

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
JULY 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, July 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 Sierra. Department Heads in attendance were: Chief Building Official Gil Griffith, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, City Engineer Angel Moore, Finance Director Stephen Smith, Fire 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, 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 Head.

Mayor Lowe called upon Mr. James H. Fluhart, Jr., with Tower Cloud, Inc. Mr. Fluhart came forward to address council as listed on the agenda. Mr. Fluhart asked council's approval to build a new 5G small cell infrastructure on city right of way to expand wireless telecommunications coverage and capacity in Phenix City and the surrounding area. Mayor and council advised him to meet with City Manager Wallace Hunter, City Engineer Angel Moore, and Finance Director Steve Smith.

Mayor Lowe called upon Mr. Steve Franklin. Mr. Franklin came forward to address council as listed on the agenda. Mr. Franklin requested at least six horse shoe pits be installed at Idle Hour Park for state certification. Mayor and council asked that Economic Development research the horse shoe pits for state certification, and report back to council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Reverend Alonze King. Reverend King came forward to address council as listed on the agenda. Reverend King asked council's permission to place a manufactured mobile home at 103 South Seale Road. It would be a place of worship. Chief Building Official Gil Griffith explained the situation to council and advised a trailer does not meet building codes; therefore it would not be allowed.

Mayor Lowe called upon Ms. Kylie Wilson, with Sarrell Dental, who was not present to address council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Ms. Shaftel Benson, with Quality of Life Health Services, Inc. Ms. Benson came forward to address council as listed on the agenda. Ms. Benson explained to council that because of vandalism and violence at the 1502 11th Avenue address, Quality of Life Health Services, Inc. may abandon. She further explained that windows have been broken out and siding damaged in addition to the discovery of eight bullet holes in the trailers. Ms. Benson

asked council for help, if they were to stay, complete the project and open. Mayor and council advised her to check with Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Phillips Temple, Allen Temple and the Housing Authority to set up meetings with residents in the area to go over their plans and what services they could offer once opened. City Manager Wallace Hunter advised fencing off the property.

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

Mayor Lowe called upon City Clerk Charlotte Sierra who advised council of an Appeal of Abatement from Assets Unlimited for 1033 4th Street South. After some discussion, council advised Ms. Sierra to set the Public Hearing date for Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 4:00 pm, which will proceed the council meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Clerk Charlotte Sierra who reviewed the July and August, 2016 calendars with council. Ms. Sierra reminded council of Governor's Day on July 27th; there was discussion regarding a luncheon the Russell County Extension Office had scheduled for the same time that council was invited to. Council instructed Ms. Sierra to contact the Russell County Extension Office and see if they could reschedule their luncheon.

City Engineer Angel Moore advised council that the lights at the Highway 80 and Riverchase Drive ramp are burning day and night due to a contact that has gone bad; a new one has been ordered but will not be in for a few days.

Finance Director Steve Smith advised the 2016/2017 Final Budget will be ready for council the Friday before the Public Hearing; he further explained that if any changes are made at the Public Hearing, they would be corrected.

Mayor Lowe discussed agenda items with council.

Councilmember Gail Head questioned why the Russell County Historical Commission's appropriation was the only one cut. Councilmember Cannon advised the appropriation was cut back from \$5,000 to \$2,500. It was discussed that they receive no funding from the county. Mayor Lowe advised they were not the only one whose appropriation was cut.

Mayor Lowe called for a ten minute break, after which the meeting reconvened.

Councilmember Cannon advised he received a call from Mr. Brannen regarding a citizen walking around the Lakewood Park Dam. Councilmember Cannon asked for signs to be put up at the Lakewood Park Dam to keep citizens from walking around it. He advised it is a dangerous place when people go where they do not need to go and the city could be liable if someone was to fall and get hurt.

Mayor Lowe discussed Agenda items with Council.

Mayor Lowe had to leave the meeting at 4:37pm, whereupon Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember District Three, Arthur Day, Jr., led the remainder of the meeting.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham discussed the claim listed on the council agenda.

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