be here all day, every day," said Cooper.

In addition to the two courts, a new pavilion was added to the Senior Center. It will serve as a nice outdoor space for activities at the facility, as well as a place to relax after a game of pickleball.

Pelham City Council President Maurice Mercer said facilities such as the new pickleball court enhance the quality of life in the City of Pelham.



Fighting Fires & Breast Cancer

Once again, the Pelham Fire Department is pitching in to help in the fight against breast cancer. The annual "Paint it Pink" campaign is kicking off on October 1st. For a \$100 donation, the Pelham Fire Department will paint a fire hydrant pink in honor of or in memory of someone affected by breast cancer. A sign is placed by the hydrant with the person's name.

The Pelham Fire Department is also selling breast cancer awareness t-shirts this year. The t-shirts are \$20 and can be purchased at Fire Station No. One Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama.

The Pelham Fire Department has supported the BCRFA since 2011. The idea for the fundraiser originated with Fire Medic Buddy Ingleright and former Administrative Assistant Robin Wilkinson.

For more information on the Paint it Pink project or to purchase a t-shirt, email Ashley_Rhodes, or call 205.620.6500.

