

**MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2018**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 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 Clerk Melony Lee and City Attorney Jimmy Graham.

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

Reverend Brady Baird with Summerville United Methodist arrived late therefore Mayor Lowe delivered the invocation.

Councilmember Johnson 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 Lauren Tice (5 years), Barbara DeLong (5 years), Kristi Goggans (5 years), Linda Porch (15 years), Percy Hill (25 years), and Michael Chambers (25 years).

Utilities Director Stephen Smith recognized the Water Superintendent and Water Filtration Plant for an Award of Excellence for Surface Water 10.1 – 20.0 MGD from the Alabama Water and Pollution Control Association.

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing The Tuskegee-Morehouse Classics.

PROCLAMATION

Judge Michael Bellamy and a representative of the Tuskegee-Morehouse game came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing the Head Start Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION

Tracy Belt, Richard Wells, and Kendra Evanson came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the September 17, 2018 Work Session and the September 18, 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 in reference to accepting a quote from Southern Supply in the amount of \$29,168.95 for Geotextile Fabric and Cell material to repair the street in Hickory Heights Subdivision.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-268

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to requesting ALDOT, on behalf of the City to petition the Federal Highway Administration to upgrade the classification of Dobbs Drive to an Urban Minor Collector.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-269

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 a resolution in reference to requesting ALDOT, on behalf of the City, to petition the Federal Highway Administration to upgrade the classification of 7th Street to an Urban Minor Collector.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-270

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 one opening on the Downtown Redevelopment Authority which he recommended tabling. Councilmember Gordy moved to table the appointment, 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 one opening on the Improvement District – Grand Reserve Project which he recommended tabling. Councilmember Day moved to table the 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 carried.

Mayor Lowe presented two openings on the Tree Commission which he recommended tabling. Councilmember Gordy moved to table the 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 carried.

Mayor Lowe presented four itemized statements of expense from Trever Williams in the amounts of \$16.29, \$25.51, \$36.21, and \$45.13 which totaled \$123.14. Councilmember Day moved to approve the itemized statements of expense, 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 Off Premise Beer License and an Off Premise Wine License submitted by Sanjay R. Patel for Palak LLC d/b/a John's Bread and Basket located at 3911 US Highway 80 West, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to place the applications on first reading, 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 for first reading an application for an Off Premise Whiskey/Wine License (Retail Package Store) submitted by Sanjay R. Patel for Palak LLC d/b/a John's Bread and Basket Package Store located at 3911-B US Highway 80 West, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to place the application on first reading, 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.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham recommended that the claim for Darlene Neasman be tabled until the next meeting due to confusion in names on the claim. Councilmember Day moved to table the claim until the next meeting, 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.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, Alabama filed by Nakya Weathers who lives at 71 Redwood Drive, Phenix City, Alabama. City Attorney Jimmy Graham stated on August 15th, Ms. Weathers called for Police to assist in a medical emergency. City Attorney Jimmy Graham further stated the officer responded and made entry into the parked locked vehicle and broke the handle gaining entry into the vehicle to allow Ms. Weathers access to retrieve insulin. City Attorney Graham recommended approving the claim for the lowest estimate in the amount of \$243.60. Councilmember Day moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to approve the claim for the lowest estimate of \$243.60, 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.

Councilmember Day thanked all City Employees for doing such an amazing job. Councilmember Day also complimented the City Manager Wallace Hunter on doing such a great job with the exterior painting of the City Municipal Building.

Mayor Lowe thanked the Department Heads and CTV-Beam for their hard work and dedication.

Reverend Brady Baird dismissed the meeting with a prayer.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until October 16, 2018.