

MEETING MINUTES
August 16, 2022

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 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 Curtis Doleman of Praise Ministry Tabernacle delivered the invocation.

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

Mayor Lowe presented the called meeting minutes of the June 17, 2022 Budget 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 called meeting minutes of the July 14, 2022 Budget Public Hearing for approval. Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Johnson, and Bailey. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the August 1, 2022 Work Session 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, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Bailey. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the August 2, 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: Councilmember Bailey. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe stated there was no unfinished business to address at this time.

Mayor Lowe presented a Public Notice setting an Administrative Hearing for Revocation of Business License for R. E. Recycling.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the public notice, 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 accepting the Annual Transportation Plan Report as submitted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-155

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 116 14th 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. Mr. Marvin Drake came forward to address Mayor and Council. Mr. Drake stated that he is the property owner and someone is interested in buying the property from him. Mr. Drake also stated that the buyer wants to buy the property as is and restore it. Mr. Drake asked that the property not be demolished so that it can be sold. Mayor Lowe stated that because the demolition is under the CDBG grant, the structure on the property will be torn down at no expense to the property owner. Mayor Lowe also stated that the owner will only have six months to bring the structure up to code. Mayor Lowe further stated that if the structure is not brought up to code in the allotted time, then it will be demolished at the owner's expense. Councilmember Gordy asked if the process could be explained to Mr. Drake if he sales the property at this time during the demolition process. Ray Rogers, Deputy Building Official, explained that Mr. Drake must disclose to the potential buyers that the property is in the demolition process, permits would need to be purchased before structure could be rehabilitated, and that it may take over \$50,000 to repair structure and bring it up to code. Mr. Rogers stated that permits must be purchased within the next 30 days. Councilmember Gordy stated that if the property is sold within the next 30 days, the new owner will have time to purchase permits to begin the rehabilitation process. Mayor Lowe asked if the buyer wanted to purchase the structure on the property or just the property itself. Mr. Drake stated that the buyer was interested in the house itself. Councilmember Day asked if the buyer knew that the house could be torn down at no expense to the property owner if done so by the CDBG Grant. Mr. Drake stated that the buyer was informed of the current process and the condition of the house. Mr. Drake asked if he will have something to show to the closing attorney that the property will not be demolished if a permit is purchased in 30 days by the owner and brought up to code in 6 months. Councilmember Bailey encouraged Mr. Drake to make sure the potential buyer knows exactly what time frame is allotted to get the purchase of the property, obtain permits and rehabilitate structure before change of ownership. Councilmember Bailey stated that if the potential buyer decided that the time frame was not feasible than the cost of the demolition would fall back on Mr. Drake. City Manager Wallace Hunter asked if Mr. Drake or the potential buyer spoke with the Building Department prior to today's meeting. Mr. Drake stated that they have not spoken to the Building Department but were made aware of this morning's public hearing. City Attorney Jimmy Graham stated that by Alabama law, the potential buyer must be aware that the property is currently in the demolition process. Mr. Hunter explained that if the selling of the property falls through, then the demolition will no longer qualify for the CDBG grant and the cost of demolition will fall on the property owner. Mr. Rogers stated that a tax lien will be placed on the property. Mr. Drake stated that he

understands the process. Councilmember Bailey stated that once a decision has been made to stop the demolition from being covered by the grant, it cannot be reversed. Mayor Lowe thanked Mr. Drake for coming to speak with 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 116 14th 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

Councilmember Gordy moved to deny 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 320 12th Avenue 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 320 12th Avenue 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. 2022-156

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 535 10th Avenue 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.¹

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring a structure located at 535 10th Avenue South as a public nuisance and authorizing the necessary action to bid, demolish, remove

¹ Mr. Razi Syed representing the Syed Family Trust came forward to address Council concerning 535 10th Avenue South at a later time in the meeting.

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. 2022-157

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 611 South Railroad Street 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 611 South Railroad Street 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. 2022-158

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 708 Williams 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 708 Williams 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. 2022-159

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 820 16th 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 820 16th 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. 2022-160

Councilmember Bailey 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 823 ½ 13th 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 823 ½ 13th 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. 2022-161

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 902 16th 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. Ms. Benita Cobb came forward to address Mayor and Council. Ms. Cobb stated that she is the property owner Brenda Cobb's daughter. Ms. Cobb also stated that her family would like the structure torn down. Ms. Cobb further stated that her main concern was that there is building material inside of the house that she plans on donating to Habitat for Humanity. Ms. Cobb asked for permission to retrieve the building materials before the home is demolished. Mayor Lowe advised Ms. Cobb to speak to Deputy Building Official Ray

Rogers concerning the time line for the demolition. Ms. Cobb stated that she has had to have another property demolished at her expense and it was very expensive. Ms. Cobb also stated that her family appreciates receiving the grant. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that once the structure is torn down, it is still the property owner's responsibility to maintain the lawn. Ms. Cobb stated that she understands. Mayor Lowe thanked Ms. Cobb for coming to speak with Council. Mayor Lowe asked if anyone else would like to speak to Council concerning this property. Mr. Razi Syed came forward to address Mayor and Council. Mr. Syed stated that he would like to speak on behalf of the Syed Family Trust concerning 535 10th Avenue South. Mr. Syed apologized for arriving to the meeting after the property had already been called. Mayor Lowe stated that 535 10th Avenue has already been voted upon. City Attorney Jimmy Graham stated that it is okay for Mr. Syed to address Council after the public hearing for 902 16th Avenue was closed. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone else come forward for 902 16th Avenue, Mayor Lowe declared the hearing closed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring a structure located at 902 16th 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. 2022-162

