

**JANUARY 20, 2016  
MEETING MINUTES**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 in the Council Chambers located within the Public Safety Building at 1111 Broad Street, Phenix City, Alabama. Upon roll call the following members were present: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Gail N. Head, Councilmember Jim Cannon, Councilmember Chris Blackshear, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Attorney James P. Graham, Jr. and City Clerk Charlotte Sierra.

There being a quorum established, Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order.

Reverend David Wilson, Pastor of The Way Church led the invocation.

Councilmember Cannon led the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

Mayor Lowe presented for approval the minutes for the January 4, 2016 work session meeting and the January 5, 2016 council meeting minutes. Councilmember Cannon moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Head. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Head, Cannon, Blackshear, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe stated there was no unfinished business to address at this time.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2016-14 to be ratified in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract with Robinson Paving Company, Inc. for emergency work on a portion of the storm pipe system located at 37<sup>th</sup> Street and along Stadium Drive in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-14**

Councilmember Day moved to ratify the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Head. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded:

YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Head, Cannon, Blackshear, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2016-15 to be ratified in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract with Robinson Paving Company, Inc. for emergency work on a portion of the slope located along Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway in an amount not to exceed \$27,163.71.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-15**

Councilmember Cannon moved to ratify the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded:  
YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Head, Cannon, Blackshear, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2016-16 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood for additional engineering design for the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed \$6,200.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-16**

Councilmember Blackshear moved to ratify the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Head. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded:  
YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Head, Cannon, Blackshear, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2016-17 to be ratified in reference to accepting a proposal from Building & Earth Sciences, Inc. for repairs to a slope failure along College Drive in an amount not to exceed \$10,500.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-17**

Councilmember Day moved to ratify the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Cannon. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was

recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Head, Cannon, Blackshear, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2016-18 to be ratified in reference to the declaration of emergency conditions in the City of Phenix City, Alabama, due to severe weather on or around December 24, 2015.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-18**

Councilmember Day moved to ratify the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Cannon. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Head, Cannon, Blackshear, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2016-19 to be ratified in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Robinson Paving Company, Inc. for emergency work on a portion of the slope between 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and the Chattahoochee River in an amount not to exceed \$32,034.75.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-19**

Councilmember Head moved to ratify the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Head, Cannon, Blackshear, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented three (3) resolutions in reference to the satisfaction of a Special Assessment on properties located at:

- 1.) 1701 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Thomas Loyal Lowther, Jr., owner.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-20**

- 2.) 1523 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Robert H. Gunter, Jr., owner.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-21**

- 3.) 1604 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Robert H. Gunter, Jr., owner.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-22**

Councilmember Blackshear moved to approve the resolutions, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Cannon. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Head, Cannon, Blackshear, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing Alabama Power Company to install one street light between 695 Mill Pond Drive and 705 Mill Pond Drive.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-23**

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Blackshear. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Head, Cannon, Blackshear, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to awarding a bid to Southern Pipe & Supply for water main improvements on 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue South in the amount of \$62,202.65.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-24**

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Head. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Head, Cannon, Blackshear, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2010-12 – The Code of Ordinances of the City of Phenix City, Alabama, Chapter 14, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article I, in General, Section 14-25, Truck Route Designated. (First Reading – 01/05/2016)

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02**

Councilmember Cannon moved to approve the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded:

YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Head, Cannon, Blackshear, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an ordinance to amend Sections 4.16-C of the Merit System Rules and Regulations of the City of Phenix City, Alabama. (First Reading – 01/05/2016)

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-03**

Councilmember Day moved to approve the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Cannon. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Head, Cannon, Blackshear, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an ordinance to remove Section 14.072 of the Merit System Rules and Regulations of the City of Phenix City, Alabama. (First Reading – 01/05/2016)

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-04**

Councilmember Head moved to approve the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Head, Cannon, Blackshear, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an ordinance to amend Section 15.011-B of the Merit System Rules and Regulations of the City of Phenix City, Alabama. (First Reading – 01/05/2016)

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-05**

Councilmember Blackshear moved to approve the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Cannon. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Head, Cannon, Blackshear, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge scrap metal as surplus to be sold to Newell Bush, Inc. for \$2,000.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-25**

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Blackshear. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Head, Cannon, Blackshear, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

City Manager Wallace Hunter congratulated Councilmember Chris Blackshear on his win as the Republican Nominee to run in April for Alabama Legislature's District 80 Seat.

Councilmember Blackshear commented on the Grand Opening of the new Wal-Mart on Highway 80.

Councilmember Cannon called on Economic Development Director Shaun Culligan, who advised that RAM Hospitality, who owns Courtyard by Marriott, received the "Best First Timers" Award. He advised the award is a Leggo replica of the hotel, and they would like for the city to display the award in various locations before the award is housed at the hotel.

City Manager Wallace Hunter commented on the establishment of the Economic Development Office and what it has meant to the city.

Councilmember Gail Head recognized Johnathon Wood and his father Brian Wood. Ms. Head advised John is a Boy Scout with Troop 100 and he is working on his Eagle Scout Award.

Mayor Lowe thanked Department Heads for all of their hard work.

Councilmember Arthur Day spoke of his appreciation for the new Wal-Mart and their generosity to our community by giving funds to various organizations.

Mayor Lowe reminded everyone of the State of the City Address on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Activity Center.

Mayor Lowe thanked CTVEA for donating their time and resources for the recording of the city's council meeting.

There being no further business to come before council, the meeting adjourned until February 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.