

**MEETING MINUTES  
August 20, 2019**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 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 Councilmember Bailey to deliver the invocation.

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

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the August 5, 2019 work session and the August 6, 2019 council meeting minutes for approval. Councilmember Day moved to approve the minutes, 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 stated there was no unfinished business to address at this time.

Mayor Lowe presented a Public Notice and Resolution in reference to applying for an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Resolution for the purchase of equipment for the Police Department.

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
RESOLUTION**

Councilmember Day moved to approve the public notice and place the resolution 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. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to the adoption of the budget for the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-214**

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, City Manager and Chief of Police to enter into a service agreement with Motorola Solutions.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-215**

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 adopting an Annual Transportation Plan.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-216**

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 declaring (1) one Hewlett Packard Plotter to be sold as scrap or disposed of at the City Landfill.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-217**

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 declaring various fire hoses as surplus to dispose of at the City Landfill.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-218**

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 declaring firehose couplings as surplus to be sold as scrap.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-219**

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 various items as surplus to be disposed of at the City Landfill, or as scrap.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-220**

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 authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with AT&T for (3) three 4 Mbps Switched Ethernet (ASE) circuits at a monthly cost of \$1,830.00.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-221**

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 approving the purchase of (2) two Grasshopper Lawnmowers from Price's Small Engines in an amount not to exceed \$17,142.50. (Budgeted Item)

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-222**

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 approving the purchase of one Z-Spray 60 Gallon Tank Pump and Foam Marker from SiteOne in an amount not to exceed \$13,698.00. (Budgeted Item)

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-223**

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 approving the purchase of one Eco TempLine Scrub Bug from Ecochemical, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. (Budgeted Item)

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-224**

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 the purchase of one 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe from Donohoo Chevrolet in an amount not to exceed \$32,895.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-225**

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 declaring various vehicles as surplus to be sold at the auction or as scrap.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-226**

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 for second reading an application for an On Premise Beer License and an On Premise Whiskey/Wine License submitted by Alonzo Cliatt for Medtech LLC dba Bamaque located at 209 Seale Rd, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to deny the applications, based on the recommendation of the City's Departments, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Councilmember Johnson. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Jaime Martinez to purchase property located at 2401 7<sup>th</sup> Street in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-227**

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.

City Manager Wallace Hunter thanked Mayor and Council for passing the budget for the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year. City Manager Hunter stated that this will be the largest budget the City has ever had. City Manager Hunter also thanked the Department Heads, City Clerk and the City Attorney for their hard work.

City Manager Wallace Hunter informed everyone that the Police Department, along with other City Departments, has been receiving threatening phone calls. City Manager Hunter stated that the calls are believed to be coming from a group of people who stated that it is their First Amendment Right to videotape the lobbies of City Departments. City Manager Hunter also stated that there isn't an issue with the group filming the lobby but the issue is the safety of our Citizens that may be seeking safety from a dangerous situation. City Manager Hunter further stated that live streaming will possibly disclose their location. City Manager Hunter stated that actions will be put in place to protect the rights of City employees and the Citizens.

Mayor Lowe stated that threats are taken seriously. Mayor Lowe also stated that this is a Mandated Reporting and that he and Council will not allow any threats towards City employees.

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 September 4, 2019.