

**MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2022**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 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 Steve Pace of Summerville Baptist 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 Janice Robinson – 5 years, Christopher Horton – 5 years, Brandon Miles – 5 years, Marilyn Nesbitt – 5 years, Blake Dexter – 5 years, and Dean Grohman –15 years.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the January 18, 2022 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, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the January 19, 2022 Council Meeting for approval. Councilmember Bailey 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, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Johnson. 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 approving the final settlement in the matter of a claim filed by Bence Law Firm on behalf of Barbara Port in the amount of \$7,500.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16

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 from Sain Associates, Inc. and to enter into an agreement to provide Preliminary Engineering Services for the Resurfacing on 4th Place from Knowles Road to Seale Road, Resurfacing on Knowles Road from 16th Avenue to 4th Place, and Resurfacing on 43rd Street from Summerville Road to the end (Project No. STPPC-5721).

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-17

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 declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to declaring a structure located at 1808 6th Avenue as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning this property 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 a resolution in reference to declaring a structure located at 1808 6th Avenue as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-18

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 in reference to declaring a structure located at 1014 10th Avenue as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning this property 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 a resolution in reference to declaring a structure located at 1014 10th Avenue as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-19

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 declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to declaring a structure located at 1419 14th Avenue as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

funding. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning this property 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 a resolution in reference to declaring a structure located at 1419 14th Avenue as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-20

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 declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to declaring a structure located at 2509 21st Avenue as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning this property 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 a resolution in reference to declaring a structure located at 2509 21st Avenue as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-21

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.

Councilmember Johnson stated that the first three properties that were acknowledged as public nuisance were all located in District Two, which she represents. Councilmember Johnson also stated that Phenix City is progressing and growing in the right direction. Councilmember Johnson further stated that she is proud that the City was able to obtain a grant that would demolish the structures on the listed properties at no cost to the owners. Mayor Lowe stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to allow the property owners to speak and voice their thoughts.

Mayor Lowe declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to declaring a structure located at 900 8th Court as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning this property 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 a resolution in reference to declaring a structure located at 900 8th Court as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-22

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 declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to declaring a structure located at 1305 2nd Place South as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning this property 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 a resolution in reference to declaring a structure located at 1305 2nd Place South as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-23

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 declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to declaring a structure located at 1311 2nd Place South as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning this property 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 a resolution in reference to declaring a structure located at 1311 2nd Place South as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-24

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 declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to declaring a structure located at 900 3rd Place South as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning this property should come forward and do so at this time. Douglas Nickerson and Eddie B. Nickerson came forward to address Mayor and Council. Mr. Douglas Nickerson asked if the cost of the demolition would be added to the property tax for that address. Mayor Lowe stated that the Community Development Block Grant absorbs the cost of demolition and at no cost to the property owner. Mr. Douglas Nickerson asked if the property owner would be allowed to rebuild on the same property. Mayor Lowe stated that the property owner will be allotted six months to totally rehabilitate the current structure. Mayor Lowe also stated that if the structure is not totally rehabilitated within the six months, the process of demolition starts over and funds from the grant will no longer be available. Mayor Lowe further stated that cost of the demolition would belong to the property owners. Mr. Eddie B. Nickerson stated that they are in the process of changing ownership of the property. Mr. Eddie B. Nickerson also stated that the property is still in the name of their deceased parents who did not leave a will. Mayor Lowe encouraged the Nickerson brothers to hire an attorney and speak to the Judge of Probate. Gil Griffith, Building Official, stated that based on the zoning of the property, a structure can be built on the property after the original structure has been demolished. Mayor Lowe thanked the Nickerson brothers for coming to speak before Council. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone else come forward, Mayor Lowe declared the hearing closed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring a structure located at 900 3rd Place South as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-25

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 declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to declaring a structure located at 904 3rd Place South as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning this property 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 a resolution in reference to declaring a structure located at 904 3rd Place South as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-26

