

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 2, 2021**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 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.

Reverend Doctor Clementine Warren of Hurts Chapel A.M.E. 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 Charlotte Baker - 15 years, David Bensema - 10 years, and Andre Moffett – 25 years.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the May 17, 2021 Work Session and the May 18, 2021 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 in reference to accepting the dedication of land, right-of-ways and easements dedicated by the Final Plat for Ivy Creek Subdivision IV, Ivy Creek LLC., Owner.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-109**

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 accepting a quote from Duke's Root Control to perform root control services to some of the sanitary sewer mains for the wastewater collection system in an amount not to exceed \$29,418.70.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-110**

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 four (4) openings on the Industrial Development Board. Mayor Lowe stated that current members Zachary Collins, Tom Staton, Carolyn Thomas and Danny Tillery are all willing to serve another term. Mayor Lowe called for a motion. Councilmember Day moved to reappoint Zachary Collins, Tom Staton, Carolyn Thomas and Danny Tillery, 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 Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Alfa Insurance as Subrogee of Shirley Vaughn. City Attorney Jimmy Graham stated that the claim alleges that on March 15, 2021, a Phenix City Police vehicle collided with a vehicle owned by Ms. Vaughn and caused damage. City Attorney Graham also stated that upon investigation, the Police vehicle entered the intersection against a green light with lights and siren activated and collided into Ms. Vaughn's vehicle. City Attorney Graham stated that the vehicle was damaged out as a total loss. City Attorney Graham asked Council to allow him to negotiate a settlement. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to negotiate a settlement, 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 Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Willie Lee Cage. City Attorney Jimmy Graham stated that the claim alleges that on May 4, 2021, while driving on 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Mr. Cage ran over some sand that had paint under it and caused damage to his vehicle. City Attorney Graham recommended denying the claim due to the Public Works Department had no prior knowledge of the paint in the road. Councilmember Day moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to deny the claim, 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.

Councilmember Johnson congratulated the employees that were recognized for over five years of service. Councilmember Johnson stated that it is a great accomplishment to be able to find employment, remain loyal and be able to reach milestones.

Councilmember Johnson congratulated all of the areas 2021 high school graduates. Councilmember Johnson stated that she recently attended Central High School's graduation and it was good to see the families being able to come out to celebrate with the graduates.

Councilmember Day congratulated the Class of 2021. Councilmember Day stated that the Covid-19 Pandemic was a challenge that they were able to endure and he is very proud of them. Councilmember Day wished the graduates well as they continue to face life's challenges ahead of them.

Councilmember Day thanked the City employees that were recognized for their years of service. Councilmember Day stated that he is proud of all City employees that keep Phenix City safe and clean.

Councilmember Day encouraged everyone to take pride in our City and keep the streets of Phenix City clean. Councilmember Day stated that the Public Works Department does an awesome job but it takes everyone to come together to keep the City safe and clean.

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.

Mayor Lowe congratulated all the 2021 graduates. Mayor Lowe thanked the Superintendent of Phenix City Schools Randy Wilkes, Superintendent of Russell County Schools Dr. Brenda Coley, and Glenwood's Headmaster Frankie Mitchum for staying on task for the young people of our community. Mayor Lowe encouraged all of the students to continue to persevere and be of good courage because they will be leaders of our community in the future.

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 June 15, 2021.