

**MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 2021**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 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 Grant Parker with Epworth United Methodist Church was not present to deliver the invocation. Councilmember Gordy delivered the invocation.

Councilmember Gordy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Reverend Grant Parker with Epworth United Methodist Church arrived to the Council meeting. Mayor Lowe asked Reverend Parker if he would like to close the Council meeting out in prayer. Reverend Parker stated that he would be able to stay for the entire meeting and would close the meeting out in prayer.

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain presented employee service recognitions to Jason Jackson – 5 years, Brad Strickland - 5 years, Robert Hudson - 10 years, Kristina Anglin – 10 years, and Jeffrey Freeman – 25 years.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the November 15, 2021 Work Session and the November 16, 2021 Council Meeting 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, 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 the Satisfaction of a Special Assessment on property located at 910 11th Avenue, Royzell Crawford (2014 Tax), BC/O Royzell Crawford, owners.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-258

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 Satisfaction of a Special Assessment on property located at 323 South Seale Road, Latisha Stewart, owner.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-259

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 accepting an easement for access to and maintenance of public utilities dedicated through an Administrative Subdivision of 1.31 acres located at 3616 US Hwy 431N, English Properties, LLC, owner.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-260

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 approving Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$52,446.00 to the contract with Municipal Consultants, Inc. for the design and permitting of a new Construction and Debris Landfill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-261

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 declaring approximately 0.53 acres of right of way of Water Works Road as surplus to be sold as private property.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-262

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 a one-time compensation for permanent full time employees.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-263

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 a one-time compensation for retirees.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-264

Councilmember Johnson 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 granting a one-time longevity payment for regular employees with at least two years of consecutive service.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-265

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 extending a moratorium on all annexations through December 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-266

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 amending Resolution No. 2021-230 in reference to purchasing property located at 1209 and 1211 7th Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-267

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 declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to the fixing of costs incurred by the City of Phenix City for the removal of substandard structures and the establishment of special assessments upon properties located at: 1013 15th Avenue, 1205 16th Avenue, and 119 14th Court. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address council on any of the properties should come forward and do so at this time. The following people came forward to address Council:

Vincent Wiggins came forward to address Mayor and Council regarding the property located at 1013 15th Avenue. Mr. Wiggins stated that he is speaking on behalf of his 93-year-old mother Lucinda Wiggins who is in a nursing home facility and was unable to attend the Council meeting. Mr. Wiggins also stated that he disagrees with Council's decision to demolish the 100 plus year old home. Mr. Wiggins further stated that he noticed a sign on the property several years ago and spoke with Gil Griffin, Building Official, and informed him that the family would be bringing the home up to code. Mr. Wiggins stated that unfortunately, the plans were not fulfilled

as originally planned but he hired a gentleman to continue to cut the grass on the property. Mr. Wiggins also stated that it is unfair for him to have to pay for the tearing down of a home that they never gave permission to be torn down. Mr. Wiggins asked Mayor and Council if the reimbursement fee for the demolition could be waived. Mayor Lowe stated that Mr. Wiggins reached out to him and he explained the demolition process. Mayor Lowe also stated that by law, the City has to send out certified letters and place notification on the property to notify owners. Mr. Wiggins stated that the only notice that he has received was concerning today's public hearing. Gil Griffith, Building Official stated that certified letters were sent out in December 2016 and May 2017 addressed to Ms. Annie Lewis who bought the property in 2014. Mr. Griffith also stated that every time a letter is mailed out, one is also posted to the property. Mr. Griffith further stated that there were no permits purchased and no repairs were made on the property. Mr. Wiggins stated that the property has since been redeemed, in his mother's name and he does not know Ms. Lewis. Councilmember Gordy asked; when his mother repurchased the property. Mr. Wiggins stated late 2017 or early 2018. Councilmember Day asked; when was the contents of the property removed. Mr. Wiggins stated the house was cleared out last year. Councilmember Day asked if anyone had noticed the signs and warnings posted on the property. Mr. Wiggins stated that he noticed the notification and spoke to Mr. Griffith but he could not recall the exact date but somewhere around 2017 or 2018. Mr. Griffith stated that no permits were purchased to restore the property and the demolition process continued. Councilmember Bailey asked; what was in the letter that was sent out in May 2021. Mr. Griffith stated that it was informing the owners that the home would be demolished and valuables need to be removed. Councilmember Johnson asked if the person who was cutting the grass informed Mr. Wiggins of any notices that had placed on the property. Mr. Wiggins stated that Mr. Jones, who cuts the grass, only informed him that the house had been torn down, but at that point there was nothing that he could do. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that this is an unfortunate situation. Mr. Hunter also stated that the City followed the proper protocol with sending out certified notification to the person listed on property tax and posting on the property. Mr. Hunter further stated that he personally knows of the challenges faced by the Wiggins family during the time of the demolition process and with the changing of ownership of the property things may have been missed but it doesn't change the process that must be followed. Mayor Lowe stated that he agrees with Mr. Hunter, it is an unfortunate situation. Mayor Lowe also stated that Council follows the law of the land and prides itself in being consistent in the decision making process. Mayor Lowe thanked Mr. Wiggins for coming to speak with Council.

