

**MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2018**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Phenix City Russell County Library located at 1501 17th Avenue, 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 Jimmy Graham, and City Clerk Melony Lee.

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

Reverend Dr. Clementine Warren with Howard Chapel A.M.E. Church delivered the invocation.

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

Mayor Lowe presented the minutes of the September 4, 2018 work session and September 5, 2018 council meeting for approval. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the minutes, 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. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented the minutes of the September 4, 2018 called meeting minutes to canvass the Referendum Election Results for approval. Councilmember Bailey 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 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 in reference to budget transfers for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-246

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 rescinding Resolution No. 2018-69 regarding a permanent easement to install and maintain a drainage facility on a portion of Lot 23, Section One, Saddlebrook Subdivision.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-247

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the 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 rescinding Resolution No. 2018-70 regarding a temporary easement to install a drainage facility on a portion of Lot 23, Section One, Saddlebrook Subdivision.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-248

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to rescinding Resolution No. 2018-71 regarding a permanent easement to install and maintain a drainage facility on a portion of Lot 24, Section One, Saddlebrook Subdivision.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-249

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to rescinding Resolution No. 2018-72 regarding a temporary easement to install a drainage facility on a portion of Lot 24, Section One, Saddlebrook Subdivision.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-250

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the 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 an agreement with ALDOT for Road Improvements on 5th Street South from South Seale Road to Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-251

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

Mayor Lowe presented seven (7) resolutions in reference to awarding bids for the demolition and removal of structures on the following properties:

1. 1403 9th Avenue – J&J Land Development, Inc. - \$1,475.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-252

2. 910 11th Avenue – J&J Land Development, Inc. - \$1,450.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-253

3. 1110 16th Avenue – J&J Land Development, Inc. - \$1,200.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-254

4. 1819 18th Avenue – J&J Land Development, Inc. - \$1,200.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-255

5. 1508 12th Place – Miles Excavating - \$1,950.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-256

6. 1605 Opelika Road –Hall Demolition - \$ 850.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-257

7. 1603 13th Street - J&J Land Development, Inc. - \$1,250.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-258

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: Councilmember 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 to demolish the structure located at 2113 Walker Court from J&J Land Development, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,800.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-259

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the 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 accepting a quote from Temple, Inc. for four (4) PS-175 Power Supplies and four (4) EDGE2-4N 4 Channel Processors to be used at various traffic light intersections in an amount not to exceed \$33,960.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-260

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to accepting bid and to renew the contract with Ozark Striping Company for Bid Number E17-05 at the current contract unit prices until September 1, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-261

Councilmember Bailey moved to approve the 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 declaring sixty-nine (69) HVAC units as surplus to be sold as scrap.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-262

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Southeast Alabama Highway Safety "SEAHSO" for the administration of Community Traffic Safety Program Funds for the October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 funding period.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-263

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the 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 the Mayor and City Manager to accept the land Lift Station on Riverchase Drive from Developer Michael S. Bowden and RCA, LLC.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-264

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Constantine Engineering to provide Professional Engineering Services for the construction of Summerville Road Sanitary Sewer along Summerville Road to Glenwood School in an amount not to exceed \$156,762.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-265

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 various scrap metal equipment as surplus and to be sold as scrap.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-266

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the 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 declaring scrap meters as surplus and to be sold as scrap.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-267

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

Mayor Lowe presented an opening which was previously tabled on the City of Phenix City Board of Education. Mayor Lowe called for nominations. Councilmember Day nominated Dr. Janet Jackson Godwin. Mayor Lowe called for a motion. Councilmember Day moved to appoint Dr. Janet Jackson Godwin, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day and Johnson. NAYS: Councilmembers Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus failed for the lack of a majority vote. Mayor Lowe called for other nominations. Councilmember Gordy nominated Todd Stanfill. There were no other nominations. Mayor Lowe closed nominations and called for a motion. Councilmember Gordy moved to appoint Todd Stanfill, 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: Councilmembers Day and Johnson. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented an opening on The Improvement District (Brickyard Project). Mayor Lowe called for nominations. Councilmember Bailey nominated the reappointment of J.W. Brannen. There were no other nominations. Mayor Lowe closed nominations and called for a motion. Councilmember Bailey moved to reappoint J.W. Brannen, 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 one opening on The Improvement District (Grand Reserve Project) and one opening on the Tree Commission. Mayor Lowe asked for a motion to table the appointments until the next meeting. Councilmember Day moved to table the appointments until the next meeting, 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.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, Alabama filed by Jennifer Lowman who lives at 1479 Lee Road, 427, Apt. 2-B, Phenix City, Alabama. On August 30th, Ms. Lowman's back window on her 2018 Toyota Rav4 was shattered due to a rock from a city grass cutting crew trimming at the Phenix City Economic Development office. City Attorney Graham recommended approving the claim for the lowest estimate in the amount of \$387.90. Councilmember Day moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to approve the claim for the lowest estimate of \$387.90, 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 Manager Wallace Hunter thanked all the department heads and city workers for their hard work. He also discussed the City's projects of development and growth.

Mayor Lowe thanked the department heads for their hard work and dedication. Mayor Lowe also thanked Library Director Michele Kilday for hosting the District Two Council Meeting.

Councilmember Johnson discussed new development and growth. Councilmember Johnson also thanked the District Two citizens for coming out to voice their concerns and get them address and handled. Councilmember Johnson explained her vote for the opening on the Phenix City Board of Education.

Councilmember Bailey discussed the Whitewater Classic and how well the city workers did before, during and after the game. Councilmember Bailey also thanked Harrison Construction and City Manager Wallace Hunter for the Municipal Building painting and improvements. Councilmember Bailey further commented on his recommendation for the Phenix City Board of Education.

Councilmember Day discussed his nomination for the Phenix City Board of Education. Councilmember Day also thanked Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes and Economic Director Shaun Culligan for their hard work during the Whitewater Classic.

Councilmember Gordy discussed the nomination of the Phenix City Board of Education. Councilmember Gordy also advised that the Mayor and Council needed to continue to make the best decisions for the Phenix City and its citizens. Councilmember Gordy thanked Library Director Michele Kilday for the use of the Library for the District Two Council Meeting.

Councilmember Day thanked the Engineering Department and discussed the Highway 431 Project progression and updates.

Mayor Lowe thanked Library Director Michelle Kilday for the use of the Library and CTV Beam for their dedication of recording the council meetings.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until October 2, 2018.