

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 3, 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, October 3, 2016 in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building located at 601 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Phenix City, Alabama. Upon roll call the following members were present: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Councilmember Gail Head, Councilmember Johnny Barfield, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Jim Cannon was not present. 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, Comptroller Labrita King Copeland, 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, 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 Randy Wilkes to address Council as listed on the agenda. Mr. Wilkes came forward with invitations for Mayor and Council to attend the Dyer Family STEM Center Gala on Friday, October 28, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Phenix City Intermediate School. He also advised council that invitations will be coming soon for an upcoming event recognizing First Responders on November 16, 2016.

Mayor Lowe called upon Clay Hall to address Council as listed on the agenda. Mr. Hall was not present. Mr. Hall did phone after the work session and apologized for not attending the meeting; he advised he will reschedule at a later date.

Mayor Lowe called upon Betty S. LaBlanc to address council as listed on the agenda. Ms. LaBlanc came forward and praised city employees' work. She also advised she will miss the outgoing members of council, and she wished them well. Ms. LaBlanc asked if the city could keep property kept up when a house is demolished. She also advised the lot behind the library needs trees and benches; and the rail at the back of the library needs to be painted.

Mayor Lowe called upon Mike Bauer to address council as listed on the agenda. Mr. Bauer came forward and advised council that the city's website has been updated. He stated this was a major overhaul of the city's website and initial prices for this work had been priced to cost over \$18,000.00; however the IT Department did all the work in-house at a cost of only \$500.00. Mr. Bauer presented the new website to council and reviewed the new layout. Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Bauer and his team for all their hard work.

Mayor Lowe advised there was no regular meeting of the Planning Commission for Tuesday, September 27, 2016.

City Clerk Charlotte Sierra reviewed the calendar with council. She went over the following items:

1. The next scheduled meeting of the Downtown Redevelopment Authority will be on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
2. New Council will take office on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The Swearing in Ceremony will be at 9:00am in the Municipal Court Room and the reception will be at 10:00am in the Max Wilkes Fellowship Hall at Martin-Idle Hour Community Center.
3. The time of the regular Council Meeting on October 18, 2016 will be changed from 6:00 pm to 9:00 am.
4. Steve Franklin phoned and has requested Council meet with the Historic Preservation Commission. Council advised they will meet with the Commission on Monday, October 17, 2016 at 2:00 pm in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.
5. Steve Franklin also advised of a name to be considered for the Historic Preservation Commission. Council asked the Clerk's Office to phone the person and confirm their interest in being appointed to the board.

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

- 1) Councilmember Head inquired about the use of the Old Food Max Building – Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan advised it is being split into two.
- 2) Councilmember Head inquired about the Whitewater Classic Figures – Comptroller Labrita King Copeland advised the figures are still coming in.
- 3) Councilmember Day inquired about a cell tower – Chief Building Inspector Gil Griffith advised a company is locating an antenna on an existing tower.
- 4) Councilmember Day inquired about Lowes – Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan advised how many jobs it would bring to the city.
- 5) Councilmember Day advised he will be out of town November 15 – 18, 2016.

City Manager Hunter advised council of a water break in front of Canterbury Nursing Home on Knowles Road that happened over the weekend. He advised a contractor hit a 10 inch water main and it took approximately 12 hours to fix. He also advised several citizens interfered with the workers while they were making the repairs; one worker suffered a stroke and had to be taken to the hospital. City Manager Hunter advised a police presence is needed on the scene at such breaks to prevent such scenarios from occurring again.

Mayor Lowe discussed Agenda items with Council.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham reviewed agenda claims with Council.

City Attorney Graham requested a 15 minute Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation. Councilmember Day moved to go into Executive Session from which the meeting would adjourn, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Barfield. All were in favor. City Attorney Graham requested that Councilmember Elect Steve Bailey be allowed to stay for the Executive Session.

Council went into Executive Session at 4:25 pm.

Council came out of Executive Session at 4:45 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 17, 2016.