

**MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2024**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday September 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the 5th Street Youth Center, 1601 5th Street S., Phenix City, Alabama 36867. Upon roll call, the following members of Council were present: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Vickey Carter was not present. Also present were City Manager Wallace Hunter, Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble, City Attorney Jimmy Graham, and City Clerk Shannon Davis.

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

Reverend Molly Cross of First United Methodist Church delivered the invocation as listed on the agenda.

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

Mayor Lowe gave a Point of Privilege to City Manager Wallace Hunter to recognize the City's First Responders as well as Public Safety Director Ray Smith, Police Chief George Staudinger and Fire Chief Kris Kennedy. City Manager Wallace Hunter thanked them and wanted to give them acknowledgement in all that they do to serve and protect Phenix City's citizens.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the September 3, 2024 Work Session Meeting and September 4, 2024 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, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

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

Mayor Lowe stated that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to request to vacate a portion of an unnamed street right of way located near the intersection of 11th Place and 28th Avenue. Mayor Lowe also stated anyone wishing to address council on this property should come forward and do so at this time. Betty Hamilton, property owner, addressed Council and stated that the right of way goes right through the middle of her property. Engineering Director Angel Moore stated that she and staff needed time to research and look into Ms. Hamilton's concerns. Mayor Lowe thanked Ms. Hamilton for coming to speak with Council.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to request to vacate a portion of an un-named street right of way located near the intersection of 11th Place and 28th Avenue. Councilmember Day moved to table 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, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe stated that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to request to vacate a portion of the right of way of Mill View Drive. Travis Hauser of Sierra Pacific Industries, Inc., came forward and stated why he believes it will be good for the city to vacate this right of way and explained that Sierra Pacific Industries, Inc., has put \$60,000,000.00 into the community. Councilmember Day stated that he is excited to have Sierra Pacific in District Three. Mayor Lowe thanked Mr. Hauser for speaking with Council. Mayor Lowe declared the hearing closed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to a request to vacate a portion of the right of way of Mill View Drive.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-173

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to budget transfers for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-174

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to setting public hearing dates and fixing demolitions costs associated with property located at 1907 10th Court, Phenix City, Alabama.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-175

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring property a public nuisance and authorizing and directing the Housing Abatement Board to take the necessary action to demolish, remove and clear all building material, trash, and debris from property located at 1000 18th Avenue, Phenix City, Alabama.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-176

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to rescinding Resolution No. 2024-81 in reference to accepting the lowest quote from Northern Tools to purchase a Budget 1-Ton Chain Hoist lift.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-177

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the purchase of a Budget 1-Ton Chain Hoist Lift from Northern Tools in an amount not to exceed \$1,699.99.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-178

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to rescinding Resolution No. 2024-82 in reference to accepting the lowest quote from Grainger to purchase a Set (2) 20 Ton Truck Ramps.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-179

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the purchase of a Set (2) 20 Ton Truck Ramps from Grainger in an amount not to exceed \$1,148.67.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-180

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring described property entitled "Exhibit A" as surplus to be disposed of at the City Landfill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-181

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to making application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for financial assistance.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-182

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

Mayor Lowe presented (9) nine resolutions in reference to awarding bids for chemicals to the following companies.

1. Aluminum Sulfate – C&S Chemicals - \$0.192 per dry lb.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-183

2. Dry Polymer – SNF Polydyne - \$1.95 per lb.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-184

3. Granular Soda Ash – Dubois Chemicals - \$0.244 per lb.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-185

4. Hydrofluosilicic Acid – Brenntag Mid-South, Inc. - \$0.2789 per dry lb.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-186

5. Liquid Chlorine – Brenntag Mid-South, Inc. - \$1.997.00 per ton.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-187

6. Lime Slurry – Polytec - \$0.078 per lb.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-188

7. Liquid Polymer – SNF Polydyne - \$1.25 per lb.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-189

8. Poly-Aluminum Chloride – Water Tech - \$0.265 per lb.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-190

9. Sulfur Dioxide – Brenntag Mid-South, Inc. - \$2,140.00 per ton.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-191

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolutions, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was

recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented one opening on the Planning Commission and stated that current member, Tony Taylor is willing to serve another term. Councilmember Day moved to reappoint Tony Taylor which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon Said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmember Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented two openings on the Tree Commission and stated that current members, Tommy Ware and Pamela Stroud are both willing to serve another term. Councilmember Gordy moved to reappoint Tommy Ware and Pamela Stroud which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon Said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmember Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an application for an On Premise Beer, On Premise Wine and On Premise Whiskey/Wine license, submitted by Yavondria Johnson for TKJ & Companies, LLC dba Intuition Lounge located at 2601 US Highway 431, Phenix City, Alabama. City Clerk Shannon Davis read an updated memo from Police Chief George Staudinger. Mayor Lowe called for a motion. Councilmember Gordy moved to deny the application, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day, which upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign documents to approve the issuance of a 140 – Special Events Retail license to German Foods Gifts and More, LLC for October 4, 2024 through October 6, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-192

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to hire Brown and Son LLC for the emergency repairs of the effluent pump room electrical controls at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$16,508.17.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-193

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to JWC Environmental Inc. for emergency repairs to Bar Screen #1 at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$13,942.63.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-194

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to placing approximately 155 acres under option for the purpose of planning future industrial development.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-195

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to making application to Alabama Industrial Development Authority for the purpose of planning and conducting site assessments for potential future industrial development.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-196

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with United Way in support of a grant application to the Alabama Industrial Development Authority.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-197

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to contracting with Sain Associates for industrial site assessment engineering studies.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-198

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

Councilmember Day thanked District three citizens that he invited to the meeting for coming and for being involved.

Councilmember Bailey acknowledged first responders all over the nation and spoke on how much they are all appreciated.

Mayor Lowe thanked Council, the Department Heads and the community for their continued support and for everyone to think about others more than we do ourselves. Mayor Lowe also thanked CTV-Beam for bringing the council meeting to the citizens

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until October 1, 2024.