

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 19, 2016

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled work session at 3:00 pm, Tuesday, January 19, 2016 in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building located at 601 12th Street, Phenix City, Alabama. Upon roll call the following members were present: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Gail N. Head, Councilmember Jim Cannon, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Chris Blackshear was not present. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Attorney James P. Graham, Jr. and City Clerk Charlotte L. Sierra. Department Heads in attendance were: Chief Building Official Gil Griffith, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, City Engineer Angel Moore, Finance Director Stephen Smith, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Fire Rescue Services Chief Kris Kennedy, Lakewood Golf Course Manager Lenard Patrick, Library Director Michele Kilday, Municipal Court Clerk Pam Jarrell, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain, Chief of Police Ray Smith, Utilities Director Roger Conner and Utilities Engineer John Spraggins.

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

The invocation was led by Councilmember Cannon.

Mayor Lowe called upon Mr. Ed Tirado. Mr. Tirado came forward with his request to either annex his home, located at 10 Lee Road 988, and Fox Run Subdivision into the city, or obtain city sewage through connecting to the Ladonia Terrace Sewer System. Mr. Tirado was advised of the annexation moratorium; he was also advised that each property owner would be responsible for their portion of the costs to connect to city sewer. It was discussed that his subdivision is not full; there are only 12 homes in it. Mr. Tirado asked if the city had any future plans to annex in his area. He was advised no; however, in November, 2016, a new council will take office, and changes could come then. Mayor Lowe thanked Mr. Tirado for coming before council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Lauren Livingston and Erin Livingston. Lauren and Erin Livingston came forward to address council as listed on the agenda. Lauren Livingston advised council of their non-profit agency, Trunks of Love. Ms. Livingston explained they are a 501C(3) corporation whose purpose is to feed the homeless and help the under privileged. They are currently seeking a bigger building to house their operation, and they would appreciate any help the city could offer. Finance Director Steve Smith advised them in April to contact the City Clerk's Office for the procedure to request funds for their agency from the city's next fiscal year's budget. Erin Livingston advised council of an event they are holding on April 9, 2016 where every church in the area will be invited to come together in prayer. She asked for council's permission to loan the use of Garrett-Harrison Stadium for the event. Council advised of the city's policy for the rental of the stadium; they advised she may be able to get donations to help offset the rental fee. Mayor Lowe thanked Lauren and Erin for coming before council.

Mayor Lowe asked council's permission for Mr. Bob Franklin, Director, Russell County Emergency Management, to address council regarding the declaration of emergency conditions

in the city. Council agreed to hear Mr. Franklin. Mr. Franklin came forward and spoke with council regarding the rain storm in December that has caused a lot of damage in our area. He advised the governor has requested the president to declare the area in a state of emergency. He advised once this area has been declared in a state of emergency, FEMA can contribute 75% to joint clean-up and rebuilding efforts, with the city contributing 25%. He thanked council for their cooperation on obtaining figures needed to send the reports into the state for this recognition. Mayor Lowe thanked Mr. Franklin for his efforts to help the city and for coming in to discuss it with council.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Engineer Angel Moore to review the actions taken by the Planning Commission during the January 12, 2016 meeting.

City Clerk Charlotte Sierra reviewed the January and February, 2016 calendars with council. She reminded everyone of the State of the City Address on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Central Activities Center. City Manager Wallace Hunter advised he will be in Auburn, Alabama on January 27-29, 2016 for the ACCMA 2016 Winter Conference. Council was also advised of the Wal-Mart (Highway 80) Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday at 7:30 am.

City Engineer Angel Moore discussed the 10th Avenue Bridge Project with council. She advised the contractor offered to purchase the metal debris from the demolition of the bridge for \$2,000.00. There was discussion regarding the expense to the city of removing the debris and then selling it to Blaze. Ms. Moore also advised the contractor would remove the debris at their own cost. Council agreed to the offer and requested the City Clerk to place a resolution on the January 20th agenda.

Economic Development Director Shaun Culligan advised that RAM Hospitality, who owns Courtyard by Marriott, received the "Best First Timers" Award. He advised they would like for the city to display the award in various locations before they house the award at the hotel.

City Engineer Angel Moore discussed with council the cost of the Riverwalk repairs due to the areas that flooded.

City Engineer Angel Moore advised council that the Burger King on Highway 280 ByPass had a design/engineering setback regarding storm pipes. She further advised this error was on their part, and not the fault of the city.

City Engineer Angel Moore advised council the Lakewood Dam is being reinspected.

City Engineer Angel Moore spoke with council regarding an ALDOT required ADA Transition Plan, which the city will need to hire a consultant at a cost of approximately \$50,000.00 to do the report by July 20, 2017. If the report is not done, ALDOT will not fund the MPO projects.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, February 1, 2016.