

MEETING MINUTES
July 19, 2016

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 19, 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, Councilmember Gail N. Head, Councilmember Jim W. Cannon, Councilmember Johnny Barfield, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Attorney James P. Graham, and City Clerk Charlotte L. Sierra.

Reverend J. Brady Baird, Pastor of Summerville United Methodist Church came forward to lead the invocation.

Councilmember Head led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

Mayor Lowe recognized two Boy Scouts who are working on earning their Eagle Scout Badge: Lucas Maxwell and John Patrick Nelson.

Mayor Lowe presented for approval the minutes of the July 5, 2016 work session and the July 6, 2016 council meeting. 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, Barfield and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for approval the minutes of the June 7, 2016 abatement appeal meeting. Councilmember Head moved to approve the minutes, 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 thus carried.

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

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2016-237 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to pay the claim filed by John W. Robertson in the amount of \$3,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-237

Councilmember Day moved to ratify 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. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to a public hearing on the 2016-2017 Proposed Fiscal Year Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-238

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. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract with Columbus Wilbert Vault Company, Inc. for grave repairs in an amount not to exceed \$32,500.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-239

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. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe next stated that now was the time and place for five (5) public hearings in reference to the fixing of costs incurred by the City of Phenix City for the removal of substandard

structures and the establishment of special assessments upon the following properties: 2402 5th Avenue, 522 22nd Avenue, 103 14th Court South, 110 14th Court South, 1011 4th Street South. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address council on any of the properties should come forward and do so at this time. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone come forward, Mayor Lowe declared the hearing closed.

Mayor Lowe presented five (5) resolutions in reference to the fixing of costs incurred by the City of Phenix City for the removal of substandard structures and the establishment of a special assessment upon the properties located at:

1.) 2402 5th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-240

2.) 522 22nd Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-241

3.) 103 14th Court

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-242

4.) 110 14th Court South

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-243

5.) 1011 4th Street South

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-244

Councilmember Barfield 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. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring one 1997 Ford Crown Victoria as surplus to be sold as scrap.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-245

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. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring one 1998 Ford F-250 HD Pickup Truck as surplus to be sold to The Hartford Insurance Company.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-246

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. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to awarding a bid to Yamaha Golf Cars for the lease of 58 golf cars / utility vehicles in the amount of \$2,954.90 per month for 48 months.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-247

Councilmember Cannon moved to approve 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. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to awarding a bid to Jerry Pate Turf and Irrigation for the lease of golf maintenance equipment in the amount of \$6,046.10 for the 54 months.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-248

Councilmember Day 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 declaring one 2004 Ford Crown Victoria and one 2005 Ford Crown Victoria as surplus to be sold to Troy University Phenix City Campus at a cost of \$500.00 each.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-249

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 an ordinance to amend Section 1.03 of the Merit System Rules and Regulations of the City of Phenix City, Alabama. The item failed for a lack of motion.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an ordinance to amend Section 1.099 of the Merit System Rules and Regulations of the City of Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Cannon moved to place the ordinance on first reading, 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 for first reading an ordinance to amend Section 16.08 of the Merit System Rules and Regulations of the City of Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Barfield moved to place the ordinance on first reading, 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 for first reading an ordinance to amend Section 16.19 of the Merit System Rules and Regulations of the City of Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Barfield moved to place the ordinance on first reading, 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.
ASTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented one tabled opening on the Industrial Development Board. Councilmember Day moved to table the one opening, which motion was seconded by Councilmbmer Cannon. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmember Day, Head, Cannon, Barfield and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading applications for a Pawnbroker's License submitted by Advance America, Cash Advance Centers of Alabama, LLC d/b/a Advance America located at 3922 Highway 80 West, Suite C, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Head moved to approve the applications, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Barfield. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Head, Barfield and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Cannon. The motion carried.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim filed by Alexandra Holt. City Attorney Jimmy Graham stated that Ms. Holt was traveling down a city street and while going around a car that was parked on the side of the road; she hit a hole in the road that damaged her vehicle. City Attorney Graham advised the memorandum from the Public Works Department stated an an inspection of the area was done and fund no holes in the road. City Attorney Graham stated that the photographs of the storm drains and cracks in the pavement show that they would not cause that type of damage. City Attorney Jimmy Graham recommended denying the claim. Councilmember Cannon moved to follow the City Attorney's recommendation to deny the claim, 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 the Department Heads for their hard work.

Mayor Lowe thanked CTVEA 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 August 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.