

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2017**

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, June 5, 2017 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 Steve Bailey, Councilmember Griff Gordy and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr. and Councilmember Johnnie C. Robinson, Jr. were not present. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Attorney Jimmy Graham and Acting City Clerk Melony Lee. City Clerk Charlotte L. Goodrich was not present. Department Heads in attendance were: Chief Building Official Gil Griffith, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, City Engineer Angel Moore, Utilities Director Stephen Smith, Interim Finance Director Labrita King Copeland, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Golf Course Manager Julie Taylor, Library Director Michele Kilday, Municipal Court Clerk Pam Jarrell, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Human Resource Director Stephanie Chastain, Chief of Police Ray Smith, and Utilities Engineer John Spraggins.

Mayor Lowe stated due to only two councilmembers present and himself, there will be no action taken during the meeting.

Upon a quorum being established, Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order.

The invocation was led by Councilmember Gordy.

Mayor Lowe advised there were no Requests to Address Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Engineer Angel Moore to review the actions taken by the Planning Commission during the May 23, 2017 meeting.

Acting City Clerk Melony Lee reviewed the Personnel Review Board appointments with council. Mayor Lowe advised council that there will be interviews for the Personnel Review Board and any names need to be turned in to the City Clerk's Office.

Acting City Clerk Melony Lee reviewed the June and July, 2017 calendars with council. She reminded everyone that on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 12:00 noon there will be a Phenix City Historic Preservation meeting at the Central Activities Center.

Acting City Clerk Melony Lee also advised council that the next council meeting will be held at the Central Activities Center on June 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. She also advised everyone of Councilmembers Day's Let's Talk meeting that will be held Saturday, June 17, 2017.

Councilmember Gordy commented on citizen concerns of several car accidents on Summerville Road going toward Smiths Station near St. Andrews and Summer Field Subdivision. Councilmember Gordy wanted to know what can be done to prevent them. Chief Smith stated that it is a highly congested area and there have been several citations given at

that location; the road is marked right turn only but the citizens are not following the signs. Chief Smith further stated that it normally subsides after school is out.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about the Baseball Tournaments that are coming up. Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes stated that there will be two District Tournaments coming up for the nine and eleven year olds. Mr. Hughes further stated that there will be a State Tournament on the 26th of June for the 9 year olds. Mr. Hughes advised the Marriott Hotel in Phenix City is where a lot of the teams will be staying. City Attorney Graham spoke on how he has received great reviews on the Marriott Hotel in Phenix City.

The following items were brought up under Items for Discussion:

1. Councilmember Bailey spoke to council regarding a conference call he had with ADEM representatives Marla Smith, Granetta Holdren, and Lee Warren. Councilmember Bailey discussed the following regarding the Illicit Discharge:

- a. The current permit runs out September 30, 2017 and the price at this time is \$1155.00. The new permit will not come in until October 1, 2017 and will run out September 30, 2022.
- b. During his conference call he understood that if anyone puts in an application today; it will take two months for new or renewal permits to come in and the business owner should have the permit by October 1, 2017.
- c. As a Business Owner even if you purchase a permit you will need to have your water tested once a month and it has to be sent to an independent lab which has to test within the perimeter for what is allowed to go into the storm drains.

City Engineer Angel Moore stated that business owners have six months to get into compliance. Ms. Moore further stated that business owners who are already tied into the sanitary system have 60 days to turn in their information and will be taken off the list at that time.

2. Councilmember Bailey commented on the Cabinet Shop located on Summerville Road not being up to code. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the business has been operating without a license and has to be brought up to code in order to reopen.

Mayor Lowe discussed Agenda Items with Council.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham reviewed claims on the agenda with council.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that Steve Franklin with the Historic Preservation Board would like to know if the committee can have the charges waived to the Central Activities Center in the future for their meetings. Mayor Lowe advised that since it is a city appointed board it will be okay. Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes stated that the Conference

Room will be open during the hours that the Historic Preservation Board will be meeting and that they can meet there.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about the Catarang lawsuit that was taken off of the Agenda. City Attorney Jimmy Graham stated that City Attorney McKoon sent Catarang a letter stating that the claim had been previously denied.

Councilmember Bailey commented on the garbage not being put in the dumpsters on the road near Steeple Crest Apartments.

Councilmember Gordy discussed *More Than A Game* starting up next Monday, June 12, 2017.

Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan discussed a proposal from 2nd Street Development regarding the old K-Mart Building. Utilities Director Steve Smith advised there will be a 772 Resolution Agreement coming soon.

Councilmember Bailey spoke on the Municipal League Conference that he attended.

Mayor Lowe discussed the Fourth Annual Mayor's Ball that will be held Saturday, June 10, 2017 at the Rivermill in Columbus, Georgia at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, June 19, 2017.