

MEETING MINUTES
August 7, 2018

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, August 7, 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 Jim McKoon, and City Clerk Melony Lee. City Attorney Jimmy Graham was not present.

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

Reverend T. Grant Parker with Epworth United Methodist Church delivered the invocation.

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

Dr. Janet Goodwin and the President of the WIN Chapter of the Phenix City/Russell County NAACP Association presented appreciation goody bags to the City of Phenix City Law Enforcement.

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain presented employee service recognitions to Julie Taylor (5 years).

Mayor Lowe presented the minutes of the July 16, 2018 work session and July 17, 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 Resolution 2018-202 to be ratified in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Joint Revenue Sharing Agreement with Halpern Enterprises, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-202

Councilmember Johnson 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 carried.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with M-K Realty Company, Inc. regarding the extension of an 8" water main across U.S. Highway 280/431.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-203

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 the satisfaction of assessment on property located at 1020 14th Street in the amount of \$15,859.75, Shahida Tariq, owner.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-204

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 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 located at 1605 Opelika Road, Phenix City, Alabama.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-205

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

Mayor Lowe presented five (5) Resolutions and Public Notices in reference to setting public hearings for the fixing of costs incurred by the City for demolition and/or removal of substandard buildings or structures located at:

1. 1006 11th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-206
PUBLIC NOTICE

2. 1706 20th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-207
PUBLIC NOTICE

3. 1008 4th Place South

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-208
PUBLIC NOTICE

4. 921 20th Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-209
PUBLIC NOTICE

5. 805 6th Street South

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-210
PUBLIC NOTICE

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolutions and public notices, 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 accepting a quote from Nolin Fence in the amount of \$16,368.60 to construct an a/c fence enclosure at the Central Activities Center.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-211

Councilmember Gordy 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 a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign a Master Contract for Lighting Services NESC Lease Agreement with Alabama Power Company for upgrades to existing City Street lights.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-212

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 awarding a bid to Columbus Wilbert Vault Company, Inc. for grave repairs to the City's cemeteries in an amount not to exceed \$40,250.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-213

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 declaring scrap metal from the Traveling Water Screen as surplus to be sold as scrap.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-214

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 for first reading an application for an On Premise Beer License, an On Premise Whiskey/Wine License submitted by James G. Dyer III for T Bones, LLC d/b/a T Bones located at 3745 US Highway 80 West, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day 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 Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion carried.

City Attorney Jim McKoon presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, Alabama filed by Carter L. Palmer. Mr. Palmer is alleging he and his wife were without water due to a water main break at their residence at 1605-B Autumn Leaf Drive. Mr. Palmer stated he had to rent a hotel room until the water was turned back on. City Attorney McKoon states that upon investigation into the matter from reports from the Utility Department, it appears that the water was only off for a few hours and was unavoidable. 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: Councilmember Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

City Attorney Jim McKoon presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, Alabama filed by Gregory Morgan for vehicle damage. Mr. Morgan's claim alleges the damage was caused by a police vehicle driven by Officer Roderick Johnson. The claim alleges that Mr. Morgan's vehicle was parked at the Phenix City Riverwalk when the accident occurred. City Attorney McKoon recommended approving the claim for the lowest estimate in the amount of \$950.00. Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to approve the claim for the lowest estimate of \$950.00, 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 carried.

City Manager Wallace Hunter commented on the T Bones License and thanked the Department Heads for their support.

Mayor Lowe recognized Russell County Commissioner Cattie Epps.

Councilmember Johnson reminded everyone of the budget Public Hearing on Thursday, August 9th at 7:00p.m. Councilmember Johnson thanked the NAACP for recognizing the Police Officers. Councilmember Johnson also reminded everyone that school started today.

Councilmember Bailey thanked the Department Heads and Parks and Recreation for the Cal Ripken World Series. Councilmember Bailey asked everyone to pray for the schools in and around Phenix City.

Councilmember Gordy thanked the Department Heads. Councilmember Gordy also reminded everyone to pray and be safe on the first day of school.

Councilmember Day spoke on the safety in our schools. He reminded every of the Central Academy Banquet. He also thanked everyone for making the Cal Ripken World Series a success and reminded citizens to support local activities.

Mayor Lowe spoke on his love for the community and asked everyone to be lifters and not leaners. He also asked everyone to say positive things about the city.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until August 21, 2018.