

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 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 17, 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, 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 Day.

Mayor Lowe called upon Nancy Hudson to address Council as listed on the agenda. Ms. Hudson came forward and spoke to council regarding Operation Lifesaver – an educational program designed to reduce the number of vehicle and train collisions. She advised it is the program's 40th Anniversary and she is visiting 40 cities across Alabama to raise public awareness. She further advised that Alabama ranks number six in the nation for accidents at train crossings; with Phenix City ranked 31st in the state. She offered to come back at a future date and conduct safety classes for city employees. She further advised some cities have had a reduced insurance rate because of the safety class. Mayor and Council thanked her for coming to speak with them.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Engineer Angel Moore to review the actions taken by the Planning Commission during the October 11, 2016 meeting.

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

1. A GED Ceremony at the Library on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at Noon.
2. A DRA Meeting at 3:00 pm on Thursday, October 20, 2016.
3. A writer asking permission to use the city's name in their book. After some discussion council declined the request and advised City Attorney Graham to respond.

Mayor Lowe reminded everyone of the Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 7:00 am.

Mayor Lowe advised council of the "Little Libraries" program. He stated a group will be providing four benches and four birdhouse type boxes at the following locations: one in District

One; two in District 2; and one in District 3. He further stated each box will hold a book that can be read by the citizens of the city.

Mayor Lowe discussed Agenda items with Council.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham reviewed agenda claims with Council.

Mayor Lowe reminded council of the Board Interview scheduled for 5:00 pm; therefore, the meeting will not adjourn until after the interview.

After having conducted the board interview and there being no further business, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 31, 2016.