

**MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2019**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 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.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the July 1, 2019 work session and the July 2, 2019 council meeting minutes for approval. Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes, 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 stated there was no unfinished business to address at this time.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution 2019-185 to be ratified in reference to settlement in the matter of M.M.M., a minor, Ashley Collins for minor v. City of Phenix City and Officer Jay Geiger.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-185

Councilmember Day 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 2019-186 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with the USDA for the removal of geese from Idle Hour Park in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-186

Councilmember Gordy moved to ratify 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 Resolution 2019-187 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Pratt Recycling, Inc. to receive recycled material for a period of three (3) years.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-187

Councilmember Johnson moved to ratify 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 and Public Notice in reference to the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-188
PUBLIC NOTICE

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the resolution and Public Notice, 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 sign an Estoppel Certificate with Altera Phenix City Lot 4, LLC.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-189

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 making application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for the installation of water lines and fire hydrants to improve water distribution and fire infrastructure.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-190

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 the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract agreement with Barnes Gibson Partners Architects, LLC to remodel the Public Safety Building.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-191

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 declaring two (2) ProVision Body Cameras as surplus to be disposed of at the City Landfill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-192

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 rescinding Resolution No. 2019-175 in reference to declaring a Police Department Hand Gun & Badge as surplus.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-193

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 personal property as surplus and disposing of for the nominal sum of \$1.00 and other valuable considerations to Andy Williams in recognition of 26 years of public service.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-194

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 one opening on the Zoning Adjustment and Appeals Board. Mayor Lowe called for nominations. Councilmember Day nominated Johnnie Hubbard. There were no other nominations. Mayor Lowe called for a motion. Councilmember Day moved to appoint Johnnie Hubbard as 2nd Alternate, 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 an On Premise Beer, On Premise Wine ,On Premise Whiskey/Wine License, Billiard or Pool Room License, and Dancing/Live Band License submitted by Debra Hackett for Chesapeake Way LLC dba AJ's Bar and Grill located at 1700 US Highway 280 East, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Johnson moved to place the applications on first reading, 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 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 August 6, 2019.