

**MEETING MINUTES
December 4, 2018**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 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 Hunter, City Clerk Melony Lee, and City Attorney Jimmy Graham.

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

Reverend Alan Griffith, Pastor with Emmanuel Baptist Church, delivered the invocation.

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

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the November 19, 2018 work session and the November 20, 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 granting an encroachment on City Right of Way to The Housing Authority of Phenix City to place an irrigation and sprinkler system at Hidden Hills Trace Apartments.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-313

Councilmember Johnson 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: Councilmember 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 2018-260 in reference to the purchase of four (4) PS-175 Power Supplies and four (4) EDGE2-4N4 Channel Processors.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-314

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: 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 proposal from Thompson Power Systems for Preventative Maintenance Services for emergency generators in the amount of \$19,050.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-315

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 Malone Office Environments for white copy paper.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-316

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 authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Constantine Engineering Services for professional services for the Wastewater Collection System Consent Order Reports in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-317

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 authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract with Constantine Engineering Services to provide professional services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase II Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-318

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 stated that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to the fixing of costs incurred by the City of Phenix City for the removal of substandard structures and the establishment of special assessments upon the following properties: 925 16th Court, 700 Seale Road, and 1300 2nd Place South. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address council on any of the properties should come forward at this time. Mrs. Lois Preer came forward to discuss the property located at 1300 2nd Place South. She asked how and when she should make payment. Building Inspector Gil Griffith explained the cost would be on the next year's Russell County tax bill and she could make payment to the Russell County Tax Office to satisfy the tax lien. She also inquired as to why she just found out. Mr. Griffith explained the Building Department's notification procedure and showed Ms. Preer a notification letter that came back

to the city unclaimed. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone else come forward, Mayor Lowe declared the hearing closed.

Mayor Lowe presented three (3) Resolutions in reference to the fixing of costs incurred by the City of Phenix City for the removal of substandard structures and the establishment of special assessments upon properties located at:

1. 925 16th Court

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-319

2. 700 Seale Road

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-320

3. 1300 2nd Place South

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-321

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: 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 Quarry, LLC for Aggregates.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-322

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 a resolution in reference to declaring one 1997 Ford F150 Truck as surplus to be sold at auction or as scrap.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-323

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 entering into a lease agreement with Best Copy Products, Inc. for a Sharp MX-5070V Networked Digital Color Copier in the amount of \$6,646.32 for 36 months.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-324

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 entering into a three-year lease agreement with Best Copy Products, Inc. for a Sharp MX-M3070V copier for a total amount of \$2,700.72 for 36 months.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-325

Councilmember Bailey 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 a one-time compensation of \$500.00 to Central High School for tournament travel expenses.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-326

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 for second reading an ordinance to exempt certain items from Municipal Sales and Use Tax during the last full weekend in February 2019, referred to as the Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-11

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 an application for conditional use approval submitted by Cynthia A. Robidoux to use property at 921 Broad Street as an Antique Store.

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Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the application, 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 on the Phenix City-Russell County Library Board. Mayor Lowe called for nominations. Councilmember Johnson nominated Roger Dennis. There

were no other nominations. Mayor Lowe called for a motion. Councilmember Day moved to appoint Roger Dennis, 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 four (4) Itemized Statements of Expense from Trever Williams of the Fire Department in the amounts of \$35.51, \$20.00, \$14.98, and \$20.00 for a total of \$90.49. Mayor Lowe called for a vote approving the Itemized Statements of Expense. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the Itemized Statements 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.

City Manager Wallace Hunter thanked Council and also thanked the Department Heads for their hard work and dedication. Mr. Hunter also spoke on the loss of President George W. Bush, Sr.

Councilmember Bailey congratulated the Central Red Devils and asked everyone to support them as they go off to their Championship Game in Auburn, Alabama. Councilmember Bailey also wanted to inform the citizens that there will be roads closed due to the traffic from the sendoff of the Central High School Red Devils Football Team. Councilmember Bailey further spoke on the passing of President George W. Bush, Sr.

Mayor Lowe thanked the Department Heads, CTV-Beam, and congratulated the Central High School Red Devils on going to the State Championship.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until December 18, 2018.