

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 2017**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time for the regularly scheduled work session on Monday, November 20, 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 Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember Griff Gordy and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Attorney Jimmy Graham and Acting City Melony Lee. Department Heads in attendance were: Chief Building Official Gil Griffith, Economic Development Planning Specialist Jennifer Lowman, City Engineer/Director of Public Works Angel Moore, Utilities Director Stephen Smith, Interim Finance Director Labrita King-Copeland, Fire Rescue Service Chief Kristin Kennedy, Golf Course Manager Julie Taylor, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Library Director Michelle 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 Gordy.

Mayor Lowe called upon Steve Franklin to address Council as listed on the agenda. Mr. Franklin requested a list of who voted in the Special Municipal Election. Mr. Franklin stated he noticed several individuals at the polls that did not live in District 2. City Attorney Jimmy Graham advised that that he will address this issue with council at the end of the work session.

Mayor Lowe called upon Vickey Carter Johnson to address Council as listed on the agenda. Ms. Johnson wanted to know where she stood in the Special Municipal Election. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated his office received a complaint of people who voted and were not living in District 2 and he had the Police Chief start an internal investigation. Police Chief Ray Smith stated that he had a number of individuals that were registered to vote at commercial locations, which is not their domicile. Police Chief Ray Smith hand delivered to the Board of Registers a letter with 32 individuals' names who need to be removed from the voter's list. He advised there will be an ongoing investigation with possibly more individuals, names to be removed from the Board of Registrar's voter's list.

Mayor Lowe called upon Baxley Oswalt to address Council. Mr. Baxley Oswalt was not listed on the agenda. Mr. Oswalt questioned Council about what investigation has been done in verifying a candidate's residence. City Attorney Jimmy Graham stated there has to be a complaint filed by someone before an investigation can be conducted.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Engineer Angel Moore to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission during its November 14, 2017 meeting.

Mayor Lowe called upon Acting City Clerk Melony Lee to review the November and December, 2017 calendars with Council. Also discussed with council was an Upcoming Board Appointment for the Library Board.

Councilmember Bailey discussed the resolution to continue annexation on moratorium. Councilmember Bailey asked if residential property could be annexed with the moratorium in place. Assistant City Manager Steve Smith advised that it was Council's decision to annex residential property should one want to apply for annexation.

Ray Smith explained the resolution in reference to entering into an agreement for Professional Services between the Phenix City Police Department and the Phenix City Housing Authority. Ray Smith stated that this was a continuing agreement to provide five man unit to supervise and monitor the properties of the Phenix City Housing Authority.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham advised the Mayor and Council to remove the resolution in reference to entering into a contract with Outfront Media. Economic Development will have the dispute resolution changed and it will come up for final approval on the next agenda.

Mayor Lowe discussed Council the resolution in reference to the Attorney General opinion. City Attorney Jimmy Graham stated that the resolution will need to stay on the agenda and that the City request the opinion from the Attorney General for the definition of "domicile" under Alabama Law.

Mayor Lowe discussed the agenda items with Council.

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

Mayor Lowe, Council, and City Manager Wallace Hunter discussed the election and voting districts.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m. until Monday, December 4, 2017.