

**MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2018**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers within the Public Safety Building located at 1111 Broad Street, Phenix City, Alabama. Upon roll call, the following members of Council were present: Councilmember Vickey Carter Johnson, Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr. was not present. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Attorney James P. Graham, Jr., and City Clerk Melony Lee.

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

Reverend Lisa Eady with Praise Ministry Tabernacle/Take the City was not present. Mayor Lowe delivered the invocation.

Mayor Lowe led the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

Mayor Lowe presented the minutes of the April 30, 2018 work session and May 1, 2018 council meeting for approval. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion carried.

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

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution 2018-140 to be ratified in reference to authorizing the purchase of insurance contracts from the Flowers Insurance Agency through the Hartford & Hudson Insurance Companies.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-140

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to accepting the dedication of any right-of-ways dedicated by the "Property Division of Parcel "A" and Lot 2B of the Replat of Part of the Western Half of Section 35, Township 18 North, Range 30 East", Michael S. Bowden and RCA, LLC, owners.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-141

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to granting tax abatement to Fuerst Day Lawson Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-142

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract with Ride On Bikes for the purchase, design, development and basic maintenance of a Riverwalk Mountain Bike Course.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-143

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

Mayor Lowe presented a Public Notice setting the date for an Authorizing Referendum Election to be held on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, regarding changing The Phenix City Board of Education from an appointed board to an elected board.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring one Ford E350 Van as surplus and transferring it to the City of Phenix City Police Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-144

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract with Pyrotechico for fireworks on July 4, 2018 at the Amphitheater in an amount not to exceed \$10,750.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-145

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

Mayor Lowe presented an application for conditional use approval submitted by WC Bradley Company for a Public Art Park located at Whitewater Avenue. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the public notice, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Johnson, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented two (2) openings on the Tree Commission. Mayor Lowe asked for nominations and Councilmember Bailey nominated Gail Brantley to replace Jeff McDonald and table the second appointment until the June 5th Council meeting. There being no other nominations, Mayor Lowe called for the vote. Councilmember Gordy moved to appoint Gail Brantley and table the second appointment until the June 5th Council meeting, 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: Councilmember Johnson. ABSTAINS: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented an opening on the Zoning Adjustment and Appeals Board. Councilmember Johnson moved to table the appointment until the June 5th Council meeting, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Johnson, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented an Itemized Statement of Expense for McKinley Bass of the Fire Department in the amount of \$44.83. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the Itemized Statement of Expense, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Johnson, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented an Itemized Statement of Expense for Brent Paul of the Fire Department in the amount of \$47.42. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the Itemized Statement of Expense, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Johnson, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented an Itemized Statement of Expense for Casey Pinder of the Fire Department in the amount of \$44.94. Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the Itemized Statement of Expense, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Johnson, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an application for Gold and Silver Buyers License, submitted by Shane Brewer for The Gold Man located at 1817 Stadium Drive, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to suspend the rules, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion carried. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the application, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an application for an On Premise Beer License, and an On Premise Wine License and On Premise Whiskey/Wine License submitted by Alonzo Cliatt for Medtech, LLC dba Bamaque located at 1006 16th Avenue B, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Johnson moved to place the applications 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 Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion carried.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, Alabama filed by Janice Clark, 4200 Freedom Court, Phenix City, Alabama. City Attorney Graham stated that Ms. Clark's vehicle was covered in mud while driving on Highway 80. The muddy water was caused by a contractor hitting the city's water main. City Attorney Graham advised that he will be forwarding the contractor's name to Ms. Clark so she can request payment for damages from them. City Attorney Graham asked Council to deny this claim. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to deny the claim, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Johnson, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion carried.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, Alabama filed by Jerald Hopkins, 838 Lee Road 229, Smiths Station, Alabama. City Attorney Graham stated Mr. Hopkins was in the area of 306 Highway 280 Bypass and Highway 80 West and the city was cutting grass and threw a rock which cracked his windshield. City Attorney Graham recommended paying the claim in the lowest estimate of \$145.00. Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to pay the claim in the lowest estimate of \$145.00, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Johnson, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion carried.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, Alabama filed by Angelika Johnson, 5295 Riverchase Drive, Apt. 807, Phenix City, Alabama. City Attorney Graham stated that the claim alleges that the City of Phenix City is responsible for damages to a rim due to a pothole on the walkway leading to the bridge on Whitewater Avenue. City Attorney Jimmy Graham advised to pay the lowest estimate in the amount of \$368.42. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation of paying the lowest estimate of \$368.42, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Johnson, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion carried.

Councilmember Johnson congratulated the 2018 Graduates of Glenwood High School and Central High School.

Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes spoke on the closing of the Central Activities Center in June due to HVAC repairs. Mr. Hughes is asking citizens to be patient as these repairs will help the facility.

Mayor Lowe thanked CTV Beam for their dedication of recording the council meetings. Mayor Lowe also thanked citizens of Phenix City and all Department Heads for their hard work and dedication.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned at 9:41 a.m. until June 5, 2018.