

**MEETING MINUTES  
January 5, 2021**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. by the way of Zoom Video Conferencing. 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 Attorney Jimmy Graham, and City Clerk Melony Lee.

Upon a quorum being established, Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order.

Councilmember Day 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 by the way of Zoom Video Conferencing to Allen Motley for 20 years of service.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the December 14, 2020 Work Session and the December 15, 2020 Council Meeting 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 resolution to be ratified in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a (5) five year contract with CityBase, Inc. for kiosk software and maintenance support.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-312**

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 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract agreement with Tyler Technology for software and maintenance support services in an amount not to exceed \$7,862.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01**

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 a proposal from ADS Environmental Systems for flow monitors, rain gauges and technical assistance for a year in an amount not to exceed \$3,925.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02**

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 the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract agreement with Thayer-Bray Construction, LLC for services to remodel the Public Safety Building in an amount not to exceed \$4,404,656.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03**

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 Annual Transportation Report as submitted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04**

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 office items as surplus to be disposed of or destroyed at the landfill.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05**

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 purchasing (2) two 2021 Ford Explorer CID Vehicles from Stivers Ford Lincoln in the total amount of \$63,120.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06**

Councilmember Bailey 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 purchasing (4) four 2021 Ford Explorer Patrol Vehicles from Stivers Ford Lincoln in the total amount of \$126,240.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07**

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 thanked the Department Heads and City employees for their hard work and dedication to the City. Mayor Lowe stated the City's greatest assets are the people who work for and live in Phenix City.

Councilmember Gordy congratulated two Auburn University Students for their recent win in the 2020 National College Cornhole Championship. Councilmember Gordy stated that both young men graduated from Phenix City High Schools. Councilmember Gordy also stated that Travis Moore is from Central High School and Blaine Rosier is from Glenwood.

Councilmember Bailey asked that everyone be in prayer for the families of two former Councilmembers that recently passed away, Gene Oswalt and Ray Bush. Councilmember Bailey stated that both men served the Council well and loved Phenix City.

Councilmember Day wished everyone a Happy New Year. Councilmember Day stated that 2020 may have been a challenging year but God is to wise to make a mistake. Councilmember Day asked everyone to love and respect each other in 2021. Councilmember Day thanked City Manager Wallace Hunter and the employees of Phenix City for a great 2020 and wished them a prosperous 2021.

Councilmember Johnson wished everyone a Happy New Year. Councilmember Johnson stated that all citizens are essential to the success and growth of Phenix City. Councilmember Johnson also stated that as everyone reflects on the challenges faced and lives lost during the pandemic, we should focus on God and His gratefulness to allow us to see a new year.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that Phenix City has lost many great people in 2020. Mr. Hunter stated that the Oswalt family not only lost Mr. Gene Oswalt but former Councilman Mr. Baxley Oswalt as well. Mr. Hunter stated that the City has come a long way because of dedicated people from the past and the present.

Mayor Lowe stated that it takes great communication and dialogue from Council, City Manager, Department Heads and the citizens to keep Phenix City growing in the right direction. Mayor Lowe also stated that God orchestrates everything for a reason and a season. Mayor Lowe further stated that we were allowed by God's grace to make it to 2021 and the ability to make it a better year for not only Phenix City but also the entire Country.

Mayor Lowe thanked CTV-Beam for bringing the council meeting to the citizens of Phenix City.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until January 20, 2021.