

**MEETING MINUTES  
October 16, 2018**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 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 Steve Pace with Summerville Baptist Church delivered the invocation.

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

Mayor Lowe presented certificates to the 2018 Mayor's Ball Scholarship Recipients for the Dual Enrollment Program. The following students and their parents came forward to accept their scholarship certificates: Molly Belliveau, Ja'Kya Carpenter, Paul Carroll, Ashlyn Denard, Janiyah Fryer, Ivey East, Kabirah Gibson-Muhammad, Jaleigh Hardin, Tahlia Lewis, Christian Luke, Michael (Alex) Parker, Phillip Ramsey, Christopher Rogers, Veronica Sanders, Savanna Schofield, Armon Tolbert, Kendall Williams, and Torlexcia Dixon. Central High School Personnel and CVCC Personnel were present. Mayor's Ball Scholarship Committee Board members were also present to show support for the 2018 Mayor's Ball Dual Enrollment Scholarship Recipients.

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing National Medical Assistants Week.

**PROCLAMATION**

Chattahoochee Valley Community College President Jackie Screws, Shelly Holt, Shana Smith, and Dr. Chantea Calhoun came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the October 1, 2018 Work Session and the October 2, 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 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement for Professional Services between the Phenix City Police Department and the Phenix City Housing Authority in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-271**

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 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Garver Engineering to complete an assessment for the Industrial Park Lift Station in an amount not to exceed \$1,800.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-272**

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 the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract with Hammett Steel, LLC to install handrails on the Phenix City Municipal Building in an amount not to exceed \$15,840.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-273**

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 awarding a bid to Thompson Supply Company for HDPE Drainage pipe.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-274**

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 apply for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security and FEMA in the amount of \$85,077.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-275**

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 the Mayor, City Manager, and Police Chief to sign an agreement with Dr. Donna Fleitas of My Psy LLC to provide psychological services to the Phenix City Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$7,200.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-276**

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 on German Sheppard dog as surplus.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-277**

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 declaring scrap metal, parts, and equipment as surplus to be sold as scrap.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-278**

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 declaring two vehicles and one engine as surplus to be sold as scrap.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-279**

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 next declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to annexing 2.00 acres of land lying in Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 20 East, Russell County, Alabama into a C-4 Zone located at 3899 US Highway 80 West, M.D. Evans (James Robert Vance, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Miriam D. Evans). Anyone wishing to address council regarding this matter should come forward now. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone come forward to address council, Mayor Lowe declared the public hearing closed.

Mayor Lowe presented an ordinance for second reading to annex 2.00 acres of land lying in Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 20 East, Russell County, Alabama into a C-4 Zone located at 3899 US Highway 80 West, M.D. Evans (James Robert Vance, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Miriam D. Evans)

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-09**

Councilmember Day moved to approve the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion having been 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. Mayor Lowe asked for a motion to table appointment. Councilmember Day moved to table the appointment, 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.

Mayor Lowe presented a previously tabled opening on the Tree Commission. Mayor Lowe called for nominations. Councilmember Johnson nominated Pamela Stroud for reappointment. Mayor Lowe called for a motion. Councilmember Gordy moved to appoint Pamela Stroud, 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. Councilmember Day moved to table Ricky Martin's position, 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 for second reading an application for an Off Premise Beer License and an Off Premise Wine License submitted by Sanjay R. Patel for Palak LLC, John's Bread and Basket located at 3911 US Highway 80 West, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to approve the applications, 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 second reading an application for an Off Premise Whiskey/Wine License (Retail Package Store) submitted by Sanjay R. Patel for Palak LLC, John's Bread and Basket Package Store located at 3911-B US Highway 80 West, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the application, 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 for first reading an application for an Off Premise Beer License and an Off Premise Wine License submitted by Sumira Imtiaz for Star 7 Services, Inc. dba Justice Food Mart located at 1403 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 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 thus carried.

Mayor Lowe presented an Itemized Statement of Expense from Trever Williams of the Fire Department in the amount of \$24.60. Mayor Lowe called for a vote approving the Itemized Statement of Expense. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the Itemized Statement of Expense, 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 Itemized Statement of Expense from Willie Eaton of the Utilities Department in the amount of \$125.27. Mayor Lowe called for a vote approving the Itemized Statement of Expense. Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the itemized statement of expense, 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 an Itemized Statement of Expense from Michael Ransom of the Utilities Department in the amount of \$66.33. Mayor Lowe called for a vote approving the Itemized Statement of Expense. Councilmember Day moved to approve the itemized statement 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.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a previously tabled claim against the City of Phenix City, Alabama filed by Darlene Neasman. City Attorney Jimmy Graham stated on April 24, 2018, Ms. Neasman was driving her husband's (David Peterson) vehicle on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue by Seale Road. City Attorney Graham further stated the vehicle's front tire, wheel and strut allegedly sustained damage from a construction hole on the road. City Attorney Graham recommended paying the claim in the lowest estimate of \$585.08 made payable to David Peterson. Councilmember Day moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to pay the claim in the lowest estimate of \$585.08, 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 the Mayor and Council for their hard work.

Mayor Lowe thanked all the Department Heads for all their hard work.

Councilmember Day thanked all Department Heads for doing such an amazing job.

Councilmember Johnson congratulated Mayor Lowe for his dedication and hard work on the Scholarship Program through the Mayor's Ball. Councilmember Johnson reminded everyone of the Breast Cancer activities around Phenix City and asked if they would please support them by participating. Councilmember Johnson also reminded everyone that this is Domestic Violence Month.

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

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until November 6, 2018.