

**MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2017**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 18, 2017 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 Steve Bailey, Councilmember Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Johnnie Robinson was not present. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Attorney James P. Graham, and Acting City Clerk Melony Lee. City Clerk Charlotte Goodrich was not present.

Reverend Jean Keel of White Chapel CME Church led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

Mayor Lowe advised City Clerk Charlotte Goodrich is not present for the meeting; therefore, he asked for a motion to appoint Melony Lee as Acting City Clerk. Councilmember Day moved to appoint Melony Lee as Acting City Clerk, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded; YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented certificates to the 2017 Mayor's Ball Scholarship Recipients for the Dual Enrollment Program. The following students and their parents came forward to accept their scholarship certificates: Ashleigh Allison, Graciana Ashford, Paisley Flagg, Paul Carroll, Noah Dollar, Janiah Fryer, Kabirah Gibson-Muhhamad, Davornne Lindo, Michael Parker, Banks Stamp, Darius Thomas, Siani Tripp, Reilly Wooten, Mackenzie Morefield, Parker Slappey, and Carson Smith. Members from the Administration Office of Central High School and Glenwood High School were present as well as the Superintendent of the Phenix City Board of Education. Mayor's Ball Scholarship Committee Board members were also present to show support for the

2017 Mayor's Ball Scholarship Recipients. Also present was the Interim President of Chattahoochee Valley Community College.

Mayor Lowe presented for approval the minutes of the January 3, 2017 work session and the minutes of the January 4, 2017 council 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: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

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

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2017-12 to be ratified in reference to approving the Metro Narcotics Task Force and authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and Chief of Police to sign said by-laws.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-12

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, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2017-13 to be ratified in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Columbus Monument Company, Inc. for emergency work on a portion of Big Pine Grove Cemetery in an amount not to exceed \$7,090.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-13

Councilmember Gordy 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, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2017-14 to be ratified in reference to authorizing Robinson Paving Company to perform emergency roadway repairs on 16th Avenue in accordance with Bid No. 17-01.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-14

Councilmember Day moved to ratify 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, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2017-15 to be ratified in reference to authorizing Robinson Paving Company to perform emergency roadway repairs on 18th Avenue in accordance with Bid No. 17-01.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-15

Councilmember Gordy moved to ratify 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, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2017-16 to be ratified in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Proshot Concrete, Inc. to perform emergency work on a corrugated metal storm drainage pipe located at 2208 St. Andrews Way in an amount not to exceed \$92,088.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-16

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, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for a software upgrade to the Munis Enterprise Resource Planning System in an amount not to exceed \$122,725.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-17

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, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to renew a license agreement with ASCAP to public perform live or recorded non dramatic renditions of musical compositions in an amount not to exceed \$336.58 for a one year period.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-18

Councilmember Day moved to approve 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, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to forming a Community Celebration Committee to observe and commemorate the bicentennial of the State of Alabama.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-19

Councilmember Gordy 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, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to the satisfaction of a Special Assessment on property located at 1208 2nd Street South, Community Bank & Trust, owners.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-20

Councilmember Day moved to approve 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, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing Robinson Paving Company to perform emergency roadway repairs on 3rd Street South in accordance with Bid No. 17-01.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-21

Councilmember Gordy 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, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to granting a tax abatement to JVL Laboratories, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-22

Councilmember Day moved to approve 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, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to rescinding Resolution No. 2016-305 in reference to rejecting bids for the demolition of a structure located at 301 21st Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-23

Councilmember Day moved to approve 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, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to awarding a bid to J & J Land Development, Inc. for the demolition of a structure located at 301 21st Street in an amount not to exceed \$1,400.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-24

Councilmember Gordy 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, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a letter of request from the Planning Commission, a public notice, and ordinance to rezone a 24.21 acre tract of land located at the Intersection of 33rd Avenue and 7th Street, from a PRD Zone to an R-1 Zone, T. Bruce Wade, III, owner.

LETTER OF REQUEST
PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE

Councilmember Gordy moved to accept the letter, approve the public notice and 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, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Bailey. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented two (2) openings on the Tree Commission for the positions of Paulette Rhodes and Charles Evans. Mayor Lowe called for nominations for the positions of Paulette Rhodes and Charles Evans. Councilmember Gordy nominated Cecil Robinson to be appointed. Councilmember Day nominated Ricky Martin to be appointed. Mayor Lowe then declared the nominations closed. Councilmember Day moved to appoint Cecil Robinson, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe.

NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried. Mayor Lowe called for the vote for Ricky Martin. Councilmember Gordy moved to appoint Ricky Martin to the unexpired term of Charles Evans, 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: None. The motion thus carried.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim filed by Brian Dunaway that was previously approved by former Mayor and Council. City Attorney Graham advised Mr. Dunaway failed to sign the release form so Mr. Graham returned the check to the Finance Department. Mr. Dunaway's insurance company paid for the damages to his vehicle that was subrogated against the city and that claim was resolved. Mr. Dunaway is now willing to sign the release form. Mr. Dunaway wanted to be reimbursed for his car rental and was advised by City Attorney Jimmy Graham that the city does not cover car rentals. City Attorney Graham's recommendation is to approve the claim in the amount of \$1,875.49. Councilmember Day moved to take the city attorney's recommendation to approve the claim in the amount of \$1,875.49, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion carried.

City Manager Wallace Hunter commented on the Storm Damage and thanked the Department Heads for working so closely together. Mr. Hunter also spoke on diversity, race relations, and encouraged citizens to see "Hidden Figures" which is a movie that exemplifies how people should and should not be treated.

Mayor Lowe advised that Department Heads work for the City Manager and not the Council.

Councilmember Day advised that he represents District Three and he takes care of any constituent that comes to him with an issue. Mr. Day also reminded everyone of the Fellowship Luncheon on February 2, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. at the Idle Hour Conference Center.

Mayor Lowe reminded everyone of the State of the City Address Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Activities Center.

Mayor Lowe thanked department heads for their hard work and dedication.

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 February 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.