Jimmy Rowell came forward to address Mayor and Council regarding the property located at 119 14th Court. Mr. Rowell stated that his elderly relatives who live in Florida informed him that he could have the property if he was willing to fix it up. Mr. Rowell also stated that he hired a contractor that spoke to Gil Griffith, Building Official, who stated that it was too late in the demolition process to restore the property. Mr. Rowell further stated that to his understanding, when he spoke to Mr. Griffith, he thought that all he needed to do was get the property in his name and began the repairs. Mr. Rowell stated that the property is in his name but his relatives in Florida received the certified assessment letter. Mayor Lowe stated that at the time the property was demolished, the notification was sent to the person or persons whose name was listed on the property tax information. Mr. Griffith stated that the property was declared a public nuisance on May 18, 2021. Mr. Griffith also stated that Mr. Rowell came to meet with him after the council meeting, but he did not own the property at that time. Mr. Griffith further stated that the demolition process on the property started back in 2019. Mr. Griffith stated that the point of no return had been reached by the time he spoke to Mr. Rowell. Mayor Lowe stated once the demolition process gets to a certain point, there is no way it can be stopped. Mr. Rowell stated that the Citizens of Phenix City should be the most important thing to Mayor and Council. Mayor Lowe stated that all Citizens are important to Council but they must also follow the laws that were set in

place. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the property had become an eyesore in the neighborhood and home to vagrants. Mr. Griffith stated that in October 17, 2019 the property was condemned and on November 4, 2019 a permit was issued to Mr. Frank Ivey to remodel the property. Mr. Griffith also stated that there was no work completed on the property. Mr. Griffith further stated the Housing Abatement Board issued a letter on August 10, 2020. Mr. Griffith stated that every time a certified letter was mailed out, it was also posted on the property. Mr. Griffith also stated that if Mr. Rowell had come to him with ownership of the property during those times, purchased permits and brought the property up to code, it would not have been torn down. Councilmember Bailey stated that it seems that by the time Mr. Rowell's relatives reached out to him concerning the property it was too late in the process. Mr. Bailey also stated that with Mr. Rowell's relatives living in another state, it's a possibility that they did not know the severity of the home or demolition process when the property changed ownership. Mr. Hunter stated that if permits are purchased early on in the demolition process and completed in a specific time frame, the removing of the structure can be stopped. Mr. Hunter also stated that once it gets past a certain point, the removal of the structure cannot be stopped. Mayor Lowe stated that it is an unfortunate situation for Mr. Rowell and Mr. Wiggins but the City prides itself in abiding by the law of the land. Mr. Rowell thanked Mayor and Council for listening and asked when he can pay the assessment. Mr. Hunter stated that with Mr. Rowell being the property owner, he will be billed by the County. Mr. Hunter also stated that it is out of the City's hands at this point. Mayor Lowe thanked Mr. Rowell for coming to speak with Council.

Neither hearing nor seeing anyone else come forward to address Council, Mayor Lowe declared the public hearing closed.

Mayor Lowe presented three (3) resolutions in reference to the fixing of costs incurred by the City of Phenix City for the removal of substandard structures and the establishment of special assessments upon properties located at:

1. 1013 15th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-268

1. 1205 16th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-269

3. 119 14th Court

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-270

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolutions, 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 solicitation of professional services from a qualified firm to provide assistance for the Riverwalk Improvement Project and connections to Broad Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-271

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 awarding a bid to Columbus Quarry for Aggregates.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-272

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 declaring various items as listed on "Exhibit A" as surplus to be sold as scrap or disposed of at the City Landfill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-273

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 declaring personal property as surplus and disposing of for the nominal sum of \$1.00 and other valuable considerations to Jeff Freeman in recognition of his 25 years of public service.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-274

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 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to accept a proposal and quote from Thompson Power Systems for Preventative Maintenance services for 18 emergency generators sites and to replace the voltage regulator and speed pot on the emergency generator at Bailey Hill Pump Station in an amount not to exceed \$25,298.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-275

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 accepting a quote from Thompson Tractor Company to purchase jumping jacks for Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection divisions for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 in an amount not to exceed \$6,050.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-276

Councilmember Johnson 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 Services for flow monitors, rain gauges and technical assistance for a year in an amount not to exceed \$4,082.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-277

