

**MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 3, 2017**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met for a regularly scheduled meeting at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday, July 3, 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, Jr., Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Johnnie C. Robinson, Jr. was not present. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Attorney James P. Graham, and City Clerk Charlotte L. Goodrich.

Upon a quorum being present, Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order.

Reverend Alan Griffith, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist came forward to lead the invocation.

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

Mayor Lowe presented the minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting with the Downtown Redevelopment Authority for approval. Councilmember Day 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 Bailey, Day and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Gordy. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented the minutes of the May 15, 2017 Work Session for approval. Councilmember Day 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 Bailey, Councilmember Day and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Gordy. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented the minutes of the June 5, 2017 Work Session for approval. 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 Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Day. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented the minutes of the June 6, 2017 Council meeting for approval. 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 Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Day. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented the minutes of the June 19, 2017 Work Session meeting for approval. Councilmember Day 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, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Gordy. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented the minutes of the June 20, 2017 Council meeting for approval. Councilmember Day 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, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Gordy. The motion carried.

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

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2017-158 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to purchase two new pumps from Jim House &

Associates at a cost of \$55,000.00 and have Jim House & Associates repair one pump at a cost of \$13,855.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-158**

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion having been 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 a resolution in reference to granting an easement to Alabama Power Company to relocate power lines from Airport Road and along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-159**

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion having been 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 a resolution in reference to the satisfaction of a Special Assessment on property located at 903 4<sup>th</sup> Street South, Tommie Searcy Cliatt, owner.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-160**

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion having been 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 a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign an agreement with Myriad Partners for industrial recruitment, retention, and attraction of companies, agencies, jobs and investment within Phenix City.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-161**

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion having been 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 next declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing regarding the fixing of costs incurred by the City of Phenix City for the removal of substandard structures and the establishment of special assessments upon properties at the following locations in Phenix City, Alabama; anyone wishing to address council regarding these matters should come forward now:

- 1) 1908 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 2) 1001 16<sup>th</sup> Street
- 3) 1029 4<sup>th</sup> Street South
- 4) 1031 4<sup>th</sup> Street South
- 5) 1033 4<sup>th</sup> Street South
- 6) 1035 4<sup>th</sup> Street South
- 7) 1037 4<sup>th</sup> Street South

Neither hearing nor seeing anyone come forward on the matters, Mayor Lowe declared the public hearings closed.

Mayor Lowe next presented seven (7) resolutions regarding the fixing of costs incurred by the City of Phenix City for the removal of substandard structures and the establishment of special assessments upon properties located at:

1. 1908 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-162**

2. 1001 16<sup>th</sup> Street

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-163**

3. 1029 4<sup>th</sup> Street South

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-164**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-165**

5. 1033 4<sup>th</sup> Street South

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-166**

6. 1035 4<sup>th</sup> Street South

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-167**

7. 1037 4<sup>th</sup> Street South

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-168**

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to the purchase of one (1) John Deere 6105E Cab Tractor (87PRO hp) from Ag-Pro in the amount of \$104,460.01 from Ag-Pro for the Limbs and Debris Division. (Budgeted Item)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-169**

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion having been 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 a resolution in reference to the purchase of one (1) John Deere 5100E Utility Tractor from Ag-Pro for the Limbs and Debris Division in an amount not to exceed \$82,713.91. (Budgeted Item)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-170**

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. ABSTAIN. None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to the purchase of one (1) 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe, Four Door Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle from Donohoo Chevrolet in an amount not to exceed \$36,715.03. (Budgeted Item)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-171**

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. ABSTAIN. None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring various items as surplus to be sold as scrap or be disposed of at the City Landfill.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-172**

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. ABSTAIN. None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2017-12 Amendment to Authorizing the Issuance of Tax-Exempt General Obligation Warrants, Series 2017B.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-16**

Councilmember Gordy moved to suspend the rules, 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. ABSTAIN. None. The motion carried. 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, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN. None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an Ordinance to de-annex 26.05 acre tract of land lying in Section 27, Township 18 North, Range 30 East, Lee County, Alabama (Summerville Road), Jay B. Shepherd, T. Bruce Wade, II, and J. Gilbert Dyer, Jr. Owner. Councilmember Day moved to place the ordinance 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, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN. None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an ordinance declaring property in the Industrial Park as surplus to be sold to Project Greene Light.

#### **ORDINANCE 2017-17**

Councilmember Day moved to suspend the rules, 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. Councilmember Gordy 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, Bailey, Gordy 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 an agreement with Altera Development Company to lease 40,702 square feet of retail space located on Highway 431 South, Phenix City, Alabama.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-173**

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. ABSTAIN. None. The motion carried.



Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Renfro, Inc. to sublease retail space in a retail development to be located on Highway 431 South, Phenix City, Alabama.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-174**

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. ABSTAIN. None. The motion carried.

City Manager Hunter commented on the River Warden issue with Council.

Councilmember Bailey reminded citizens of the Pyrotecnico Fireworks at the Amphitheater for July 4, 2017.

Councilmember Day reminded citizens of the Let's Talk Sessions that are held on the third Saturday of the month.

Mayor Lowe thanked the Department Heads and CTV – Beam Television for their filming of the meeting.

There being no further business to come before council, the meeting adjourned until July 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.