

STATE OF ALABAMA
ST. CLAIR COUNTY

The City Council of the City of Pell City met in a regularly scheduled council meeting at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2025. Present were Council President Pro Tem Jason Mitcham, Councilmembers Ivi McDaniel and Blaine Henderson. Those present constituting a quorum of the Council, Council President Pro Tem Jason Mitcham opened the meeting for discussion. Council President Alverson and Councilmember Jenkins were absent.

The invocation was led by Reverend Donald Gover.

The pledge to the American Flag was led by City Manager Brian Muenber.

The City Clerk had roll call for attendance.

There were no comments regarding the bills on file.

There were no comments regarding the minutes from the Special Called Council Meeting held on April 21, 2025.

Mayor Bill Pruitt presented a proclamation to the Pell City Historical Society declaring the month of May as Pell City History Month.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the Council regarding a Public Hearing set for 6:00 p.m. to consider declaring the structure located at 908 Comer Avenue a nuisance and order it abated. He advised that the property contained numerous issues to include but not limited to the roof, foundation, septic system, and Utility Department issues. Mr. Muenger advised that the City had not been contacted by Paul Golden, the property owner, but did expect attendance at the Public Hearing with intimate details of the state of the structure.

Police Chief Clay Morris addressed the Council regarding an application for a Retail Off Premise Wine License for Town and Country d/b/a ASG, LLC located at 4700 Martin Street North. He advised that a background check had been conducted and stated nothing had been found that would prevent the authorization of the requested license. Chief Morris recommended approval.

City Manager Brian Muenger addressed the Council regarding the acquisition of permanent utility easements necessary to complete the Exit 156 Utility Improvements. He advised Metro Bank, along with the City, were in agreement to run a 12" water main along I-20, which would allow the property annexed on Roberts Mill Pond Road to be developed and meet fire flow standards. Mr. Muenger advised the preliminary plat for the property was approved in February and the City was in the 18-month completion period for final plat approval and project installation. He confirmed the line would be installed around the perimeter of the property and stated these easements would serve as a public purpose. Mr. Muenger confirmed that if the request was approved, the material for the project would be ordered and installation would begin. City Attorney John Rea advised that some of the easements would be obtained from Ingram Properties which included family members of Mr. Rea. Mr. Rea confirmed that the City Manager, Brian Muenger had been involved with the negotiations and wanted to be very clear that he had no interest in those properties. He also advised the offer for the easements were based on the established valuation of the property and advised the it was well below the benchmark.

City Manager Comments: Mr. Muenger provided dates and times of the events for the National Day of Prayer Invitations that had been provided. He advised the events were to take place at Celebrations at 7:00 a.m. and Eden Westside Baptist Church at 12:00 p.m.

Mayor Comments: None.

The City Council of the City of Pell City met in a Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday April 28, 2025. Present were Council President Pro Tem Jason Mitcham and Councilmembers McDaniel and Henderson. Those present constituting a quorum of the Council, the following business was transacted:

The City Clerk had roll call for attendance.

On motion of Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, the Council unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

On motion of Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, the Council unanimously approved the payment of bills on file.

On motion of Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, the Council unanimously approved the minutes from the Special Called Council Meeting held on April 21, 2025.

Now was the time set aside for a Public Hearing to consider the condemnation of property located at 908 Comer Avenue and order it abated.

Council President *Pro Tem* Jason Mitcham opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Ashley Pilkington Crowe, the tenant of 908 Comer Avenue, was present. Mrs. Crowe described in great detail the state of the structure to include the repairs that were self-made for temporary purposes. She advised that Mr. Paul Golden, the owner of the property, was aware of the bathtub falling in, the roof leaking, the damage caused, the sewer issues, etc. Mrs. Crowe stated that Mr. Golden would not make any repairs to the structure and advised that she had given Mr. Golden \$1,000 in advance rents to make the much-needed repairs.

There being no one else present to discuss the matter, Mr. Mitcham closed the Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m.

On motion of Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-37** declaring the structure located at 908 Comer Avenue to be unsafe to the extent of being a public nuisance and ordering the structure demolished.

On motion of Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, the Council unanimously approved the application for a request of a Retail Off Premise Wine License at Town and Country d/b/a ASG, LLC located at 4700 Martin Street North.

On Motion of Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, the Council unanimously approved **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-38** authorizing the acquisition of permanent utility easements necessary to complete the Exit 156 Utility Improvements Project.

Steven Gerrard was present and addressed the Council regarding Pro-Life and a Personhood Resolution.

On motion of Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, the Council adjourned subject to the call of President Pro Tem Mitcham.



J. Jason Mitcham - Council President *Pro Tem*

ATTEST:



Sheree D. Pruitt - City Clerk