

**MEETING MINUTES  
July 17, 2018**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, July 17, 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 Brady Baird with Summerville United Methodist Church delivered the invocation.

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

Mayor Lowe presented the minutes of the July 2, 2018 work session and July 3, 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 carried.

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution and public notice in reference to a public hearing on the 2018-2019 Proposed Fiscal Year Budget.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-193**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve said resolution and public notice, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. 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 carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to appointing election officials or poll workers for the Referendum Election to be held August 28, 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-194**

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 carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to establishing the pay for election officials or poll workers for the Referendum Election to be held August 28, 2018

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-195**

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 Day, Johnson, 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 enter into a contract with Russell County for the use of the County's election equipment and county employees to operate election equipment in an annual amount not to exceed \$4,800.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-196**

Councilmember Day 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 carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor, City Manager and Chief of Police to enter into a contract with the City of Auburn for Professional Services.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-197**

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to rescinding Resolution 2018-175 in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to take all actions necessary to acquire the following property located at 1406 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the State of Alabama in an amount not to exceed \$100.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-198**

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: Councilmember Day, Johnson, 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 sign any documentation in support of the Leonardo-DRS T-100 trainer jet project to be manufactured at Moton Field in Tuskegee, Alabama.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-199**

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve said resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. 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 carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a one year exclusive souvenir merchandise contract agreement with Team IP to host the Cal Ripken Major/60 World Series at Idle Hour Sports Complex.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-200**

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 carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to purchasing one (1) 2019 MC607 SBA Service Truck from Southland International Trucks in the amount not to exceed \$125,335.04.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-201**

Councilmember Day moved to approve said resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. 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 carried.

Mayor Lowe presented an Application for Conditional Use approval submitted by the Housing Authority for property located at 200 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

**LETTER**

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

Mayor Lowe presented an opening on the Zoning Adjustment and Appeals Board. Mayor Lowe called for nominations. Councilmember Day nominated Kenny Chambers to replace Debbie Y. Andrews. There were no other nominations. Mayor Lowe closed nominations. Mayor Lowe called for a motion. Councilmember Gordy moved to appoint Kenny Chambers, 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 carried.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, Alabama filed by Jim Talbot for a broken plate glass window that allegedly public works employee broke while mowing the grass. City Attorney Graham recommended tabling the claim until the August 7, 2018 council meeting due to not having three estimates as required for a claim. Councilmember Day moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to table the claim until next month's meeting, 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 carried.

Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes asked everyone to come out and enjoy the Cal Ripken World Series from August 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan informed the citizens of the Groundbreaking at The Village at Crosswinds.

Councilmember Johnson thanked the citizens and asked them to take pride in the city.

Councilmember Bailey asked the citizens to come out and support the ball games and enjoy the family entertainment. Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Bailey also reminded everyone of the run-off election.

Councilmember Day reminded the citizens to come out and enjoy an exciting moment at the Groundbreaking at The Village at Crosswinds.

Councilmember Gordy stated that he was excited about the groundbreaking on Thursday, July 19, 2018. Councilmember Gordy also reminded everyone of the Cal Ripken event, and asked the citizens to come out and support and have fun.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until August 7, 2018.