

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 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, September 6, 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 Head, Councilmember Jim Cannon, Councilmember Johnny Barfield, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Attorney Jimmy Graham, 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, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, 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 Charles E. Keeter to address council as listed on the agenda. Mr. Keeter came forward and requested that council vote to pass the rezone of property located at 28th Avenue and 27th Court. Mayor Lowe thanked Mr. Keeter for coming to speak with council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Cecil Smith to address council as listed on the agenda. Mr. Smith came forward and requested that council vote to pass the rezone of property located at 28th Avenue and 27th Court. Mayor Lowe thanked Mr. Smith for coming to speak with council.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Engineer Angel Moore to review the actions taken by the Planning Commission during the August 23, 2016 meeting.

City Clerk Charlotte Sierra reviewed upcoming board appointments with council. She advised that the Housing Code Abatement Board will have terms that coincide with the newly appointed council. She also advised of a resignation letter from Phenix City Historic Commission Member Tommy Claridy.

City Clerk Charlotte Sierra reviewed September and October, 2016 calendars with council. She advised of the United Way Kick-Off Luncheon on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 11:30am at the Columbus Trade Center. She also reminded everyone that the September 20, 2016 Council Meeting will be held in District Three, at the 5th Street South Youth Center at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Lowe next presented the Monthly Department Reports. The following issues were discussed by Council with the City Manager and Department Heads:

1. Meadowlane Pool Conversion – still in the design phase. For the record: When the decision was made to convert the pool into a splash pad, there was also a choice in

District One as to an Activities Center or a Pool, and it was stated that they did not want a pool in District One. There was discussion of who gets to use what facilities located throughout the city. City Manager Hunter and Mayor Lowe advised there is ONE Phenix City; no matter which District a pool or activities center is located in, ALL of Phenix City residents are free to use it.

2. Ridgebrook Subdivision – City Engineer Angel Moore gave an update.
3. Historical Book – Sales of book go into a fund to support a museum.
4. Audit – Final review - waiting on audit firm to get with Finance Director.
5. Request for Appropriations from Health Department – Mayor Lowe will advise them of standard procedure for request.

City Manager Hunter called upon Bubba Patrick to give the Golf Course Departmental Review. Mr. Patrick went over the following with council:

1. Mission, Vision, and Plan
2. Current State of Lakewood Golf Course
3. Five Year Plan
4. Major Projects since 2009

Mayor Lowe advised that on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 12:10pm, he will hold a Press Conference in which he will address remarks made on social media that were said to divide the city. The Press Conference will be held outside, in front of City Hall. He further explained that the Phenix City School Superintendent will speak also.

Mayor Lowe called for a ten minute break.

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

City Manager Hunter called on Chief Building Official Gil Griffith. Mr. Griffith advised of a letter from the State Finance Department regarding the need for the city to collect \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of Non-Residential Permits (as required per legislation passed by the state) to help finance a construction industry craft program. He advised the ordinance will need to be updated. The updated ordinance will be on the next agenda.

City Manager Hunter called on City Engineer Angel Moore. Ms. Moore advised of the ADEM audit, and the fact that the city may not have done enough, although the city has done everything the same as was done in the past, which was always found to be satisfactory.

City Manager Hunter advised the state is running low on income for their budget, and they are looking to cities to help make up their shortage.

Mayor Lowe called on a 15 minute break, from which the meeting would continue with Board Interviews for two positions on the Board of Education, after which the meeting would adjourn until 3:00 p.m., Monday, September 19, 2016.