# MEETING MINUTES July 2, 2019

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, July 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 Alan Griffith of Emmanuel Baptist Church delivered the invocation.

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

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain presented employee service recognitions to Melvin Capers - 5 years, Jason Filingim -5 years (not present), and Tommy Cox - 20 years.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the June 17, 2019 work session and the June 18, 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. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

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

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution 2019-177 to be ratified in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Highland Technical Services, Inc. to provide a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment at the intersection of US Highway 280 and Colin Powell Parkway.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-177**

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 a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign necessary documents to accept the discretionary incentive offered to Daechang Seat Co., Ltd USA.

# **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-178**

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 accepting the dedication of land, right-of-ways and easements dedicated by the Final Plat for Ivy Creek Subdivision Phase III, Ivy Creek, LLC., Owner.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-179**

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 the Mayor and City Manager to sign proposal documents with Wisener, LLC for Appraisal, Relocation, Negotiation, and Project Management for property on Riverchase Drive in an amount not to exceed \$7,400.00.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-180**

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 satisfaction of an assessment on property located at 605 7<sup>th</sup> Place, property owner Charles Vann Thompson.

# **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-181**

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 approving the final settlement in the matter of a lawsuit filed by Pochya Dee Sanders, as administratrix of the Estate of Cedric Jamal Miffin vs. Michael Damon Seavers, City of Phenix City Case No. 3:19-CV-00353 in the amount of \$100,000.00.

# RESOLUTION NO. 2019-182

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 two (2) Resolutions and Public Notices in reference to setting public hearing dates and fixing demolitions costs associated with the following properties located in Phenix City:

1. 1043 4<sup>th</sup> Street South

## RESOLUTION NO. 2019-183 PUBLIC NOTICE

2. 1045 4<sup>th</sup> Street South

# RESOLUTION NO. 2019-184 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.

City Manager Wallace Hunter informed everyone that the City Offices will be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day Holiday.

Councilmember Bailey encouraged everyone to have a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Councilmember Bailey also encouraged everyone to be safe on the highways and while at the Riverwalk and around water this holiday season.

Councilmember Johnson recognized and congratulated employees that have reached 5 years or more and thanked them for their hard work and service over the years.

Councilmember Johnson thanked the citizens of Phenix City, Alabama for their continued support and for choosing to stay in Phenix City.

Councilmember Day encouraged the citizens of Phenix City to help keep our City safe and clean by not throwing trash along the streets, highways or at the City Parks.

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 July 16, 2019.