

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 20, 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, June 20, 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 Sierra. Department Heads in attendance were: Chief Building Official Gil Griffith, Deputy Building Official Ray Rogers, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, City Engineer Angel Moore, Finance Director Stephen Smith, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Lakewood Golf Course Manager Lenard Patrick, Library Director Michele Kilday, 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 Barfield.

Mayor Lowe called upon Mr. Curtis Hansen who was not present to address council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Ms. Jennifer Ellison who was listed to address council next. Ms. Ellison came forward and introduced herself and advised she is with Kid One Transport System. She advised they are the only non-profit provider of transportation to medical care for children and expectant mothers in the State of Alabama. She gave a brief history of the company and further explained their services. She stated that they work hard to ensure people who need their services are aware of them and that the leadership in communities where they serve are aware of the services being provided by them. Mayor Lowe thanked Ms. Ellison for coming and speaking with council.

Mayor Lowe again called upon Mr. Curtis Hansen, who still was not present; however, City Engineer Angel Moore spoke with council on his behalf. She advised Mr. Hansen is asking permission for himself and a church group to come to Girard Cemetery on Saturday, July 9 to clean and photograph headstones in order to upload them to the Billion Graves website, which is a searchable GPS cemetery data site. There will be approximately 150 youths ranging in age from 14-18 years old along with 30 adult leaders who will spend about a couple of hours cleaning and photographing. Council did not voice an objection.

Mayor Lowe called upon Mr. James Hall to address council as listed, but was not present.

Mayor Lowe called upon Ms. Ellen McLendon who was listed to address council next. Ms. McLendon came forward and introduced herself and advised she is asking for the city to draft an animal ordinance/anti-tethering law. She presented several different ordinances from various cities as an example. She also presented council with a petition with over 1500 names

supporting such an ordinance. Police Chief Ray Smith advised Phenix City has an animal ordinance; however, it does not cover tethering an animal. He also explained the Alabama State Code. He advised he isn't opposed to the ordinance, and that Fairhope's ordinance looked like a good example. Council asked City Attorney Graham and Chief Smith to look into amending the ordinance.

Mayor Lowe called upon Mr. James E. Hall. Mr. Hall came forward to present a petition to vacate an unopened portion of 26th Street from the intersection of 11th Court to 12th Avenue. Council advised City Engineer Angel Moore to move forward with the vacation as prescribed by law.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Engineer Angel Moore to review the actions taken by the Planning Commission during the June 24, 2016 meeting.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Clerk Charlotte Sierra who reviewed the July and August, 2016 calendars with council.

Mayor Lowe discussed agenda items with council.

City Manager Wallace Hunter called upon City Engineer Angel Moore. Ms. Moore advised council of resurfacing 40th Street from Summerville Road to Lakewood Drive and also resurfacing 12th Avenue from 9th Place to 11th Street beginning June 22nd and continuing through June 24th.

City Engineer Angel Moore advised council that the DOT has two agreements needing immediate attention: One for the 10th Avenue Railroad Crossing and one for the 11th Avenue Railroad Crossing. Council advised the City Clerk to add them to the agenda.

City Manager Wallace Hunter called on Utilities Director Roger Conner. Mr. Conner advised council of Change Order #2 for the WWTP Improvements Project, Phase I. Council advised the City Clerk to add it to the agenda.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 5, 2016.