

MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 2019

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 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 Tommy Poole of North Phenix Baptist Church was not present to deliver the invocation. Mayor Lowe called upon Reverend Tom Weise of Mary Mother Mission Church, who was present, to deliver the invocation.

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

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Human Resources Generalist Eliza Philips presented employee service recognitions to Melissa McBride (5 years), Paul Chastain (15 years), Robert Isabel (10 years), and Jason Searcy (15 years).

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation Recognizing National Service Recognition Day.

PROCLAMATION

Foster Grandparent Program Director Ms. Bridget Woodyard, Foster Grandparent Volunteer Ms. Patricia Fleming, and Foster Grandparent Volunteer Ms. Elaine Morgan came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation Recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION

Ms. Mic Cole, on behalf of the Russell County Crisis Center, came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the March 18, 2019 work session and the March 19, 2019 council meeting minutes 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 passed.

Mayor Lowe stated there was no unfinished business to address at this time.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an Interagency Agreement with the Alabama Department of Human Resources for architectural work with Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-86

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 passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Preliminary Engineering Agreement with ALDOT for resurfacing on Melanie Lane from Summerville Road to Riverchase Drive, Project Reference No. 100067423.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-87

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 passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Construction Agreement with ALDOT for the resurfacing on Melanie Lane from Summerville Road to Riverchase Drive, Project Reference No. 100067424.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-88

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 passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Preliminary Engineering Agreement with ALDOT for the resurfacing on South Seale Road from US Highway 431 to the bridge at US Highway 280, Project Reference No. 100067443.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-89

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 passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Construction Agreement with ALDOT for the resurfacing on South Seale Road from US Highway 431 to the bridge at US Highway 280, Project Reference No. 100067444.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-90

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 passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Preliminary Engineering Agreement with ALDOT for the resurfacing on 16th Avenue from SR-38 (US 280) to Ingersol Court, Project Reference No. 100067445.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-91

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Construction Agreement with ALDOT for the resurfacing on 16th Avenue from US Highway 280 to Ingersol Court, Project Reference No. 10067446.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-92

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 passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Preliminary Engineering Agreement with ALDOT for the bridge replacement on Seale Road over Cochagalechee Creek, Project Reference No. 100067447.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-93

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 passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Utility and Construction Agreement with ALDOT for the bridge replacement on Seale Road over Cochagalechee Creek, Project Reference No. 100067448 & 100067449.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-94

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 passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to the City Manager's Office declaring one General Electric Refrigerator to be sold as scrap or disposed of at the City Landfill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-95

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 passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Movie Licensing USA in the amount of \$2,819.00 for public exhibition of movies at the Phenix City Russell County Library.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-96

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to accept a sole proposal from Stone & Sons to upgrade traffic signals at the intersection of US 80 and Auburn Road in the amount of \$30,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-97

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 passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to the purchase of one Kubota KX080-4SR3A Rubber Track Excavator from Beshears Tractor and Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$97,127.18.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-98

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 passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring one Snapper 355Z Zero Turn Mower and one GE Gas Range Stove to be sold as scrap or disposed of at the City Landfill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-99

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 passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Annual Report.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-100

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 passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2019-05 of the City of Phenix City, Alabama, to change the effective date.

ORDINANCE 2019-06

Councilmember Day moved to suspend the rules, 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 passed. Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the ordinance, 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 passed.

Mayor Lowe presented an Ordinance for first reading to exempt certain items from the Municipal Sales and Use Tax during the third full weekend of July, 2019, referred to as the "Back-To-School" State Sales Tax Holiday. Councilmember Day moved to place the ordinance 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 passed.

Mayor Lowe presented one opening on the East Alabama Mental Health – Mental Retardation Board. Mayor Lowe called for nominations. Councilmember Day nominated to reappoint Clementine Warren. There were no other nominations. Mayor Lowe called for a motion. Councilmember Gordy moved to reappoint Clementine Warren, 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 passed.

Mayor Lowe presented one opening on the Phenix City Board of Education. Mayor Lowe called for nominations. Councilmember Day nominated to reappoint Patricia Alexander. There were no other nominations. Mayor Lowe called for a motion. Councilmember Gordy moved to reappoint Patricia Alexander, 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 passed.

Mayor Lowe presented one unexpired opening on the Phenix City Planning Commission. Councilmember Gordy nominated Sierra McKissic. There were no other nominations. Mayor Lowe called for a motion. Councilmember Johnson moved to appoint Sierra McKissic, to the unexpired opening held by Marie Gill, 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 passed.

Mayor Lowe presented an application for an Off Premise Beer License and an Off Premise Wine License submitted by Rakesh Patel for JayBajrang, Inc. dba Discount Corner located at 3881 US Highway 431 South, 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: Day, Johnson, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

City Manager Wallace Hunter expressed his gratitude to the Mayor, Council and Department Heads for working together on projects to bring growth to the City of Phenix City, Alabama.

Councilmember Johnson recognized and congratulated employees for their time served.

Councilmember Johnson stated that speeding is an issue in our community and asked the citizens of Phenix City, Alabama to be mindful when driving, follow speed limits, and slow down for the safety of all.

Councilmember Johnson thanked the citizens that serve on Volunteer City Boards.

Councilmember Bailey thanked the Department Heads, City employees and the citizens of Phenix City for their hard work and dedication and allowing Council to serve.

Councilmember Bailey encouraged the citizens of Phenix City to bring their ideas, issues or concerns to council and he will ensure they are directed to the proper department.

Councilmember Bailey asked for continued prayers for the citizens that were involved in or affected by storms.

Councilmember Day spoke on the opportunity of going to the Alabama League of Municipalities in Montgomery, Alabama.

Councilmember Day encouraged citizens to be careful while driving on 5th Street South due to construction in that area.

Councilmember Day asked everyone to be mindful of keeping the City of Phenix City, Alabama clean.

Mayor Lowe thanked the citizens, Department Heads, and CTV-Beam for providing the citizens of Phenix City, Alabama with information.

Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to continue to support and lift each other up.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until April 16, 2019.