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 declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to declaring a structure located at 915 3rd Place South as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning this property should come forward and do so at this time. Ms. Susan Ann Brown came forward to address Mayor and Council. Ms. Brown stated that she would like to stop the demolition process and rehabilitate her home. Mayor Lowe stated that the property owner will be allotted six months to totally rehabilitate the current structure. Mayor Lowe also stated that if the structure is not totally rehabilitated within the six months, the process of demolition starts over and funds from the grant will no longer be available. Ms. Brown stated that she would like to take the six months to rehabilitate the home. Gil Griffith, Building Official, stated that the home would have to be brought up to code in those six months. Mr. Griffith also stated that if the home is not brought up to code completely within that time frame, it will be placed on the City's demolition list. Mr. Griffith further stated that it could cost anywhere from \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 with a tax lien placed on the property. Mr. Griffith stated that Ms. Brown has thirty days to remove any valuables from the home. Ms. Brown stated that the property belonged to her grandmother and that she would like to keep the property. Mr. Griffith stated that a permit had to be purchased this week and total project must be completed in 180 days. Mr. Griffith also stated that Ms. Brown must hire a contractor who may or may not be able to complete the project within the allotted time. Ms. Brown asked if she would have to make that decision today, whether or not to buy a permit and begin rehabilitating the home. Mr. Griffith stated that according to the demolition manager Mr. Jeff Kappelman, if the resolution passed and Ms. Brown does not purchase the permit, the demolition with the grant would proceed. Mr. Griffith also stated that if Ms. Brown purchases the permit and begins rehabilitation on the home the property would come off the grant listing but will be placed on the City's demolition process if not completed in the allotted time and Ms. Brown would then be responsible for the fees. Councilmember Day asked Ms. Brown if she understood that if the home was not completely rehabilitated in the six months, the home would still be demolished. Ms. Brown stated that she will try to bring the home back up to code in the 180 days. Mayor Lowe stated that if the home is demolished using grant funds, it would be at no cost to Ms. Brown. Mayor Lowe also stated that after the home has been demolished, Ms. Brown would have an opportunity to rebuild on the property. Councilmember Gordy asked Mr. Griffith if he would explain how Ms. Brown could still purchase a permit to rehabilitate the home after the passing of the resolution. Mr. Griffith stated that according to Mr. Kappelman, if a permit was purchased after the resolution is passed the property would be taken off of the grant list but if the permit is not purchased and the resolution passed it would remain on the grant list. Councilmember Bailey stated that if Ms. Brown purchases the permit, spends money on the rehabilitation and it is not completed within the allotted time, she will lose the money spent on the rehabilitation. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that if the permit is purchased, that means that the rehabilitation process will began and if the permit is not purchased the demolition process for the grant will began. Mr. Griffith stated that the permit should be purchased this week. Mr. Kappelman, demolition manager, stated that he along with Mr. Griffith inspected the home, and it is in bad shape. Mr. Kappelman also stated that Ms. Brown would have approximately thirty days to take the valuables out of the home. Mr. Kappelman further stated that the cost to rehabilitate the home may be more than what Ms. Brown

thinks because it may be repairs needed that are not visible such as termites or rotten floors. Mayor Lowe asked Ms. Brown to contact Mr. Griffith and the Building Department if she has any other questions or decides to purchase a permit. Mayor Lowe thanked Ms. Brown for coming to speak before Council. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone else come forward, Mayor Lowe declared the hearing closed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring a structure located at 915 3rd Place South as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-27

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 in reference to declaring a structure located at 2507 16th Place as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning this property should come forward and do so at this time. Mr. Howard Gay and Mr. Robert Gay came forward to address Mayor and Council. Mr. Howard Gay stated that he and his father Mr. Robert Gay are the owners of the property listed at 2507 16th Place and they would like to rehabilitate the home. Mr. Howard Gay also stated that they have the funds and the ability to rehabilitate the property. Mr. Howard Gay further stated that the original wiring along with other things were stolen from the vacant property. Mr. Howard Gay asked if the City could protect the home in the process of rehabilitation. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the property once belonged to Mr. Theodore Gay. Mr. Robert Gay stated that Mr. Theodore Gay was his father. Mr. Hunter stated that if the home is rehabilitated someone probably needs to live in it to deter vandalism. Mr. Hunter also stated that a security system may be a good investment to protect the property. Mr. Hunter further stated that homeless people wonder at night and they know whether or not a home is vacant. Councilmember Bailey stated that this property as well as the others that were mentioned earlier have six months allotted for rehabilitation. Councilmember Bailey also stated that the rehabilitation process must be completed in that time frame or the property would then be demolished according to the City's standards with a cost to the owner. Mayor Lowe stated that the Phenix City Police Department works very hard at protecting this community. Mayor Lowe also stated that the Police Department can't be everywhere at the same time and liability falls on the owner for protection and security of the property. Mr. Howard Gay stated that they would like to rehabilitate the property. Mayor Lowe stated that the Gay family should follow up with Mr. Griffith and the Building Department this week for permits. Mr. Jeff Kappelman, demolition manager, stated that there is a lot of work to be done on the structure. Mr. Kappelman also stated that there were foundation problems, holes in the roof, stolen wires and other major issues. Mayor Lowe thanked Howard and Robert Gay for coming to speak before Council. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone else come forward, Mayor Lowe declared the hearing closed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring a structure located at 2507 16th Place as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove

and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-28

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 in reference to declaring a structure located at 901 3rd Street South as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning this property 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 a resolution in reference to declaring a structure located at 901 3rd Street South as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-29

