

MEETING MINUTES
August 2, 2022

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 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 R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Steve Bailey was not present. Also present were City Manager Wallace Hunter, City Attorney Chan Gamble, and City Clerk Melony Lee. City Attorney Jimmy Graham was not present.

Upon a quorum being established, Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order.

Councilmember Gordy delivered the invocation.

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

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Human Resources Generalist Eliza Philips presented employee service recognitions to Brad Harrison – 20 years, Ray Rogers – 25 years, Terrance Walker – 25 years, Charles Adams – 15 years, Randall Norris – 25 years, and William Pitts –25 years.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the July 18, 2022 Work Session and the July 19, 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 a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign and renew a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with Uptown Columbus, Inc. for an additional (10) ten years, ending September 5, 2032.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-140

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 resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign and enter into a contract with the United States Postal Service for the lease property located at 1310 9th Avenue for an annual amount of \$110,263.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-141

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 and directing the Mayor, City Manager, and Chief of Police to sign Change Order No. 3 with Thayer-Bray Construction, LLC to add 12 days to the Public Safety Building Contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-142

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 authorizing the Phenix City Public Works Department to apply for a Class II Receiver permit and Transporter permit through ADEM to continue tire pickup service.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-143

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 sign and enter into an agreement with Proshot Concrete, Inc. for the Shotcrete Lining of Storm Drainage Pipes in an amount not to exceed \$338,448.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-144

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 and directing the Mayor, City Manager and Chief of Police Raymond Smith to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Directorate of Emergency Services of Fort Benning, GA.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-145

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 and directing the Mayor and City Manager to purchase an autoclave from USA Bluebook in an amount not to exceed \$12,401.64.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-146

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 and directing the Mayor and City Manager to accept a quote from Jim House & Associates, Inc. to rebuild the recirculation pump in an amount not to exceed \$9,445.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-147

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 and directing the Mayor and City Manager to accept a quote from Jim House & Associates, Inc. to purchase a Flygt sump pump to clean basins at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$15,665.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-148

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 authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to accept a quote from Thornton, Musso & Bellemin for the replacement of the Chlorine Dioxide Generator System at the Water Filter Plant (WFP) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-149

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 and directing the Mayor and City Manager to accept a quote from Jim House & Associates, Inc. for the replacement of a Return Activated Sludge (RAS) pump at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) in an amount not to exceed \$36,760.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-150

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, 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 accept a quote from Riley Heating & Air for the replacement of the Utilities Department (billing division) HVAC unit in an amount not to exceed \$18,435.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-151

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 to rescind Resolution No. 2022-126 in reference to the purchase of a Bobcat Compact Track Loader with Drum Mulcher from Bobcat of Opelika in an amount not to exceed \$126,929.98.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-152

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 the purchase of a Bobcat Compact Track Loader with Drum Mulcher from Clark Equipment Company dba Bobcat Company in an amount not to exceed \$126,929.98.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-153

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

City Attorney Chan Gamble presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Brandy Burnham. City Attorney Gamble stated that on July 2, 2022, while driving on 1st Avenue, Ms. Burnham ran over a pothole and caused damage to her vehicle. City Attorney Gamble recommended denying the claim due to the City had no prior notice of the pothole. Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to deny the claim, 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 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to accept a proposal from Warr Grading, Inc. to perform emergency work to a portion of the Riverwalk in an amount not to exceed \$58,635.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-154

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.

Councilmember Day thanked and congratulated the employees that were recognized for their years of service to the City. Councilmember Day stated that combined, there were 135 years of dedicated service to the City of Phenix City.

Councilmember Day stated that school will be starting soon. Councilmember Day encouraged everyone to slow down while driving for the safety of the children.

Councilmember Johnson thanked the employees that were recognized for their years of service earlier in the meeting for their dedication to the City. Councilmember Johnson stated that Phenix City continues to be one of the most striving Cities in the area. Councilmember Johnson also stated that the City is a great place to work.

Councilmember Johnson wished all students and administrators returning to school a successful and safe school year. Councilmember Johnson asked God to give the children the wisdom to use the knowledge that they learn for the betterment of themselves and the community.

Councilmember Johnson encouraged the Citizens of Phenix City to continue to pray for our City, have faith in Phenix City, and know that Positively Phenix City is one of the best places to live in this region.

Mayor Lowe thanked Council, City Manager Wallace Hunter, Department Heads and City Employees for giving of themselves to make this community better and a great place to live. Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to be a lifter and not a leaner.

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 August 16, 2022.