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 called upon Mr. Razi Syed to address Council. Mayor Lowe stated that it is listed that the Davis family owned the property at 535 10th Avenue South. City Attorney Jimmy Graham stated that because it is a public hearing, Mr. Syed may speak. City Attorney asked Mr. Syed if he is representing the Davis family. Mr. Syed stated that the Syed Family Trust purchased 535 10th Avenue South from Mr. Davis more than 6 months ago. City Attorney Graham stated that it should not take 6 months for the purchase of the property to reflect the new owners. City Attorney Graham asked if Mr. Syed was informed prior to closing that the property was in the demolition process. Mr. Syed stated that he did not have prior knowledge. City Manager Wallace Hunter asked if there was any paper work that named Mr. Syed or the Syed Family Trust as owners of the property. Mr. Syed stated that he did not have the paperwork with him today. Mayor Lowe stated that Mr. Syed must show proof of owner ship and the same rules apply to prevent demolition; a permit must be purchased within 30 days and the structure must be rehabilitated up to code within 6 months. Mayor Lowe also stated that under the grant, the property would be torn down at no expense to the owner. Councilmember Bailey stated if the grant is not utilized to remove the structure, the owner will absorb the cost of demolition. Mr. Syed stated that he understands. Ray Rogers, Deputy Building Official, stated that as of April 25, 2022 the property was listed under the Davis family. Mr. Syed also stated that he will follow up with his lawyer concerning proof of ownership. Mayor Lowe thanked Mr. Syed for coming to speak with Council.

Mayor Lowe declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to declaring a structure located at 911 8th 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 911 8th 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. 2022-163

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 913 8th 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 913 8th 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. 2022-164

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 1002 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 1002 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. 2022-165

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 1117 23rd 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 1117 23rd 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. 2022-166

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 1220 8th Street 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 1220 8th Street 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. 2022-167

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 and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign Change Order No. 2 with J. Douglas Martin & Associates, Inc. for the remodel of the Economic Development Building.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-168

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 rejecting all bids received for copy paper.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-169

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 declaring personal property as surplus and disposing of for the nominal sum of \$1.00 and other valuable considerations to Sergeant William Pitts for his 25 years of public service.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-170

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 declaring personal property as surplus and disposing of for the nominal sum of \$1.00 and other valuable considerations to Captain Randall Norris for his 25 years of public service.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-171

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 the Mayor, City Manager and Chief of Police Raymond J. Smith to sign a service agreement with Motorola Solutions to cover radio frequency infrastructure, radio system maintenance and the NICE logger system in an amount not to exceed \$431,635.70.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-172

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 accepting a quote from Consolidated Pipe & Supply Company, Inc. for (1) one Mueller B101 Direct Tap Tapping Machine and accessories in an amount not to exceed \$5,603.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-173

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 accepting a quote from American Control Service, LLC to purchase flow transmitter for the Water Filter Plant in an amount not to exceed \$14,352.50.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-174

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 quote from USA Bluebook to purchase (3) three Turbidimeters for the Water Filter Plant in an amount not to exceed \$13,932.64.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-175

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 authorizing Sydney Helms to connect her property located at 3810 Opelika Road to an existing City force main sewer line.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-176

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 accepting a quote from Thompson Pump and Manufacturing, Inc. to purchase an 8" High Efficiency Pump and hoses for the Waste Water Collection Division in an amount not to exceed \$95,167.50.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-177

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 an application for conditional use approval submitted by Beverly Espy Authorized Agent to locate U-Save It Pharmacy to 616 13th Street.

LETTER

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the application, 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.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Dorothy N. Williams. City Attorney Graham stated that on July 25, 2022, while the claimant was on driving US Highway 280/431, a rock fell from a City owned tractor, mowing the right of way. The passenger door of Ms. Williams' vehicle was damaged. City Attorney Graham recommended paying the claim in the lowest estimate of \$1,605.50. City Attorney Graham stated that upon investigation, an object flew from the City owned mower and caused damage to Ms. Williams' vehicle. Councilmember Day moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to approve the claim in the lowest estimate, 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 citizens for attending the Council Meeting. Mayor Lowe stated that Council is very transparent and encouraged the community to attend the Council Meetings.

Councilmember Day thanked all the citizens that serve on a City Board for their time and commitment to the City.

Councilmember Johnson stated that with so much going on in our nation that Phenix City continues to grow. Councilmember Johnson also stated that U-Save it is moving to a bigger location and Highway 431 South and Highway 280 are growing with new businesses in those areas.

Councilmember Johnson stated that August is Black Owned Business Month. Councilmember Johnson also stated that the history of Black Owned Business Month started back in 2004 with the coloration of Frederick Jordan Sr. and John William Templeton. Councilmember Johnson further stated that there are approximately 2.6 million black owned businesses in the United States. Councilmember Johnson encouraged everyone to take time this month to support black owned businesses and all of our local owned businesses. Councilmember Johnson stated that as Phenix City strives and grows, we are all one Phenix City and one community.

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 stated that he agrees with Councilmember Johnson, we are all one community and one City and he is proud to be a part of this City. 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 September 7, 2022.