

**MEETING MINUTES  
July 20, 2021**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Martin Idle-Hour Park Community Center located at 3743 Moon Lake Drive, Phenix City, Alabama 36867. 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 Don Abrams of Trinity United Methodist Church delivered the invocation.

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

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the July 6, 2021 Work Session 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, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Councilmember Bailey. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the July 7, 2021 Council Meeting for approval. Councilmember Gordy 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 Resolution No. 2021-135 to be ratified in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign a contract agreement with Oracle Elevator Company in the amount of \$129,690.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-135**

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 Resolution No. 2021-136 to be ratified in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to make application with Energy Division of ADECA for grant assistance to upgrade the HVAC at the C Club Gymnasium and Fire Training Center in the amount of \$46,416.25.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-136**

Councilmember Day 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 granting a tax abatement to B M R, (1), LLC.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-137**

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 ten (10) resolutions in reference to awarding bids for the demolition and removal of structures at the following locations:

1. 1908 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue – J&J Land Development, Inc. - \$5,200.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-138**

2. 1911 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue – J&J Land Development, Inc. - \$3,500.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-139**

3. 2107 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue – J&J Land Development, Inc. - \$2,600.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-140**

4. 1013 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue – J&J Land Development, Inc. - \$8,100.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-141**

5. 1205 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue – J&J Land Development, Inc. - \$5,200.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-142**

6. 119 14<sup>th</sup> Court – J&J Land Development, Inc. - \$4,200.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-143**

7. 805 16<sup>th</sup> Street – J&J Land Development, Inc. - \$2,800.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-144**

8. 1004 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South – J&J Land Development, Inc. - \$8,500.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-145**

9. 1001 4<sup>th</sup> Street South – J&J Land Development, Inc. - \$5,100.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-146**

10. 1004 4<sup>th</sup> Street South – J&J Land Development, Inc. - \$4,100.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-147**

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the resolutions, 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 property a public nuisance and authorizing and directing the Housing Abatement Board to take the necessary action to demolish, remove, and clear all building material, trash, and debris from property located at 2000 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-148**

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 enter into a contract with Karl Wright to purchase property located at 1102 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the amount of \$6,000.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-149**

Councilmember Bailey 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 sign a contract with MDS Lighting, INC for stage roofing at the Phenix City Amphitheater September 4, 2021 through October 23, 2021.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-150**

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 entering into a contract with EastCoast, Entertainment for The Breakfast Club to perform at the Phenix City Art Park September 4, 2021.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-151**

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 to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract with the City of Auburn for Professional Services.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-152**

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 Ordinance to Amend Section 16.04 of the Merit System Rules and Regulations of the City of Phenix City, Alabama.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10**

Councilmember Day moved to approve the ordinance, 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. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Mr. Larry Wood, Sr. City Attorney Graham stated that the claim alleges that a vehicle owned by the City ran over the water line at his place of business and caused it to break. City Attorney Graham also stated that the incident occurred while work was being completed on the Opelika Bridge. City Attorney Graham further stated that upon investigation, the contractors Newel Bush, Inc. out of Montgomery Alabama, were still in control of repairs at the time of the incident. City Attorney Graham recommended denying the claim. City Attorney Graham stated that he would refer Mr. Wood to the contractor Newel Bush, Inc. for a possibility of reimbursement of the claim. Councilmember Gordy 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.

City Manager Wallace Hunter asked City Clerk Melony Lee to advise concerning the Budget Public Hearing. Ms. Lee stated that the Budget Public Hearing will be held at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center on Thursday July 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Lee also stated that the public is invited to attend the Budget Public Hearing. Ms. Lee stated that the City has a Mask Ordinance in place and all attendees must wear a mask and have their temperature check upon arrival to attend the meeting.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the Covid-19 Pandemic is far from being over. Mr. Hunter stated that number of positive cases continue to increase as more people are out in public. Mr. Hunter encouraged everyone to be safe and cautious when out in public.

Mayor Lowe thanked City Council for their consistency in following the rules and regulations that are set before them.

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 August 3, 2021.