

**MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 2019**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 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 Curtis Doleman of Praise Ministry Tabernacle delivered the invocation

Mayor Lowe led the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Human Resources Generalist Eliza Phillips presented employee service recognitions to Joey Lewis (5 years), Jessica Lunsford (5 years), Joshua Barnes (5 years), and Kristin Kennedy (30 years).

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing the 2019 SSA Alabama Superintendent of the Year William R. Wilkes.

PROCLAMATION

Superintendent of the Phenix City School System William R. Wilkes came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the April 15, 2019 work session and the April 16, 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 Resolution 2019-112 to be ratified in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Skipper Consulting, Inc. to provide traffic signal design and permitting services for US Highway 80 and Auburn Road in an amount not to exceed \$7,900.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-112

Councilmember Johnson moved to ratify 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 Resolution 2019-113 to be ratified in reference to accepting a quote from Zwood Construction for emergency roof replacement at Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$73,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-113

Councilmember Day moved to ratify 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 Resolution 2019-114 to be ratified in reference to accepting a quote from Constantine Engineering for the replacement and programming of the SCADA System at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$11,868.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-114

Councilmember Day moved to ratify 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 Resolution 2019-115 to be ratified in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract agreement with the Lisle Development Company, LLC, for the purchase of 21 acres more or less in an amount not to exceed \$900,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-115

Councilmember Gordy moved to ratify 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 accepting a quote from Pro Lawn Care and Maintenance Inc. for sod and irrigation installation at the Art Park in an amount not to exceed \$39,501.68.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-116

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to granting an easement to Alabama Power Company for installation of a power pole between City Property and 1902 1st Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-117

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 the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Highland Technical Services, Inc. to provide a Phase I Environmental Assessment for property located at the intersection of US Highway 280 and Colin Powell Parkway in an amount not to exceed \$3,200.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-118

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: 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 Alabama Power Company to install five (5) 5,000 – 8,500 Lumen Black LED area fixtures and five (5) Black Aluminum Poles at the Phenix City Marketplace located on Highway 280E/431N.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-119

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: 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 certain preliminary matters related to the issuance of debt obligations for Hotel/Convention Center Complex.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-120

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 three (3) Resolutions and Public Notices in reference to setting public hearings dates and fixing demolition costs associated with the following properties located in Phenix City:

1. 1312 17th Court

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-121
PUBLIC NOTICE

2. 1709 48th Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-122
PUBLIC NOTICE

3. 1018 4th Street South

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-123
PUBLIC NOTICE

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolutions and public notices, 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 1997 Ford Truck Explorer surplus to be sold at auction or as scrap.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-124

Councilmember Day 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 sign the addendum to the agreement with Univar to install a 405-gallon double-wall storage tank to store Hydrochloric Acid for one year.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-125

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 contract with Pyrotecnico for a fireworks presentation at the Amphitheater on July 4, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-126

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

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an Ordinance Adopting and Enacting a New Code for the City of Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to place the ordinance 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.

Mayor Lowe presented two (2) openings on the Phenix City Housing Authority Board. Mayor Lowe called for nominations. Councilmember Bailey nominated to reappoint Kenneth Roberts. There were no other nominations. Mayor Lowe called for a motion. Councilmember

Bailey moved to reappoint Kenneth Roberts, 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 called for nominations for the unexpired term of the late Carolyn Barbara Thomas. Councilmember Gordy nominated Tychell Sanders for the unexpired term of the late Carolyn Barbara Thomas. There were no other nominations. Mayor Lowe called for a motion. Councilmember Gordy moved to appoint Tychell Sanders, 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 an application for a Private Detective License submitted by Deborah Asher for Asher's Office, LLC located at 1313 43rd Street, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy 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 passed.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the City Clerk's office received a letter from the Census Bureau concerning the 2020 Census. They are looking for workers to help with the Census. The City's population has grown and it should reflect in the numbers taken by the Census.

City Manager Wallace Hunter also stated that with the increase in the population, more businesses are opening up in the area. The city has had its highest recorded sales tax month in history. The 431 project and other district's projects are meeting deadlines to stay on schedule and adding to the overall growth of the city.

City Manager Wallace Hunter commended Fire Chief Kennedy on a job well done. Mr. Hunter stated that she consistently motivates her team and her efforts are showing. Mr. Hunter further stated that the City of Phenix City Fire Department has the best current rating in history.

City Manager Wallace Hunter reflected on the life and legacy left by the late Mary Castille, mother of Jeremiah Castille. Mr. Hunter stated that Mr. Castille is a Phenix City, Alabama native and former professional football player. Mr. Hunter further stated that she was considered a true pillar to our community and will be greatly missed.

Councilmember Day stated the late Mary Castille was a person who was highly respected, not just in Phenix City, but the entire tri-city area. Councilmember Day stated that she had a positive impact on all that she came in contact with.

Councilmember Johnson thanked Reverend Curtis Doleman for coming out and delivering the invocation. Councilmember Johnson stated that Reverend Doleman's church, Praise Ministry Tabernacle, is doing great things in the District 2 community. Councilmember Johnson informed local Pastors to contact the City Clerk's office if they would like to bring the invocation as well.

Councilmember Johnson recognized and congratulated employees for their loyalty and service over the years and commended Chief Kennedy for setting the precedent for other females.

Councilmember Johnson also thanked the citizens of Phenix City for their support and patience with the ongoing projects to better the City. Councilmember Johnson also stated that the City of Phenix City would benefit from an indoor facility large enough to hold 3,000 to 5,000 people for special events like the Central High School graduations.

Councilmember Bailey thanked the Department Heads for their hard work and dedication to the City of Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Bailey added that the Department Heads continue to meet the standards and set the bar of expectations high. Councilmember Bailey stated that with all departments working together as a team the City will prosper.

Councilmember Bailey also thanked Councilmember Day and Councilmember Johnson for attending the Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention in Mobile, Alabama. Councilmember Bailey stated that the City of Phenix City, Alabama received great reviews. Councilmember Bailey further stated that several people congratulated Phenix City for having the Superintendent of the Year, Mr. William R. Wilkes.

Councilmember Gordy stated that he attended the community event Relay for Life this past weekend. Councilmember Gordy commended the committee that put Relay for Life together and Parks and Recreation for working with them on the transitioning of the location from the football stadium to the baseball fields. Relay for Life brings Cancer awareness to the community by remembering those who have lost their lives and honoring Cancer Survivors.

Councilmember Gordy wished all the Mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Councilmember Day stated that Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Bailey and himself had a great time at the Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention in Mobile, Alabama. Councilmember Day also stated the positive growth and changes in the City are being recognized by other cities.

Todd Hughes, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that the Central Activities Center was open for business as the changes and modifications to the building have been made. Mr. Hughes stated that Parks and Recreation is working on a date for the public grand re-opening.

Mayor Lowe stated there are great things happening in the City because the people who work for the City love the City. Mayor Lowe further stated that we all can leave a legacy like the Late Ms. Mary Castille by helping and loving each other.

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 have compassion towards people and lift each other up.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until May 21, 2019.