

**MEETING MINUTES
June 22, 2022**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Phenix City - Russell County Library located at 1501 17th Avenue, Phenix City, Alabama 36867. Upon roll call, the following members of Council were present: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Vickey Carter Johnson, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Steve Bailey was not present. 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.

Pastor Don Abrams of Trinity United Methodist Church was not present to deliver the invocation. Mayor Lowe exercised his right to privilege and called upon Father Tom Weise of Mother Mary Mission to deliver the invocation. Father Weise delivered the invocation.

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

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the June 6, 2022 Work Session and the June 7, 2022 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, 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. 2022-103 to be ratified in reference to accepting a proposal from Warr Grading Contractor to repair a portion of Sanitary Main at 7th Avenue on the South side of Mill Creek in an amount not to exceed \$280,673.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-103

Councilmember Gordy moved to ratify 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, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2022-104 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor to sign documents with ADECA for grant assistance for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at the 14th Street Parking Garage.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-104

Councilmember Johnson moved to ratify 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, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2022-105 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor to sign documents with ADECA for grant assistance for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at the Phenix City Youth Sports Complex.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-105

Councilmember Day 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, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2022-106 to be ratified in reference to purchasing one (1) Caterpillar 826K Compactor from Thompson CAT through Sourcewell Vendor #032119-CAT in an amount to exceed \$987,461.48.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-106

Councilmember Gordy moved to ratify 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, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to a public hearing for the proposed 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-107

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, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to Premium payments made to employees with American Rescue Plan funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-108

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, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to filing an application with ALDOT for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) for FY 2023 to upgrade pedestrian facilities along 14th Street from Broad Street to 9th Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-109

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, 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 an agreement with ALDOT for equipment upgrade of the existing street lights on U.S. Highway 431 Street Light Replacement Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-110

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, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to adding an additional half day to be observed for Independence Day Holiday, July 5, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-111

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, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to accepting a quote from C&H Construction Services, LLC for guardrail installation at various locations throughout the City of Phenix City, Alabama in an amount not to exceed \$49,685.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-112

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, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2023 Freightliner with HD Industries Patcher purchased under Sourcewell Contract #060920-NAF from National Auto Fleet Group in an amount not to exceed \$227,305.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-113

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, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2022 Caterpillar 317GC Excavator purchased under Sourcewell Vendor #032119-CAT from Thompson CAT in an amount not to exceed \$251,483.74.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-114

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, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to rejecting all bids received for copy paper.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-115

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, 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 Sunbelt Fire for the purchase of four (4) G1 SCBA's with additional cylinders in an amount not to exceed \$38,168.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-116

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, 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 Greg Lahr for his 25 years of public service.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-117

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, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented an application for a Bonding Company License submitted by Alexis Wooden Elliott and Cortez Elliott for A.C. Bail Bonding, LLC located at 1030 5th Avenue SE Suite A. Decatur, AL 35601. Councilmember Day moved to place application 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, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe thanked the Citizens who attended the Council meeting in person or watched it virtually. Mayor Lowe asked everyone to be patient if service requests are not completed immediately. Mayor Lowe stated that City Employees are doing the best that they can with the number of people that they have.

Councilmember Day encouraged everyone to be safe outside as the heat index continues to rise. Councilmember Day also encouraged everyone to check on the elderly who may be living alone and to not leave their pets in the car even for a short amount of time.

Councilmember Johnson thanked the citizens of District 2 who attended the District 2 meeting prior to the City Council meeting. Councilmember Johnson stated that it shows that they are concerned about what is going on in the community. Councilmember Johnson thanked Library Director Tammy Henry and staff, Mr. Joseph, and the City Clerk's Office for their help and preparation for the District 2 meeting.

Councilmember Johnson stated that there are positive things going on in Phenix City. Councilmember Johnson encouraged everyone to do their part in keeping Phenix City clean and a safe place to live.

Mayor Lowe stated that Phenix City is a great place to live. Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to be a lifter and not a leaner.

Mayor Lowe asked that God bless everyone individually and collectively.

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 July 6, 2022.