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 declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to declaring a structure located at 918 3rd Street South as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning this property 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 a resolution in reference to declaring a structure located at 918 3rd Street South as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove and clear all building materials, trash and debris from said premises with all costs being paid using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-30

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.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that over the past decade, City workers have done a lot in trying to clean the City of dangerous and unkempt structures. Mr. Hunter thanked City Engineer Angel Moore, Building Official Gil Griffith and the grant team from Opelika, Alabama for the hard work that they did for the City to receive the Community Development Block Grant. Mr. Hunter stated that to have a home demolished at no cost to the homeowner has helped Citizens as well as the City.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign an agreement with TargetSolutions Learning, LLC, dba Vector Solutions for web-based firefighter and EMS training software for department personnel.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-31

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 authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign Change Order Number 1 with RYCARS Construction, LLC for a deduction of \$12,200.00 for the reroofing of the Water Filtration Plant Building "B".

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-32

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 in reference to an Ordinance to rezone 1.08 acre tract of land located at 3900 Waterworks Road from an R-2 Zone (Medium Density Residential District) to an A-O Zone (Apartment and Office District), BFI, LLC (Michael Bowden) owner. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning this rezone 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 1.08 acre tract of land located at 3900 Waterworks Road from an R-2 Zone (Medium Density Residential District) to an A-O Zone (Apartment and Office District), BFI, LLC (Michael Bowden) owner.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02

Councilmember Bailey 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. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to an Ordinance to rezone 0.53 acre tract of land located on Waterworks Road from No Zoning to an A-O (Apartment and Office District) City of Phenix City, owner. Mayor Lowe stated anyone

wishing to address Council concerning this rezone 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 0.53 acre tract of land located on Waterworks Road from No Zoning to an A-O (Apartment and Office District) City of Phenix City, owner.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03

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

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Phenix City, Alabama, Chapter 82, Article II (FKA Chapter 17, Article II), Section 82-20 (FKA Section 17-17) Relating to Establishment of Water Rates Schedule, Section 82-21 (FKA Section 17-18) Relating to Establishment of Sewer Rates Schedule, and Section 82-22 (FKA Section 17-21) Relating to the Payment of Bills.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04

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.

Mayor Lowe presented one opening on the Downtown Redevelopment Authority. Mayor Lowe stated that current member David Jones is willing to serve another term. Mayor Lowe called for a motion. Councilmember Johnson moved to reappoint David Jones, 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 three openings on the Zoning Adjustment and Appeals Board. Mayor Lowe stated that all three current members, Steve Jourdan, Roderick Howard and Ralph Morris are all willing to serve another term. Mayor Lowe called for a motion. Councilmember Gordy moved to reappoint Steve Jourdan, Roderick Howard and Ralph Morris, 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.

Councilmember Day thanked all the Citizens that volunteer to serve on one of our City's boards. Councilmember Day stated that it takes time and commitment to serve on a board. Councilmember Day thanked the board members for taking time out of their daily schedule to serve the community.

Councilmember Bailey thanked the officers of the Phenix City Police Department for all that they do to protect and serve our Community. Councilmember Bailey stated that crime exist not just in Phenix City but all over the world. Councilmember Bailey also stated that law enforcement officers put their lives on the line for us every day. Councilmember Bailey thanked

the Sherriff Department, Fire Department and all first responders for what they do each and everyday for the safety of our Community.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that it is very important for people to understand the challenges that our Law Enforcement Officers go through daily. Mr. Hunter also stated that there is not a magic button to make crime go away but the Phenix City Police Department, Sherriff's Department, and the Columbus, Georgia Task Force does the best that they can to keep the crime rate down in our Community. Mr. Hunter encouraged everyone to be aware of their surroundings and look out for each other.

Mayor Lowe thanked Council, City Manager Wallace Hunter, City Attorneys, Department Heads and all City Employees and Citizens for giving of themselves for the betterment of Phenix City. Mayor Lowe stated that it's easy to find fault in others but we should all examine ourselves first. Mayor Lowe also stated that once we examine ourselves, think on positive ways to help someone else. Mayor Lowe further stated that in order to get the right person we must first be the right person to make the right Community.

Mayor Lowe thanked CTV-Beam for bringing the Council meeting to the Citizens of Phenix City, Alabama.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until February 15, 2022.