

**MARCH 1, 2016
MEETING MINUTES**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 1, 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 Johnny Barfield, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Attorney James P. Graham, Jr. and Acting City Clerk Melony Lee. City Clerk Charlotte Sierra was not present.

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

Reverend Charles Kelley, Pastor of Uchee Hill Missionary Baptist Church, led the invocation.

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

Mayor Lowe advised City Clerk Charlotte Sierra is not present for the meeting; therefore, he asked for a motion to appoint Melony Lee as Acting City Clerk. Councilmember Cannon moved to appoint Melony Lee as Acting City Clerk, 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, Barfield, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following employees for Years of Dedicated Service: Chad Cochran, Jimmy Brooks, Jeffrey Frazer, Tori Woods, Christopher Wright, Steve Zdanowicz, Sammy Evans, John Thomas, and Denorris Williams.

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing James Brandon Taylor.

PROCLAMATION

James Brandon Taylor and his parents came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented for approval the minutes of the February 17, 2016 work session and the February 17, 2016 council meeting. Councilmember Barfield 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 Head, Cannon, Barfield, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Councilmember Day. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for approval the tabled minutes of the February 2, 2016 Appeal of Condemnation meeting. Councilmember Day moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Cannon. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Cannon, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Councilmembers Head and Barfield. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for approval the minutes of the July 14, 2015 Budget Work Session. Councilmember Head moved to approve the minutes, 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, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Councilmember Barfield. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for approval the minutes of the July 22, 2015 Budget Work Session. Councilmember Head moved to approve the minutes, 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, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Councilmember Barfield. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for approval the minutes of the July 27, 2015 Budget Work Session. Councilmember Cannon moved to approve the minutes, 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, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Councilmember Barfield. The motion carried.

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

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2016-56 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Beasley Allen, et al for recovery of damages.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-56

Councilmember Barfield 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 Head, Cannon, Barfield, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Councilmember Day. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign an easement agreement with Troy Pope for the installation of a concrete flume to redirect storm water from 32nd Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-57

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Redflex updating the retention of records and/or documents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-58

Councilmember Cannon 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, Barfield, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to accepting the dedication of land, right-of-ways and easements dedicated by the "Plat of Boundary Survey & Property Division for Oasis Shurch International, Inc. locatred in Section 28, Township 17 North, Range 30 East, Phenix City, Russell County, Alabma", Oasis Church International, owner.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-59

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to granting an easement to Alabama Power Company for power to an electrical sign at Lakewood Golf Course.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-60

Councilmember Cannon 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, Barfield, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract for annual lobbying services with Scenic Properties, LLC, J.W. Brannen in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-61

Councilmember Barfield moved to approve 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, Cannon, Barfield, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: Councilmember Head. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented two (2) resolutions in reference to declaring property a public nuisance and authorizing and directing the Housing Abatement Board to take necessary action to demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash, and debris from property at the following locations:

- 1.) 2402 5th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-62

- 2.) 1605 8th Place South

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-63

Councilmember Head moved to approve the resolutions, 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, Barfield, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented seven (7) resolutions in reference to awarding bids for demolition and removal of structures located at:

- 1.) 109 15th Avenue South – Hall Landscaping - \$1,200.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-64

- 2.) 1212 16th Avenue – Hall Landscaping - \$1,830.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-65

- 3.) 1208 2nd Street South – Stewart Contracting - \$1,290.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-66

- 4.) 1303 2nd Street South – J & J Land Development, Inc. - \$950.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-67

- 5.) 1305 2nd Street South – Hall Landscaping - \$850.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-68

6.) 1007 4th Street South – Stewart Contracting - \$1,486.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-69

7.) 918 19th Street – J & J Land Development, Inc. - \$1,850.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-70

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring personal property as surplus and disposing of for the nominal sum of \$1.00 and other valuable considerations to Battalion Chief James Jackson in recognition of his 30 years and 11 months of public service.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-71

Councilmember Head moved to approve 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, Barfield, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract with The Agency Group, Inc. for John Michael Montgomery to perform at the Phenix City Amphitheater on May 14, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-72

Councilmember Barfield moved to approve 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, Barfield, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract with "ZAPP" to perform at the Phenix City Amphitheater on August 12, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-73

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, Barfield, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to make application for a Good Roots Grant from the Alabama Power Foundation in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the purchase of trees for Lakewood Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-74

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring personal property as surplus and disposing of for the nominal sum of \$1.00 and other valuable considerations to Frank Ivey in recognition of his 28 years of public service.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-75

Councilmember Head moved to approve 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, Barfield, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to purchasing one bar screen from JWC Environmental in an amount not to exceed \$276,558.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-76

Councilmember Barfield moved to approve 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, Barfield, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented one tabled opening on the Planning Commission. Councilmember Day moved to appoint Johnny Barfield as council's representative, 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, Barfield, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented one opening on the Planning Commission. Councilmember Cannon moved to table the opening, 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, Barfield, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented three openings on the Historic Preservation Commission. Councilmember Cannon moved to reappoint Steve Franklin and Dennis Jones, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Head. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Day, Head, Cannon, Barfield, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion carried. Mayor Lowe advised Mildred Benton does not wish to be reappointed. Councilmember Barfield moved to table this position, 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, Barfield, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe thanked department heads for their work.

Councilmember Head advised every one of the Opry Tribute Show on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 6 till 8 pm at the Central Activity Center.

Councilmember Cannon advised the show will honor Freddie Hart, who will be present for the show.

Councilmember Day advised every one that Franchise Missionary Baptist Church is holding a revival February 29 through March 4, 2016.

Mayor Lowe thanked CTV for donating their time and resources for the recording of the city's Council Meetings.

There being no further business to come before council, the meeting adjourned until March 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Idle Hour Park Community Center.