

**MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 6, 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, December 6, 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 Johnnie Robinson, Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Attorney James P. Graham, and City Clerk Charlotte L. Goodrich.

Mayor Lowe led the invocation.

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

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following employees for Years of Dedicated Service: Kristina Anglin and Robert Hudson.

Mayor Lowe presented for approval the minutes of the November 14, 2016 work session and the minutes of the November 15, 2016 council meeting. Councilmember Day moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Robinson, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for approval the minutes of the November 7, 2016 Oath of Office Ceremony and the minutes of the November 7, 2016 Organizational Meeting. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmember Day, Robinson, Bailey, Gordy 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. 2016-366 to be ratified in reference to approving the expenditure of \$14,880.00 for relocation of sanitary sewer line.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-366**

Councilmember Day moved to ratify the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Robinson, Bailey, Gordy 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 sign Change Order No. 1 with Crawford Grading & Pipeline, Inc. in the amount of \$90,100.00 for the replacement of water mains on 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 18<sup>th</sup> Court, and 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Project.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-367**

Councilmember Robinson 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, Robinson, Bailey, Gordy 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 sign an Indemnification Agreement with RCA, LLC regarding the removal of sewerage.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-368**

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Robinson, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor, City Manager and Chief of Police to enter into an agreement with Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$9,915.00 for UNS integration for the GPS.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-369**

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Robinson, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to the satisfaction of a Special Assessment on property located at 913 3<sup>rd</sup> Place South, owner being Oscar Harris.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-370**

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Robinson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented seven (7) 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. 1908 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-371**

2. 1029 4<sup>th</sup> Street South

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-372**

3. 1031 4<sup>th</sup> Street South

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-373**

4. 1033 4<sup>th</sup> Street South

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-374**

5. 1035 4<sup>th</sup> Street South

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-375**

6. 1037 4<sup>th</sup> Street South

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-376**

7. 1001 16<sup>th</sup> Street

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-377**

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

Mayor Lowe presented five (5) 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.) 2000 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-378**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

2.) 910 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-379**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

3.) 706 Dillingham Street

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-380**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

4.) 2400 31<sup>st</sup> Street

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-381**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

5) 918 North Railroad Street

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-382**

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in declaring 21 vehicles as surplus to be sold to the highest bidder at a public auction or sold as scrap if no one purchases it.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-383**

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Robinson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an ordinance in reference to the departments or offices of the City of Phenix City, Alabama.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-19**

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

Mayor Lowe presented two (2) previously tabled openings on the Housing Code Abatement Board. Mayor Lowe advised one opening is the appointment to be made by Councilmember At Large Griff Gordy. Councilmember Gordy reappointed Jason Long. Mayor Lowe advised the other opening is the appointment to be made by Councilmember District Two Johnnie C. Robinson. Councilmember Robinson appointed Stephen Robinson.

Mayor Lowe presented two (2) openings, one previously tabled, on the Tree Commission. Mayor Lowe asked for nominations. Councilmember Gordy nominated

reappointing Jeff McDonald. There were no other nominations. Mayor Lowe asked for a motion. Councilmember Robinson moved to reappoint Jeff McDonald, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Robinson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried. Mayor Lowe asked for nominations for the unexpired term of Paulette Rhodes, who had resigned November 4, 2016. Councilmember Day nominated Charles Evans. There were no other nominations. Mayor Lowe asked for a motion. Councilmember Day moved to appoint Charles Evans, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Robinson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.<sup>1</sup>

Mayor Lowe presented one opening on the Phenix City-Russell County Library Board. Mayor Lowe asked for nominations. Councilmember Gordy nominated reappointing Vickey Johnson. There were no other nominations. Mayor Lowe asked for a motion. Councilmember Robinson moved to reappoint Vickey Johnson, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Robinson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading applications for an Off Premise Beer License and an Off Premise Wine License submitted by Azair Tariq for AzairMaryam, Inc. d/b/a Lucky Store located at 322 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Phenix City, Alabama. 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, Cannon, Barfield and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion carried.

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<sup>1</sup> Charles Evans is already a current member of the Tree Commission; therefore, the resigned opening will be brought up at the next meeting to be filled by council.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an application for an Off Premise Beer License submitted by Michael H. Ivey for Ivey, Inc. d/b/a Corner Store II located at 3930 U.S. Highway 80 West, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to place the application on first reading, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Robinson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented an Itemized Statement of Expense from Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., in the amount of \$200.13. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the expense, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Robinson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Day. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented an Itemized Statement of Expense from Councilmember Johnnie C. Robinson, Jr., in the amount of \$533.95. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the expense, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Robinson. The motion thus carried.

City Manager Wallace Hunter thanked department heads and staff for the Christmas Parade.

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 December 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.