

**MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2016**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 2, 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 Steve Pace, Pastor of Summerville Baptist Church came forward to lead the invocation.

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

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing National Health Center Week.

PROCLAMATION

Mrs. Shaftel Benson came forward to accept the Proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented for approval the minutes of the July 18, 2016 work session and the July 19, 2016 council meeting. 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, Barfield and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for approval the minutes of the July 26, 2016 budget hearing. Councilmember Day 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 a resolution in reference to appointing election officials or poll workers for the Municipal General Election to be held August 23, 2016 and run-off, if necessary, October 4, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-250

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. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to establishing the pay for election officials or poll workers for the regular Municipal General Election to be held August 23, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-251

Councilmember Barfield 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 Barnes Gibson Partners Architects, LLC for services related to the remodeling of the Public Safety Building.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-252

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 the creation of committee to oversee compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Act of 1990.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-253

Councilmember Cannon moved to approve the resolutions, 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 William Morris Endeavor Entertainment, LLC in the amount of \$7,500 for performer Mo Pitney to appear at the Phenix City Amphitheater September 16, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-254

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 approving the budget for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-255

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. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe stated that now was the time and place for a Public Hearing 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 property located at 1605 8th Place South, Phenix City, Alabama. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address council on this property 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 a resolution 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 property located at 1605 8th Place South, Phenix City, Alabama.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-256

Councilmember Cannon moved to approve 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 two (2) resolutions and public notices in reference to setting public hearing dates and fixing demolitions costs associated with the following properties located in Phenix City:

1.) 606 North Railroad Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-257

PUBLIC NOTICE

2.) 502 Seale Road

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-258

PUBLIC NOTICE

Councilmember Day moved to approve said resolutions and public notices 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 and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a 36 month lease agreement with Best Copy Products, Inc. for one (1) SHARP MX-5141N Color Series Document System in the amount of \$233.34 per month, total payout of \$8,400.24 and cost per copy of \$.0054 per black and white copy and \$.04 per color copy.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-259

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a 36 month lease agreement with Best Copy Products, Inc. for one (1) SHARP MX-3050N Color Series Document System in the amount of \$128.46 per month and costs per copy of \$0.0079 per black and white copy and \$0.0450 per color copy.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-260

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 authorizing the purchase of two (2) Ford F150 Regular Cab 4 x 2 Pick-up Trucks from Stivers Ford Lincoln, Inc. in the amount of \$38,464.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-261

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 for second reading an ordinance to amend Section 1.099 of the Merit System Rules and Regulations of the City of Phenix City, Alabama.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-12

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

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an ordinance to amend Section 16.08 of the Merit System Rules and Regulations of the City of Phenix City, Alabama.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-13

Councilmember Head moved to approve the ordinance, 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 second reading an ordinance to amend Section 16.19 of the Merit System Rules and Regulations of the City of Phenix City, Alabama.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-14

Councilmember Day moved to approve the ordinance, 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. ASTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a letter of recommendation from the Planning Commission, Public Notice and Ordinance to rezone a 1.378 acre tract of land located at 1900 28th Court and a 0.971 acre tract of land located at 1711 27th Court, from R-1 Zones to C-4 Zones, Richard Preddy and Charles E. and Joyce Keeter, owners, respectively.

LETTER

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE

Councilmember Head moved to accept the letter, approve the public notice and 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 one tabled opening on the Industrial Development Board. Councilmember Day nominated Betty Richardson. There were no other nominations. Upon said nomination being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Head, Cannon, Barfield and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The nomination carried.

Mayor Lowe presented one opening on the Personal Review Board. Councilmember Head nominated Dimple Davis. There were no other nominations. Mayor Lowe called for a motion to appoint Dimple Davis. Councilmember Head made a motion to appoint Dimple Davis to the unexpired term of Their Brooks, 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 application for a Special Event License submitted by the City of Phenix City for their Fall Event Series. City Clerk Charlotte Sierra read the following memo from Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan to City Manager Wallace Hunter, dated July 29, 2016:

MEMO

I would like to place the following application on the August 2nd City Council Meeting for consideration.

We have planned a Fall Festival Series to include 4 events that will cover the months of September and October. These events are funded in part by the WC Bradley Company, as well as, the City and will bring a unique and exciting experience to Downtown Phenix City after the opening of Whitewater Avenue. The events are scheduled for September 1st and 17th and October 1st and 14th. Rebecca Harris has booked multiple acts for the Festival Series to include The Company Men, Masters of Soul, Tim Obrien Project, Kevin Vannoy, Larry Mitchell and others. Additionally, we have partnered with Whitewater Express, Columbus MakesIT, Chattahoochee Brewing Company, RAM Hospitality, Stand and Stretch, Ride on Bikes, The Alabama Brewers Guild, Go-Pro, and hopefully Fort Benning for this series and we expect it to be a major success for the opening of Whitewater Avenue. The first event is also planned to be the

ceremonial opening of Whittewater Avenue in which we will have a lantern release for City Council members and City Staff.

Councilmember Barfield moved to place the applications 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. ABSTAINS: None. The motion carried.

The Item Number A, under City Attorney, Kwame Garner versus The City of Phenix City, et al. Civil Action No. 3:16-CV-567, was deleted from the agenda during the August 1, 2016 Work Session.

Councilmember Day advised that the NAACP will have their banquet on August 12th, and everyone is invited.

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 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.