

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 18, 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, Monday, April 18, 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, Councilmember Gail N. Head, Councilmember Jim Cannon, Councilmember Johnny Barfield, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. 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: Deputy Building Official Ray Rogers, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, City Engineer Angel Moore, Finance Director Stephen Smith, IT Director Mike Bauer, Lakewood Golf Course Manager Lenard Patrick, Library Director Michele Kilday, Municipal Court Clerk Pam Jarrell, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Chief of Police Ray Smith, Assistant Chief of Police Gail Green, 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 Steve Franklin to address council as listed on the agenda. Mr. Franklin requested an option on the August Ballad for the citizens of Phenix City to vote on whether or not they would like an elected school board. Mayor Lowe advised council had not discussed this topic. Councilmember Gail Head advised that elected school boards are paid. Mayor Lowe advised council will discuss this topic later in the meeting, under "Items for Discussion".

Mr. Franklin requested council to look over a list of Historic Preservation Addresses. Mayor Lowe advised council will look over the list and make any necessary changes. Mayor Lowe thanked Mr. Franklin for coming to speak to council on these two issues.

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

Mayor Lowe called upon City Clerk Charlotte Sierra. City Clerk Charlotte Sierra reviewed the Phenix City Housing Authority Board with council. Council requested that the Clerk's Office contact Mr. Stallings about coming in for an interview.

City Clerk Charlotte Sierra reviewed the April and May, 2016 calendars with council. City Clerk Sierra reminded everyone of the convention coming up in May.

Mayor Lowe asked if there were any items to discuss. Councilmember Cannon spoke on an elected school board. He stated the time is right for an elected school board. Councilmember Day and Councilmember Barfield stated they support an elected school board. Councilmember Head advised that as a retired educator she is personally against an elected school board; however, she would go with the public's decision if a referendum comes to fruition. Council asked Mr. J. W. Brannen, Phenix City Lobbyist, for his recommendation on

how and when to proceed with a resolution for the Alabama Delegation. Mr. Brannen suggested having a resolution on tomorrow's agenda asking the Alabama Delegation to call for an elected school board; then a local bill would be drafted and sent back to council for them to make any corrections to. Then the corrected, drafted bill could be prefiled by fall so it could be ready for a vote in the legislature's 2017 session. After further discussion, council requested a resolution on tomorrow's agenda asking the Alabama Delegation to call for an elected school board.

Mayor Lowe called for a five minute break.

Upon reconvening after the break, Mayor Lowe discussed Agenda items with Council.

City Manager Wallace Hunter discussed with council a meeting he had with the family of the deceased cyclist that died on Summerville Road about a year ago.

Mayor Lowe advised Mr. Jimmy Davis asked him to check with council regarding naming Idle Hour Park Community Center after former, deceased, Councilmember Max Wilkes. City Manager Wallace Hunter advised the whole park should have been named after Roy Martin, some 60 years or so ago. Mr. Hunter further advised there is documentation to that effect. Mayor Lowe asked Mr. Hunter to get a copy of the documentation to council.

Mayor Lowe advised council that Teen University has requested funds from the city. Finance Director Steve Smith advised they know the procedure to request funds from the city: submit the request, council looks over each request during the budget work sessions, and makes a decision on which requests are honored and how much they will receive. Letters go out to the agencies to let them know. Mayor Lowe advised he will let them know the deadline for an appropriation request is May 1, 2016.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, May 2, 2016.