

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 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, Monday, September 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, 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, Engineering Division Chief Michael Patillo, Finance Director Stephen Smith, IT Manager Mike Bauer, 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, 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 C.E. Keeter to address Council as listed on the agenda. Mr. Keeter requested council reconsider his request to rezone property located at 28th Court and 27th Court. He stated the item was not voted on but rather failed for lack of any motion being made. Mr. Keeter asked council to call the item up under the unfinished business portion of the agenda and vote to deny or approve the ordinance. Mayor Lowe advised due process was followed in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Mayor Lowe called upon Eddie Eubanks and Steve Osteen to address council as listed on the agenda. Mr. Eubanks and Mr. Osteen came forward and asked that council approve their rezone of 17th Street. Mr. Osteen advised his property is not under contract with anyone at this time. He advised the area is an older neighborhood with residents 65 or older, and he feels the neighborhood is dying out. He further advised there are some vacant homes. He would like his vacant house rezoned commercially so that it will tie into the adjacent property already zoned commercial; he feels his property will be worth more (and more sellable) if zoned commercial.

Mr. Larry Davis was listed on the agenda to next address council, however, Mr. Davis was unavailable to attend the meeting and his sister, Ms. Donna Sue Davis, came forward to address council on his behalf. Mayor Lowe and council allowed her to speak on his behalf. Ms. Davis advised she owns the property located at 1705 12th Street. She stated that water drainage coming from 12th Street down to her property damaged the foundation of her house. She advised council of pictures showing the damage and that has made her house sink. Mayor Lowe called upon Engineering Division Chief Michael Patillo. Mr. Patillo advised he did go out

and inspect the home. He found where water does run off the road onto the property; however, it is not any significant amount of water run-off; it is not enough to have done this kind of damage. Mr. Patillo further advised the house was built in 1910, and is being held up by brick piers, which are still in tact. Mr. Patillo advised, in his opinion, the problems are due to the age of the house. Mayor Lowe called upon Chief Building Inspector Gil Griffith. Mr. Griffith advised when he went out to inspect the property, he found people living there even though there was no water or electricity. He further advised they were using extension cords for power. He observed that there were no footings under the brick piers. He advised the house has not been maintained as it should have been. Ms. Davis advised rain running under the house has caused the damage. Ms. Davis advised the residents have moved out; she did not know it was against code to run an extension cord.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Engineer Angel Moore to review the actions taken by the Planning Commission during the September 13, 2016 meeting.

City Clerk Charlotte Sierra reviewed upcoming board appointments with council.

City Clerk Charlotte Sierra reviewed the calendar with council. She advised that the Historical Commission Meetings have changed. There was discussion on a meeting place for the board that would meet their criteria. Council asked City Attorney Graham to speak with the board.

Mayor Lowe called for a ten minute break.

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

City Attorney Jimmy Graham reviewed agenda claims with Council.

City Attorney Graham requested a 10 minute Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation. Councilmember Cannon moved to go into Executive Session from which the meeting would adjourn, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. All were in favor.

Council went into Executive Session at 4:25 pm.

Council came out of Executive Session at 4:40 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 3, 2016.