

**MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
JULY 26, 2016
PROPOSED FY 2016-2017 BUDGET**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met for a public hearing on the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 on July 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. EDT, in the Council Chambers located within the Public Safety Building at 1111 Broad Street, Phenix City, Alabama. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Councilmembers Arthur L. Day, Gail N. Head, Jim Cannon, Johnny Barfield, and Mayor Eddie Lowe. Also in attendance were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, and City Clerk Charlotte L. Sierra. The following Department Heads were present: Chief Building Official Gil Griffith, Finance Director Stephen C. Smith, Fire and Rescue Services Chief Kris Kennedy, Lakewood Golf Course Manager Lenard Patrick, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Phenix City Russell County Library Director Michelle Kilday, Municipal Court Clerk Pam Jarrell, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain, Utilities Director Roger Conner, Police Chief Ray Smith, Engineering/Public Works Office Manager KathyJo Davis, Engineering Administrative Assistant Barbara DeLong, and Staff Accountant Susan Crews. Members of the media were present.

Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order.

Mayor Lowe opened the floor to City Manager Wallace Hunter to begin the meeting.

City Manager Hunter called upon Finance Director Stephen Smith to present the Budget Message to Council and the audience.

BUDGET MESSAGE

Mr. Smith also spoke on the following:

1. Salary structure
2. The City Clerk's Office personnel budget changing to reflect a title change of employee
3. ADA Funding Compliance
4. No new debt anticipated
5. Contingency Budget
6. Reviewed Graphs

There was discussion on the following:

1. Sewer improvements and fees
2. Golf Course appeal
3. Grant funds and the Grant Team
4. Appropriations
5. School Mill Tax and In-kind services the city provides to the school system
6. The city's credit rating and how the school system has benefited from it

7. The efforts made to disseminate information to the public and provide documentation to the council..

Councilmember Head stated she would have liked for the Russell County Historic Commission Appropriation to be increased to \$5,000.00; the same as last year. Discussion followed regarding the city not having access to the building; and if the commission receives any funding from the county.

Mayor Lowe opened the Public Hearing to anyone wanting to address council regarding the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget. No one came forward. Mayor Lowe closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Day praised the City Manager and his staff for their hard work on putting the Budget together.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting thus adjourned at 8:12 p.m.