

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 1, 2024**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at 1111 Broad Street, Phenix City, Aabama, 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.

Mayor Lowe delivered the invocation.

Mayor Lowe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Human Resource Director Stephanie Chastain and the City Manager Wallce Hunter presented employee service recognitions to Terry Holland – 10 years, Frankie Holloway – 10 years and Jim Jones – 20 years.

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing Help the Hooch Days.

**PROCLAMATION**

Lisa Thomas-Cutts, from Keep Columbus Beautiful, came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the September 16, 2024 Work Session Meeting and September 17, 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 presented Resolution No. 2024-199 to be ratified in reference to purchasing one (1) 2024 Ford F150 Super Cab 4x4 pickup truck under State Contract T191 S780 from Stivers Ford Lincoln, Montgomery, Alabama in the amount of \$45,355.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-199**

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

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2024-200 to be ratified in reference to hiring Interstate Electrical to perform the necessary work to get the River Station Pump 1 back in operation for the estimated cost of \$17,800.00.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-200**

Councilmember Gordy moved to ratify 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 Resolution No. 2024-201 to be ratified in reference to authorizing the Mayor to sign and submit the Bridge Investment Program grant application for the development of the Planning and Environmental Linkages study for use in future grant funding.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-201**

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, 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 a request to vacate a portion of an unnamed street right of way located near the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> Place and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (Tabled 09-17-24) Mayor Lowe also stated anyone wishing to address council on 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 Resolution No. 2024-202 in reference to a request to vacate a portion of an unnamed street right of way located near the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> Place and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (Tabled 09-17-24)

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-202**

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, 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 enter into and sign an agreement with Local Government Services, LLC for telecommunication franchise agreement services.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-203**

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 the Mayor and City Manager to accept a proposal from Sain Associates, Inc., to provide Preliminary Engineering Services for Resurfacing Project No. STPPC-5721(253); CPMS Ref# 100073836.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-204**

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 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to accept a proposal from SiteMed Fire for on-site annual firefighter physicals for the fire department personnel in an amount not to exceed \$23,403.00.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-205**

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 accepting a proposal for professional services from Barrett-Simpson, Inc., to assist in the design and construction process for the renovations at Lakewood Park/Miracle Field in an amount not to exceed \$36,200.00.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-206**

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 and directing the Mayor, City Manager and Chief of Police enter into and sign a three year service agreement with Leads Online, LLC.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-207**

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 for first reading an application for an On Premise Beer License, On Premise Wine License and On Premise Whiskey/Wine License submitted by Emelida D. Solares del cid for El Mariachi Loco Mexican Restaurant, LLC dba El Mariachi Loco Mexican Restaurant located at 1839 Stadium Drive, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to place the applications on first reading, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy, 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 for first reading an application for an Off Premise Beer License and Off Premise Wine License, submitted by Milan Jayantkumar Patel for NVSM Management LLC dba Marathon 102 located at 410 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to place the applications on first reading, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey, 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 for first reading an application for an Off Premise Beer License and Off Premise Wine License, submitted by Milan Jayantkumar Patel for NVSM Management LLC dba Marathon 104 located at 911 Broad Street, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to place the applications on first reading, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy, 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 stated that this is the beginning of the fiscal year. Mayor Lowe thanked Council, the Department Heads and the community for their continued support. Mayor Lowe also thanked CTV-Beam for bringing the council meeting to the citizens.

Councilmember Bailey congratulated his daughter and son-in-law on their new addition to the family and the birth of his grandson.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until October 16, 2024.