

**MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2018**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 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 Marty Holley with Russell Baptist Association delivered the invocation.

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

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the December 3, 2018 work session and the December 4, 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 the City of Phenix City observing December 24, 2018, December 25, 2018, and half a day on December 26, 2018 as the official Christmas Holidays.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-327

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 Alabama Power Company to install one X70 HOPS Open Bottom Street Light and transformer at the entrance of Hillcrest Subdivision located on General Colin Powell Parkway.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-328

Councilmember Day 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 granting a tax abatement to Logan Machine Works, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-329

Councilmember Gordy 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 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Fontenot Benefits & Actuarial Consulting to perform actuarial valuation, calculations, and reports in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-330

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 authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an contract agreement with Ben B. Gordy Construction Company to repair and patch the floors at the Central Activities Center in an amount not to exceed \$48,100.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-331

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 rescinding the moratorium on any construction and/or development within the floodplain.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-332

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

Mayor Lowe presented a letter of request from the Planning Committee, public notice, and an ordinance for first reading, in reference to a request to rezone 11.7 acres of land located at 21st Court, 21st Avenue, and 20th Avenue, from a MED (Medical District) to a R-3 Zone, The City of Phenix City Public Building Authority, owner.

LETTER

PUBLIC NOTICE

Councilmember Day moved to accept the letter, approve the public notice, and place the ordinance 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. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus carried.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, Alabama filed by Latoria Cobb. City Attorney Jimmy Graham stated between September 28th and October 7th, Ms. Cobb was driving on Downing Drive where the road was under construction causing her 2003 Ford Expedition to be covered in cement. City Attorney Graham further stated that the Engineering Department investigated and found that the resurfacing of the pavement was being done by the contractor Robinson Paving Company. City Attorney Graham recommended denying the claim. City Attorney Jimmy Graham advised the City is not responsible for the damage since City employees were not doing the work on the roadway. 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: Councilmembers Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus carried.

City Manager Wallace Hunter thanked Recreation Director Todd Hughes for doing a fantastic job on orchestrating the Breakfast with Santa and Moon Lake event over the weekend. Mr. Hunter stated that it was a great turn out. Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes thanked everyone for their support over the weekend.

Councilmember Day wished everyone a Happy and Safe Merry Christmas. Councilmember Day also congratulated the Central "Red Devils" on their win.

Councilmember Johnson congratulated the Central "Red Devils", Coach Dubose, and the Principal of Central High School. Councilmember Johnson also asked the citizens to continue to do what they think is best and thanked them for taking pride in this community. Councilmember Johnson further thanked everyone for allowing her to serve and she also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Bailey thanked the Department Heads for helping the citizens with their needs. Councilmember Bailey also thanked everyone for supporting the Central "Red Devils" and asked that everyone show an act of kindness. Councilmember Bailey further wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Gordy congratulated the Central "Red Devils" on their win and spoke on how they brought the community together. Councilmember Gordy also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Lowe thanked the Department Heads and CTV-Beam for their hard work and dedication and he spoke on how amazing it is that sports can bring a community together. Mayor Lowe also congratulated the Central "Red Devils" on their win. Mayor Lowe further challenged the community to carry over a positive attitude into 2019. Mayor Lowe also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until January 2, 2019.