

**MEETING MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
AUGUST 9, 2018  
PROPOSED FY 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 on August 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. EST, 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, Vickey Johnson, Steve Bailey, R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. Also in attendance were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Attorney Jim McKoon, and City Clerk Melony Lee. The following Department Heads were present: Chief Building Official Gil Griffith, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Director of Engineering and Public Works Angel Moore, Utilities Director/Assistant City Manager Stephen C. Smith, Finance Director Labrita Copeland, Fire and Rescue Services Chief Kris Kennedy, Golf Course Manager Julie Taylor, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Phenix City Russell County Library Director Michelle Kilday, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain, and Police Chief Ray Smith. Members of the media were present.

Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order.

City Clerk Melony Lee called roll.

Mayor Lowe opened the floor to City Manager Wallace Hunter to begin the meeting. He thanked Mayor and Council for the work they did on the budget.

City Manager Wallace Hunter thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget.

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

**BUDGET MESSAGE**

In addition to the budget message, Mr. Smith also discussed the following with council: A copy of the budget is available in the City Clerk's Office and a copy of the Budget Message is on line. He also spoke on budget reserves. There was discussion if the budget could change. Mr. Smith advised that it depends on ongoing lawsuits. There was discussion of the dates of the lawsuits. There was discussion that city services would not suffer due to the tight budget.

Mayor Lowe opened the Public Hearing and advised if anyone wanted to come forward and address council regarding the 2017/2018 Proposed Budget, now is the time. No one came forward. Neither seeing nor hearing anyone come forward, Mayor Lowe closed the Public Hearing.

City Manager Hunter spoke on Standard & Poor's Ratings.

City Manager Hunter advised that the budget is reviewed every three months to ensure that no services will be cut. He advised that this is a conservative budget.

Councilmember Day advised the citizens that legal notices run in the Citizen News Newspaper.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting thus adjourned at 7:30 p.m.