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 sign an agreement with Ixom Watercare for a free 30-day trial of an aerator mixer and to purchase said aerator mixer in an amount not to exceed \$3,360.00 if suitable for the application.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-278

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 declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing regarding the rezoning of 0.47 acres of land located at 3100 South Railroad Street, from an A-O Zone to a C-3 Zone (Catarang Properties, LLC), owner. Mayor Lowe stated that anyone wishing to address Council concerning this ordinance should come forward and do so at this time. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone come forward, Mayor Lowe declared the hearing closed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an ordinance to rezone 0.47 acres of land located at 3100 South Railroad Street, from an A-O Zone to a C-3 Zone (Catarang Properties, LLC), owner.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-13

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the ordinance, 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 carried.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an Ordinance to exempt certain items from the Municipal Sales and Use Tax during February, 2022, referred to as the Severe Weather

Preparedness Tax Holiday. Councilmember Day moved to place the ordinance 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. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented one opening on the Phenix City-Russell County Library Board. Mayor Lowe stated that current member James Eberhardt is willing to serve another term. Mayor Lowe called for a motion. Councilmember Day moved to reappoint James Eberhardt, 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 for second reading an application for an On Premise Beer License and On Premise Wine License, On Premise Whiskey/Wine License, Dancing with a Live Band and Dancing with a Juke Box License submitted by Christina Williams for Giovanna's Pizzeria and Restaurant located at 1600 A Broad Street, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Bailey moved to approve the applications, 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.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a previously tabled claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Teronda Pettway. City Attorney Graham stated that the claim alleges that on May 31, 2021, while walking on the Meadowlane Park walking trail, Ms. Pettway stepped in a crack, fell and caused a bone to crack in her ankle. City Attorney Graham recommended denying 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 Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a Notice of Claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Heningler, Garrison, Davis LLC on behalf of Bethany Cleveland. City Attorney Graham stated that the claim alleges that on October 14, 2021, Ms. Cleveland was involved in an accident with a vehicle belonging to the Lee-Russell Council of Governments of which the City has no affiliation. City Attorney Graham recommended denying the claim. Councilmember Bailey moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to deny the claim, 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 Sally and John Musulin for property damage. City Attorney Jimmy Graham recommended tabling the claim until the December 21, 2021 meeting giving time to come to an agreement on the damage. Councilmember Day moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to table the claim until the December 21, 2021, 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 rescinding Resolution No. 2021-228

for the purchase of the 2023 Freightliner Graball.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-279

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 purchase of one 2023 International HV607 SBA Truck and Graball Equipment from Southland Transportation Group through Statewide Contract T 193 in the amount of \$174,639.86.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-280

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 thanked the Department Heads and the employees that were recognized at the beginning of today's meeting for their hard work and dedication to the City.

Todd Hughes, Parks and Recreation Director reminded everyone of the Christmas Festival that will take place on December 11, 2021 at the Art Park. Mr. Hughes stated that the event will feature the showing of the Polar Express Movie. Mr. Hughes also stated that the event will began at 3:00 p.m. and the movie will be showed when the sun goes down.

Councilmember Day asked the Chief of Police, Ray Smith to update the Citizens of Phenix City on the renovations to the Public Safety Building. Chief Smith stated that there will be a Council Chamber and courtrooms just like the set up in the old building just on a larger scale with more room for operation.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that being in government in not always easy and sometimes decisions will be made that people may not understand. Mr. Hunter also stated that rules and regulations are in place and the City must follow them. Mr. Hunter further stated that 2021 has been a challenging year.

City Manager Wallace Hunter encouraged everyone to be safe and be aware of their surroundings this holiday season. Mr. Hunter spoke on the recent murder in neighboring Columbus, Georgia where gentleman started the day in celebration of his daughter's birthday and was robbed and killed hours later. Mr. Hunter encouraged everyone to not only look out for themselves but others around them and if they see suspicious behavior to report it to authorities.

Mayor Lowe stated that we should all think more about others than we do about ourselves. Mayor Lowe also stated that the quickest way for us to get ahead is to lift somebody else up.

Councilmember Bailey stated that today marks 80 years since the attack on Pearl Harbor. Councilmember Bailey also stated that among those who were attached may have been our grandparents, great grandparents or great-great grandparent who are no longer with us.

Councilmember Bailey stated that the event was very tragic but we survived the attack because survivors built this Country. Councilmember Bailey thanked all who serve or have served for our Country. Councilmember Bailey encouraged everyone to pray for our current members of the armed forces who are stationed state side and abroad.

Mayor Lowe called upon Reverend Grant Parker with Epworth United Methodist Church to deliver the benediction. Reverend Parker closed the meeting out in prayer.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until December 21, 2021.