

**MEETING MINUTES
July 3, 2018**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, July 3, 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 Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Vickey Carter Johnson, Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. 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 Steve Pace Pastor of Summerville Baptist Church delivered the invocation.

Councilmember Bailey led the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain presented employee service recognitions to the following: John Downs (10 years of service), Patrick Keith (15 years of service), and Melony Lee (25 years of service).

Mayor Lowe presented the minutes of the June 18, 2018 work session and June 19, 2018 council meeting for approval. Councilmember Day moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

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

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution 2018-179 to be ratified in reference to approving final settlement in the matter of a claim filed by Gwenda Belcher in the amount of \$1,666.78.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-179

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for Railroad Grade Crossing Improvements at the Intersection of 11th Avenue and South Railroad Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-180

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

Mayor Lowe presented six (6) 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. 1403 9th Avenue

RESOLUTION 2018-181

2. 910 11th Avenue

RESOLUTION 2018-182

3. 1110 16th Avenue

RESOLUTION 2018-183

4. 1819 18th Avenue

RESOLUTION 2018-184

5. 1508 12th Place

RESOLUTION 2018-185

6. 1603 13th Street

RESOLUTION 2018-186

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

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 specials assessments upon the following properties: 1233 13th Avenue, 1119 23rd Avenue, 2306 16th Place, 518 6th Street, and 1605 22nd Street. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address council on any of the properties should come forward and do so at this time. Mayor Lowe advised there was a letter addressing the demolition assessment on the property located at 1119 23rd Avenue. Mayor Lowe asked City Clerk Melony Lee to read into the minutes the letter dated July 1, 2018:

July 1, 2018

City of Phenix City
1111 Broad Street
Phenix City, AL 36867

To: Honorable Mayor Eddie Lowe and Council Members

RE: Resolution No. 2018-162

It is our wish to keep our property at 1119-23rd Avenue, Phenix City, Alabama.

We may have a family member present at the Public Hearing to be held on July 3, 2018. We will provide Melony Lee and our family member with this letter for his appearance in the Council meeting. However, if our family member is unable to attend the Council meeting, we request our letter be read and incorporated into the Hearing meeting minutes.

If the Council decide to assess a lien against our property, we will do the dutiful thing and pay our obligation of \$4,426.20 when the property tax is due in the October bill, if not sooner. Our family is appreciative of the City Manager extending us a grace period. Thus, we will be mindful of the December-January timeline.

We acknowledge your kindness and attention to detail when it comes to sending us pertinent City and County documents for our records.

The Osby (Robinson) Family is thankful for this opportunity to work with the Mayor and City officials to resolve this matter in good Faith.

Sincerely,

/s/ Crawford Robinson Jr.

Crawford Robinsons Jr and Belated Mary Robinson (Osby) Family

Neither hearing nor seeing anyone else come forward, Mayor Lowe declared the hearing closed. Mayor Lowe and City Manager Wallace Hunter clarified a statement in the letter. Mr. Hunter advised that the city does not extend a grace period for a demolition assessment. The grace period to which the letter refers is the grace period everyone has to pay their taxes, which is collected through the Russell County Revenue Commissioners Office.

Mayor Lowe presented five (5) Resolutions 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 properties located at:

1. 1233 13th Avenue - \$4,619.59

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-187

2. 1119 23rd Avenue - \$4,426.20

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-188

3. 2306 16th Place - \$5,571.95

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-189

4. 518 6th Street - \$9,244.73

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-190

5. 1605 22nd Street - \$5,141.25

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-191

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

Mayor Lowe presented one opening on the Zoning Adjustment and Appeals Board which he recommended tabling. Councilmember Day moved to table appointment, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmember Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe called upon the City Attorney Jimmy Graham who presented a resolution approving final settlement in the matter of a claim filed by Michael G. Hostilo, LLC for Ryan Wade in the amount of \$5,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-192

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

City Manager Wallace Hunter thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication and told everyone to have a happy and safe holiday.

Mayor and Council thanked everyone for doing such a great job and wants everyone to be safe and enjoy the holiday and to go out and enjoy the fireworks downtown.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned at 9:50 a.m. until July 17, 2018.