

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 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, December 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 Johnnie C. Robinson, Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Attorney Jimmy Graham, and City Clerk Charlotte Goodrich. 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, Library Director Michele Kilday, 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 Robinson.

Mayor Lowe called upon M. Olesse Cannon to address council. Mayor Lowe advised Mr. Cannon had requested to be on the agenda but that after speaking with the Engineering and Public Works Department he stated he no longer wished to address Council. However, Mr. Cannon changed his mind and did want to speak with Council. Mr. Cannon came forward and thanked Mayor and Council for allowing him to address them. Mr. Cannon spoke about problems with the creek behind his house flooding his yard when there is more than 6 inches of rain. He further advised the ditch behind his house needed to be cleaned, to help with water flow. City Engineer Angel Moore advised the ditch has been cleaned and a dead tree was removed from the shoulder of the creek because it was leaning towards Mr. Cannon's home. Mr. Cannon asked if the city would be back out to put measures in place to stop erosion where the tree once stood. City Engineer Angel Moore advised the city would be out to back fill in the area. Mr. Cannon was still concerned about the possibility of flooding from the creek. He asked who would be responsible to clean up his yard if the creek flooded. He was advised flooding was an act of nature; the city cannot come on private property and clean up an area due to flooding. He was further advised the city had no prior knowledge of flooding issues at his location; however, engineering will be out to assess the problem. Mayor Lowe thanked Mr. Cannon 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 December 13, 2016 meeting.

City Clerk Charlotte Goodrich reviewed the calendar with council. She went over upcoming Christmas dates and the State of the City Address date.

Police Chief Ray Smith gave his departmental report. He reviewed the Makeup, Direction, and Services of the Police Department.

Fire Chief Kris Kennedy gave her departmental report. She reviewed the Makeup, Direction, and Services of the Fire Department.

Mayor Lowe called for a ten minute break.

Upon reconvening from the break, Council discussed the following issues with City Manager Wallace Hunter:

1. Media Release regarding an agreement with Altera Development to develop 19 acres of land located on Highway 431 South across from the entrance to College Drive. The development will contain approximately 75,000 square feet of retail space along with other tenants. Ground breaking is slated for April, 2017.
2. Obtaining property on 5th Street South for City ROW.

Mayor Lowe discussed Agenda items with Council.

City Clerk Charlotte Goodrich advised Mayor and Council that IT Director Mike Bauer will be giving out the IPADS and Smart Phones.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 3, 2017.